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*Gravitational Waves:
A Revolution in the Way
We Study the Universe*



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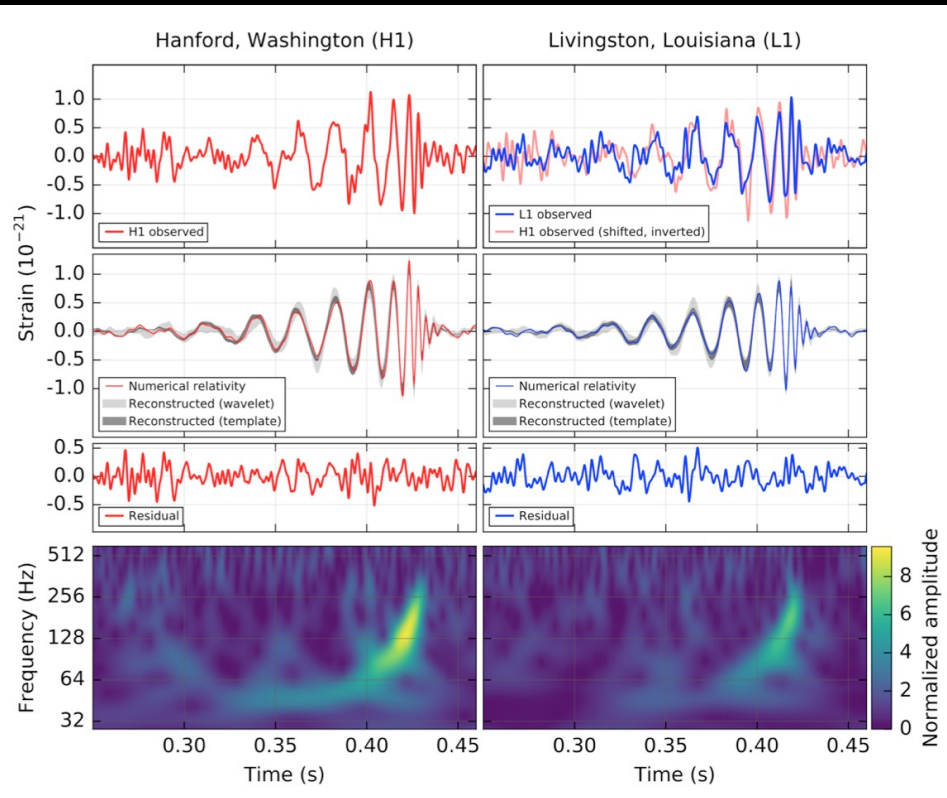
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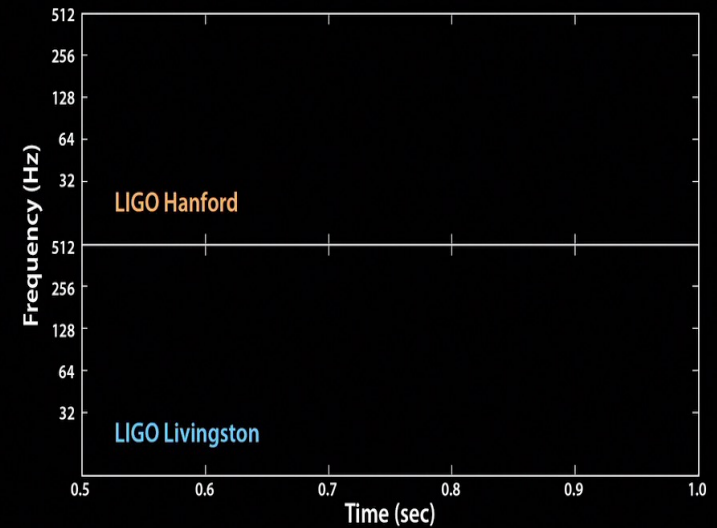
Schedule for the week

- ***Monday:*** Gravitational Waves: basic and data analysis
- ***Tuesday:*** Interferometric detectors of Gravitational Waves
- ***Wednesday:*** 90 Gravitational Wave detections: what did we learn?
- ***Thursday:*** Multimessenger probes
- ***Hands-on session:*** Gravitational Wave Open Science Center

GW150914: The First Binary Black Hole Merger



Andy Bohn, François Hébert, and William Throwe, SXS Collaboration



Abbott, et al., LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration, "Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger" [Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 061102 \(2016\)](#)

1.3 Billion Years Ago

(Give or Take)

Black Hole #1

36 x more massive than the

Sun

210 Km in diameter

Black Hole #1

29 x more massive than the

Sun

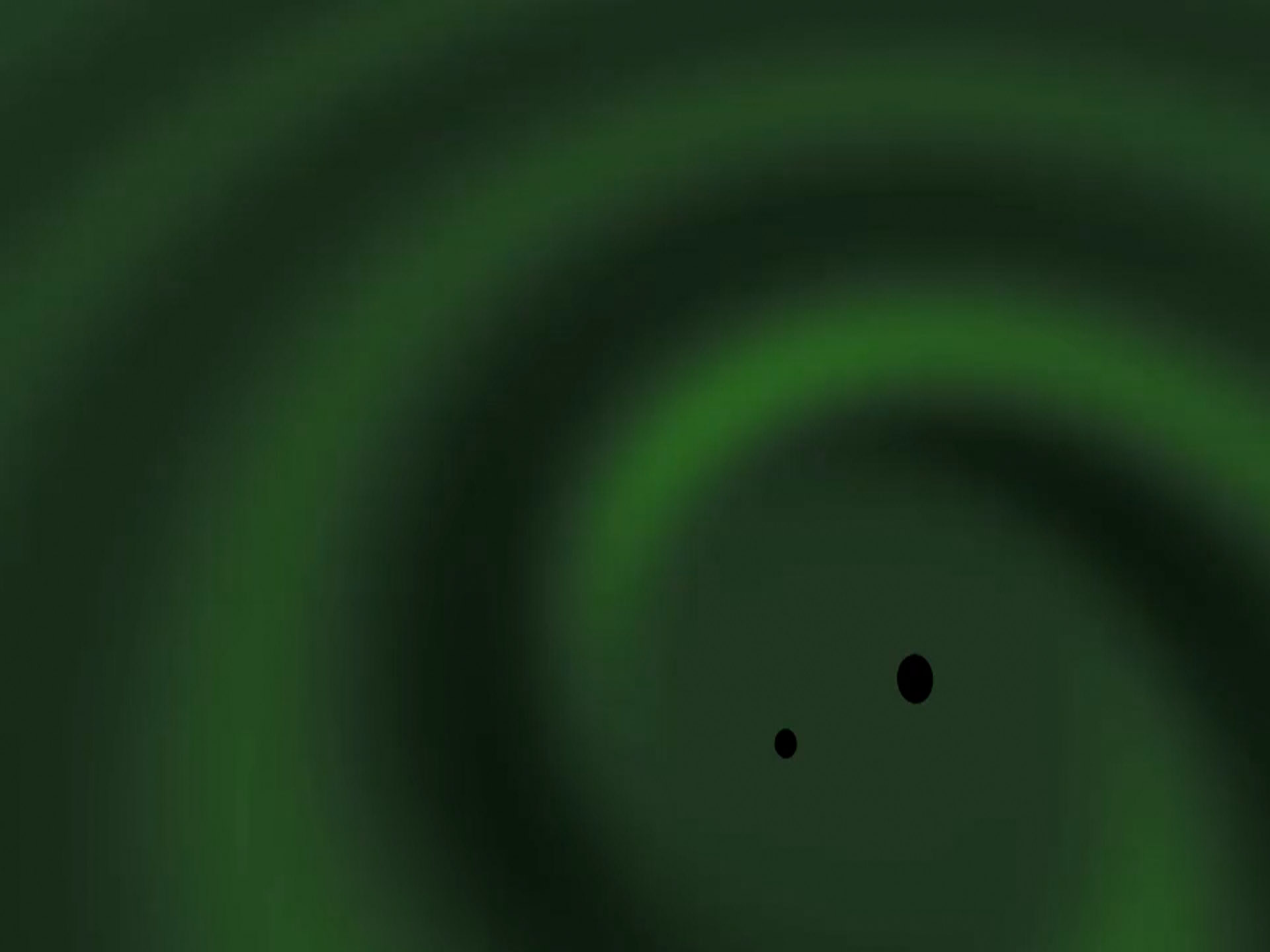
170 Km in diameter

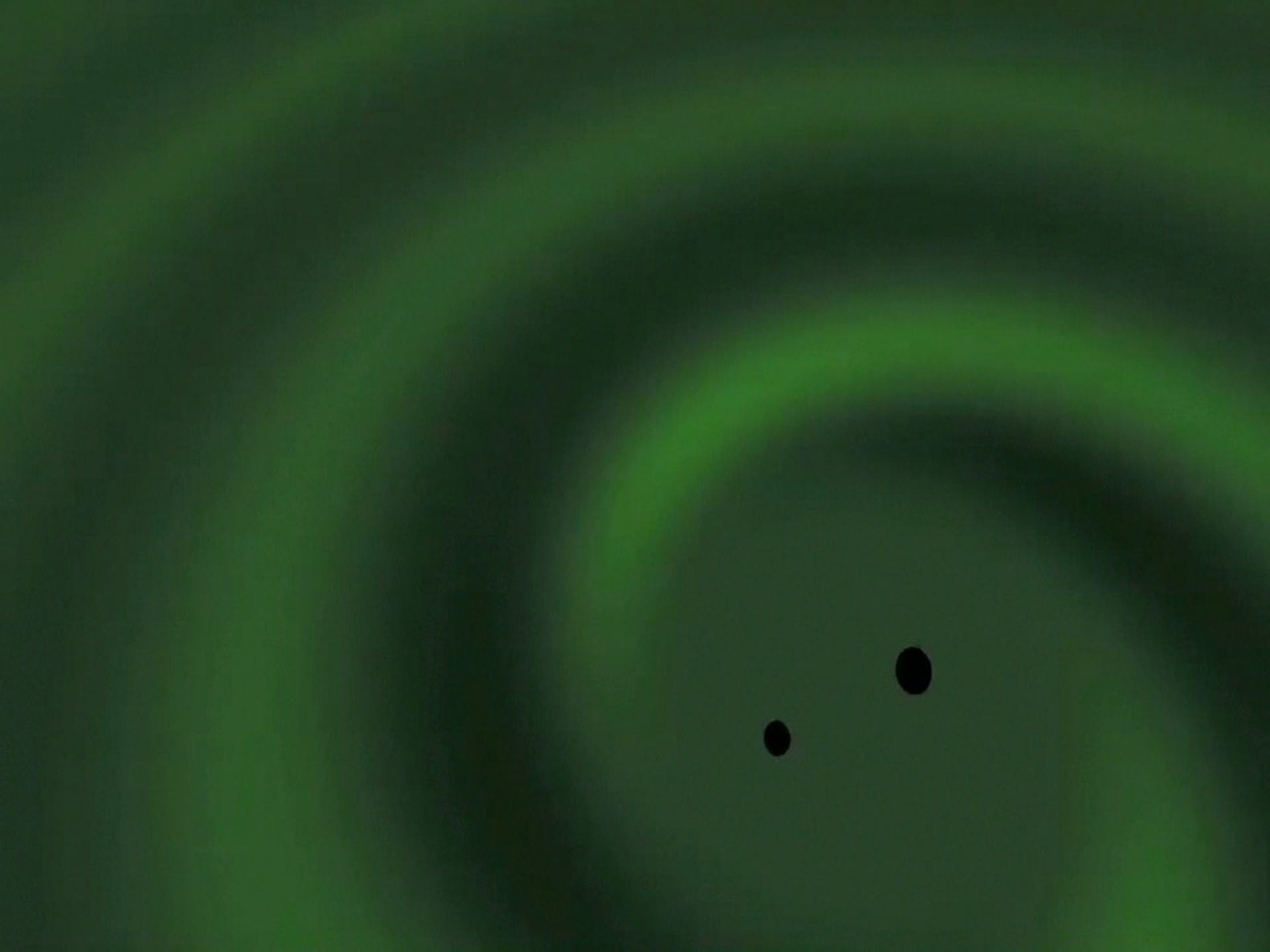


During the final instant of the collision, 3 solar masses were converted to gravitational waves...

The collision was 'brighter' than the entire Universe!





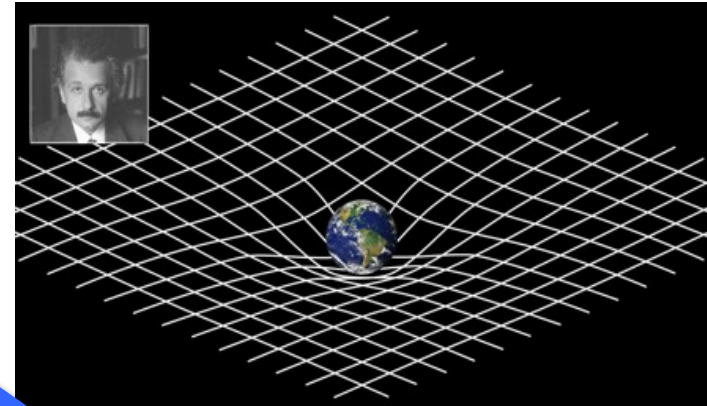


General Relativity and Gravitational Waves

Einstein field tensor

Stress-energy-momentum tensor

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$



General Relativity: Einstein Field Equations

Weak field approximation - space-time is slightly perturbed from flat space-time:

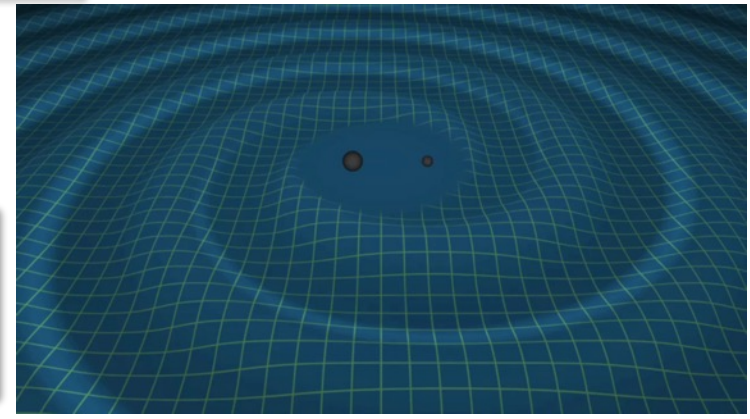
$$g_{\mu\nu} \approx \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

Free Space: $T_{\mu\nu} = 0$

$\sim 10^{-43}$

Wave equation for $h_{\mu\nu}$!

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \right) h_{\mu\nu} = 0$$



A. Einstein, *Sitzungsberichte der Königlich Preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften* (Berlin, 1916), 688696; *Sitzungsberichte der Königlich Preussischen Akademie der Wissenschaften* (Berlin, 1918), 154167.

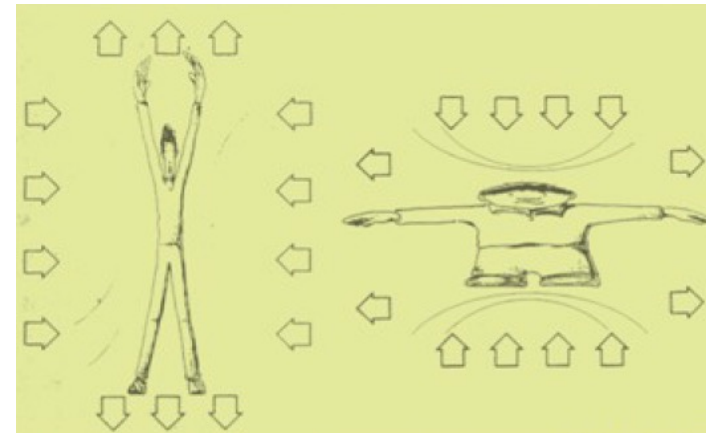
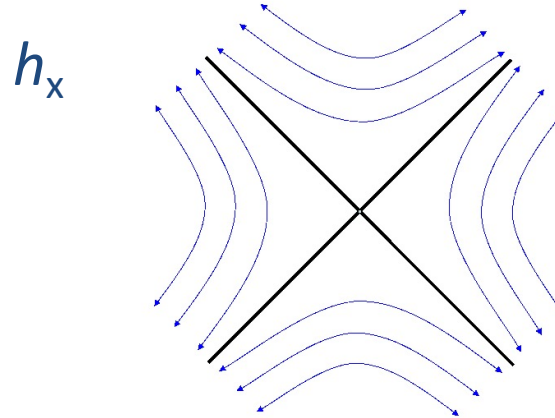
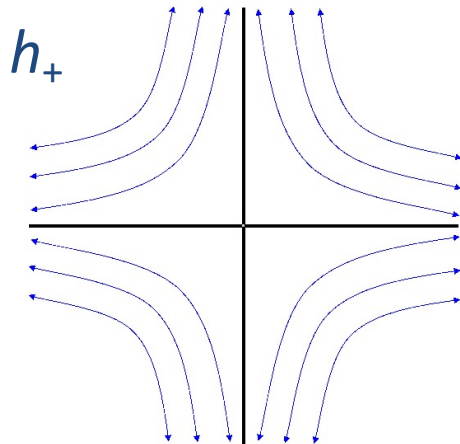
Gravitational Waves

Solution for an outward propagating wave in z-direction:

$$h(t, z) = h_{\mu\nu} e^{i(\omega t - kz)} = h_+(t - z/c) + h_x(t - z/c)$$

$$h_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_+ & h_x & 0 \\ 0 & h_x & -h_+ & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Physically, h is a strain: $\Delta L/L$



Basic Analysis Concepts

The output of a gravitational wave detector is a time series $s(t)$ that includes instrument noise $n(t)$ and the response to the gravitational wave signal $h(t)$:

$$s(t) = F^+(t)h_+(t) + F^\times(t)h_\times(t) + n(t).$$

The instrument response is a convolution of the antenna patterns F^+ , F^\times with the two gravitational wave polarizations h_+ , h_\times .

The information contained in the time series is usually represented in the Fourier domain as a strain amplitude spectral density, $h(f)$. This quantity is defined in terms of the power spectral density $S_s(f) = \tilde{s}^*(f)\tilde{s}(f)$ of the Fourier transform of the time series

$$\tilde{s}(f) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi ift} s(t) dt.$$

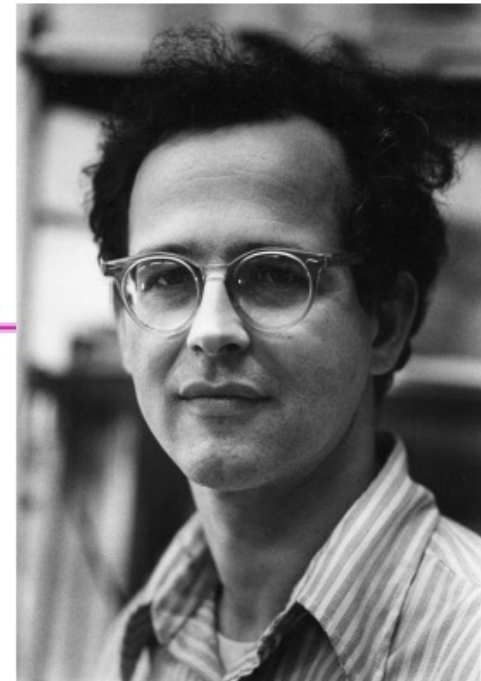
A commonly used quantity for sensitivity curves is the square root of the PSD or the amplitude spectral density

$$\sqrt{S_s(f)} = h_n(f) f^{-1/2}$$



General Relativity and Gravitational Waves

- Predictions from GR allow us to search for gravitational waves from compact binary mergers using large numbers of waveform templates
- LIGO-Virgo noise features present challenges for identification of gravitational-wave signals
- Current searches rely on matched-filtering, with signal tests to account for non-Gaussianities
- Also use unmodelled searches to catch the unexpected
- We have found lots already - let's find more!



In the beginning

- Rai Weiss of MIT was teaching a course on GR in the late '60s
- Wanted a good homework problem for the students
- Why not ask them to work out how to use laser interferometry to detect gravitational waves?
- ...led to the instruction book we have been following ever since

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

APRIL 15, 1972

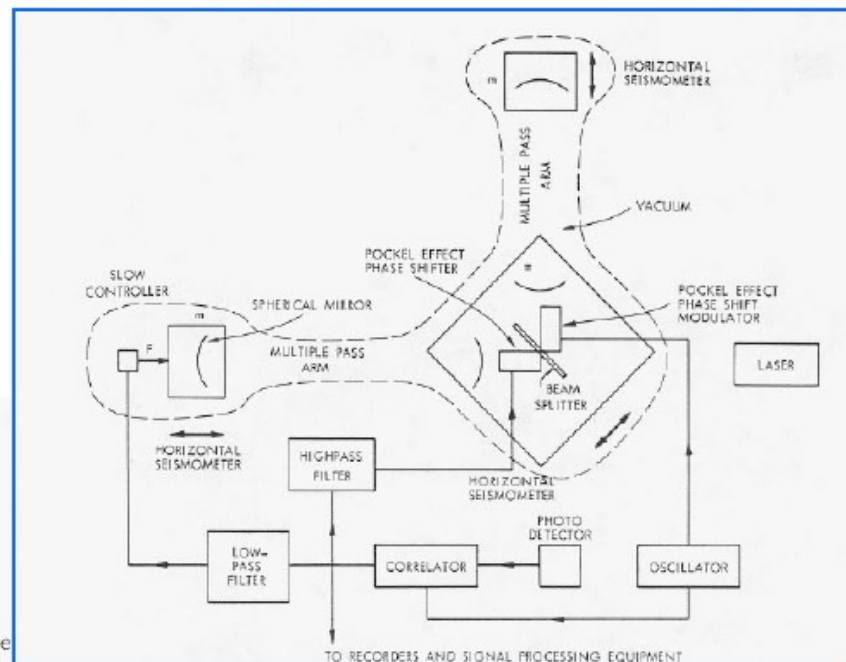
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(V. GRAVITATION RESEARCH)

B. ELECTROMAGNETICALLY COUPLED BROADBAND GRAVITATIONAL ANTENNA

1. Introduction

The prediction of gravitational radiation that travels at the speed of light has been





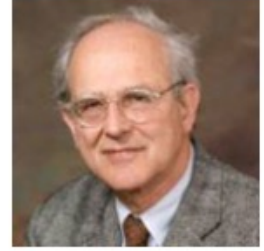
LIGO



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LIGO Chronology

idea to realization ~ 15 years

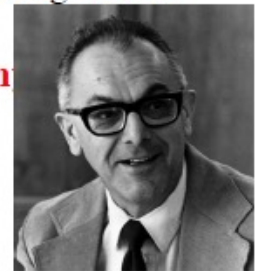


Weiss

Real size R&D for the real detection

Journey for the new astronomy

- 1970s Feasibility studies and early work on laser interferometer gravitational-wave detectors
- 1979 National Science Foundation (NSF) funds Caltech and MIT for laser interferometer R&D
- 1984 Development of multiple pendulum Advanced LIGO Concept
- 1989 December Construction proposal for LIGO submitted to the NSF (\$365M as of 2002)
- 1990 May National Science Board approves LIGO construction proposal
- 1994 July Groundbreaking at Hanford site
- 1999 LIGO Scientific Collaboration White Paper on a Advanced LIGO interferometer concept
- 2000 October Achieved “first lock” on Hanford 2-km interferometer in power-recycled configuration
- 2002 August First scientific operation of all three interferometers in S1 run
- 2003 Proposal for Advanced LIGO to the NSF (\$205 NSF + \$30 UK+German)
- 2004 October Approval by NSB of Advanced LIGO
- 2005 November Start of initial LIGO Science run, S5, with design sensitivity
- 2008 April Advanced LIGO Project start
- 2009 July Science run (“S6”) starts with enhanced initial detectors
- 2014 May Advanced LIGO Livingston first two-hour lock
- 2015 March Advanced LIGO all interferometers accepted
- 2015 September Advanced LIGO observation run 1 scheduled



Vogt



Thorn



Executive producer & consultant of movie “Interstellar”

Initial LIGO events

Advanced LIGO events

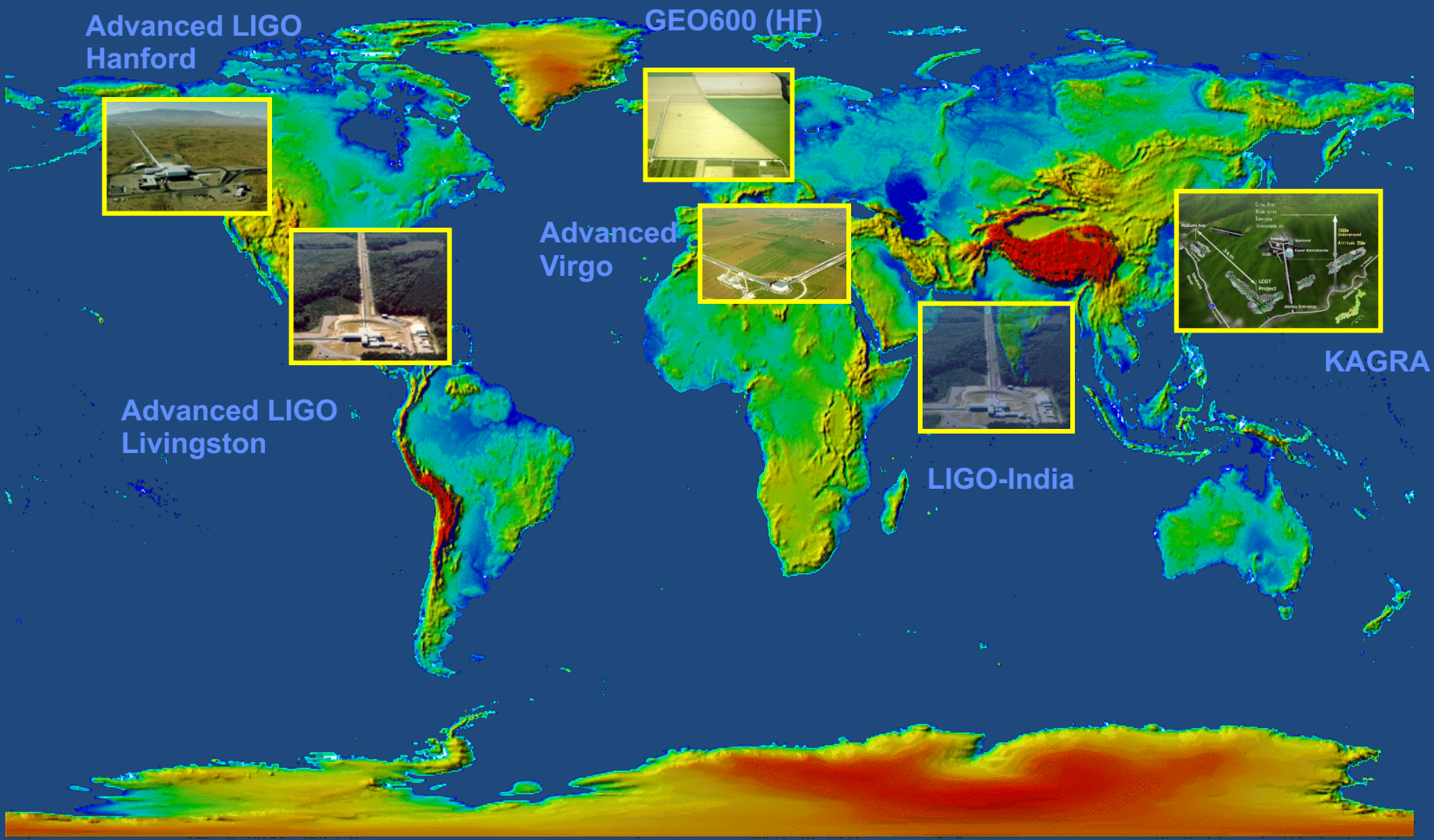
R&D of aLIGO using iLIGO facility

The Initial and Enhanced GW detector network

- The **three Initial LIGO detectors** completed five science observation runs (S1-S5) from 2002-2007.
- **Virgo's VSR1** was conducted in 2007, jointly with **LIGO's S5, which operated at design sensitivity for 2 years.**
- Two **"Enhanced LIGO" detectors conducted S6** during 2009-2010, jointly with **Virgo VSR2 and (enhanced) VSR3.**
- Many different searches were done with these data, but **no gravitational wave signals were found**; upper limits are still above plausible expectations.
- **Two Advanced LIGO detectors** are now taking data since September 14th 2015.
- **The Advanced Virgo** started the data acquisition in August 2017, joining the second observation run of LIGO.



The Advanced GW Detector Network



LIGO: Laser Interferometer Gravitational-wave Observatory

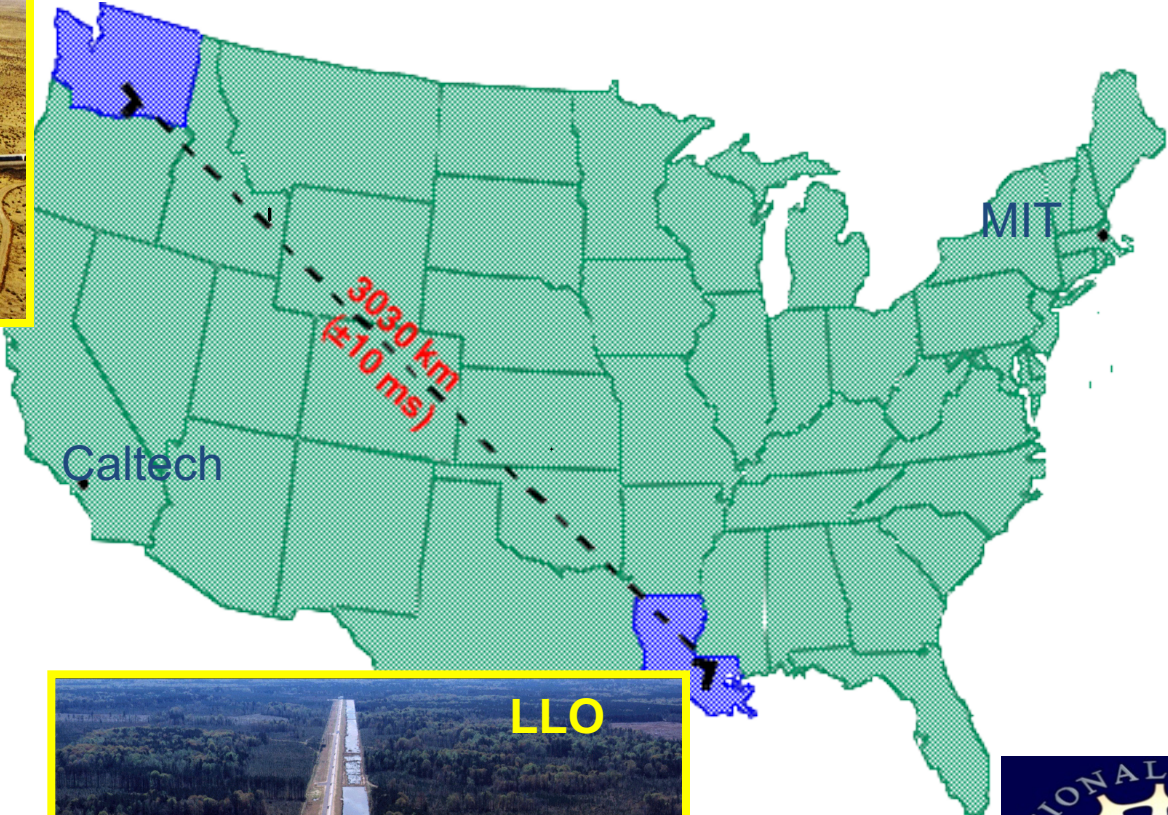


LHO

Hanford, WA



4 km (H1)
+ 2 km (H2)



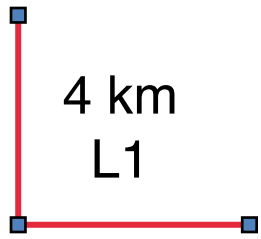
Caltech

MIT

3030 km
(±10 ms)



LLO



4 km
L1

Livingston, LA





Despite a few difficulties, science runs started in 2002.





Virgo Interferometer



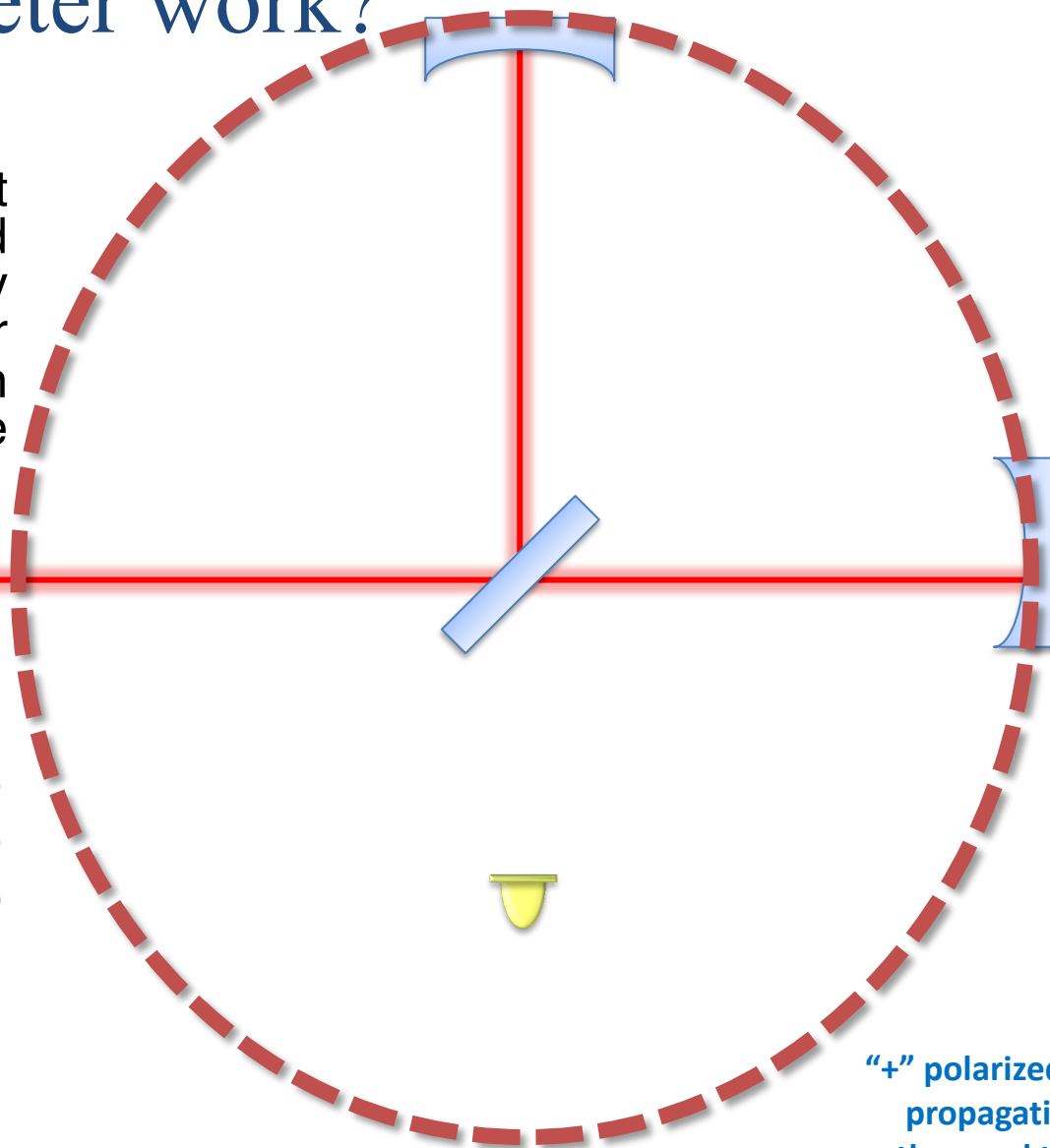
Virgo Interferometer

- Virgo has been proposed in 1989 and approved in 1993. The construction has started in 1996 and ended in 2003.
 - Virgo has started to take data in 2007.
 - COST -> **80 million dollars** (initially only INFN & CNRS)
- 
- An aerial photograph of the Virgo interferometer facility. The central building is a large, blue-roofed structure. Two long, straight concrete arms extend outwards from the center, forming a V-shape. Yellow arrows point from the text '3 km' to the ends of these arms. The surrounding area is a mix of green fields and brown agricultural land. In the background, there are some buildings and a small town.

How does an interferometer work?

- Gravitational waves twist the space-time and during their crossing they produce a positive or negative separation among the two free masses.

Laser

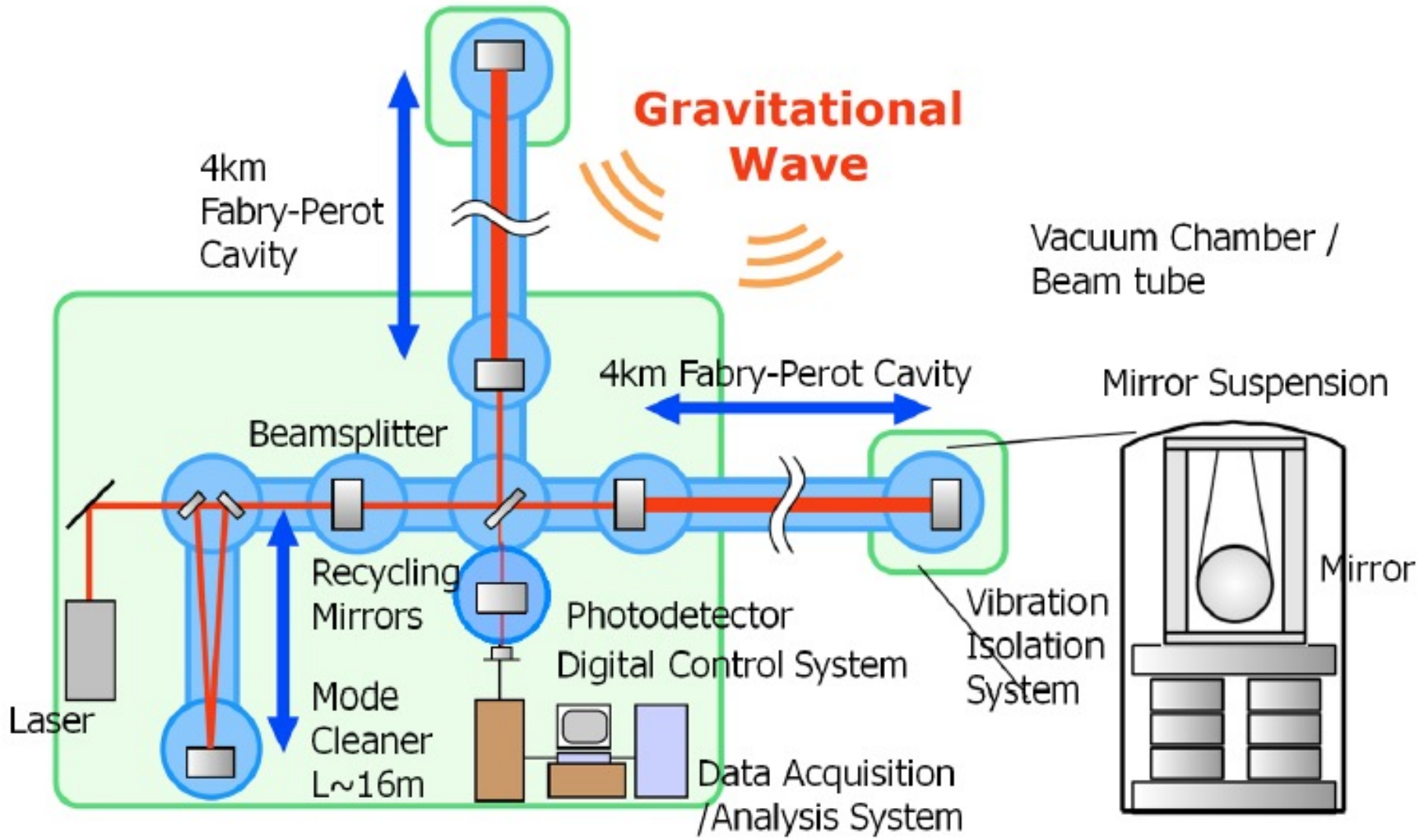


- The h parameter is the measure of relative variation among the two free masses.

“+” polarized GW
propagating
orthogonal to the
screen

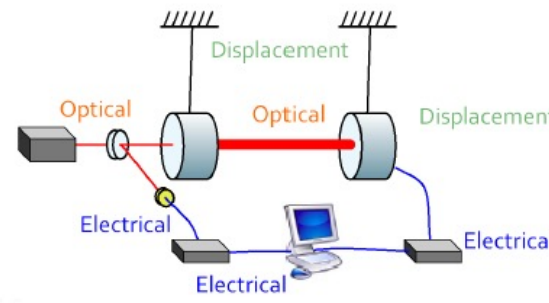
$$h = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

Interferometric detection of GWs





Optics



Low optical loss mirror
 Low optical loss coating
 Mirror precise polishing
 Long baseline optics
 optical recycling

Low mech. loss substrate
 Low mech. loss coating
 High rigidity optics supports

Interferometer control

Modulation Crystal
 Photodetector
 High power stable laser
 Modulation/Demod.
 Quantum Optics

RF modulation
 Analog high speed ctrl
 Analog front end
 Real time digital cont
 User interface
 Data acquisition
 Data archive
 Computing

Actuators
 Low noise position sensors
 Low noise accelerometers
 Active vibration isolation

multiple pendulum suspension
 monolithic suspensions
 vibration isolation
 high vacuum environment

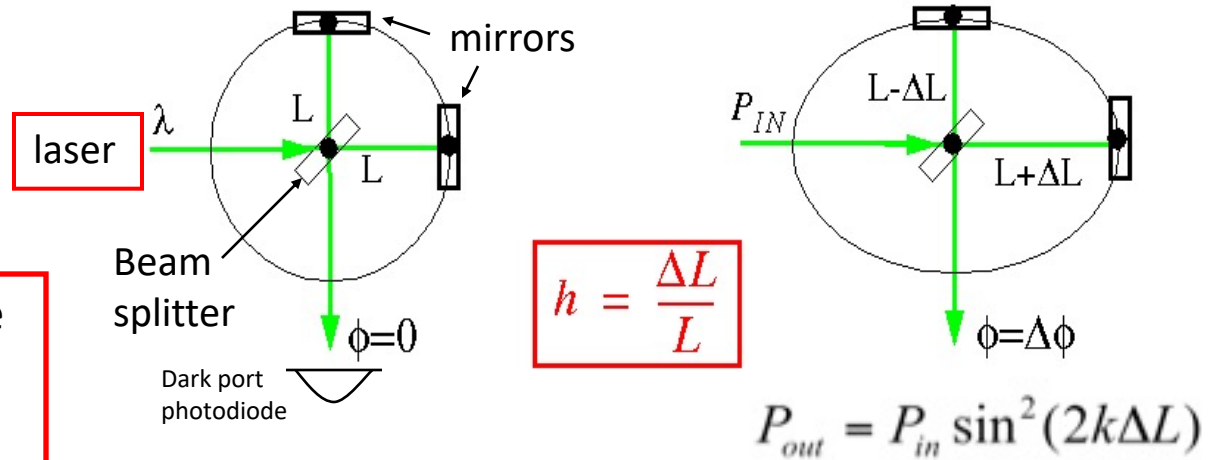
Electronics

Mechanics

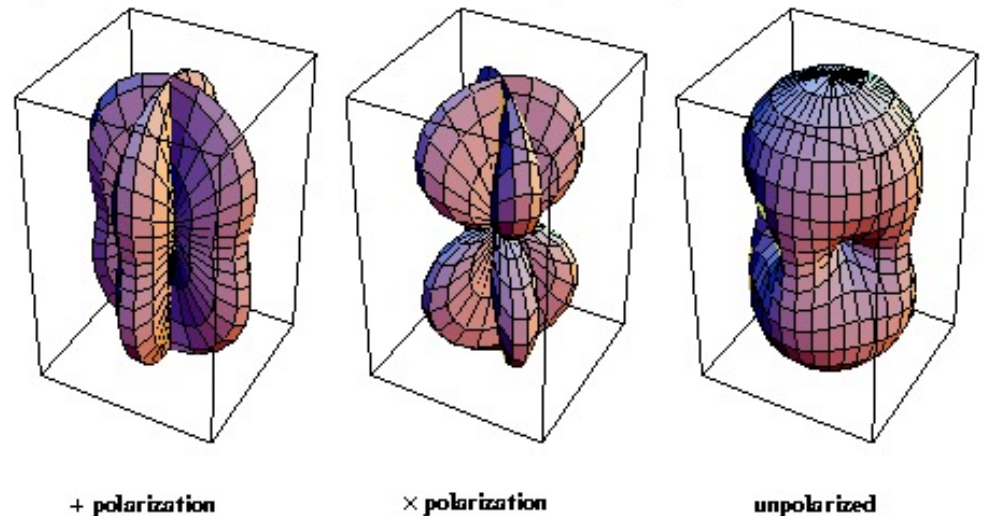
Interferometric detection of GWs

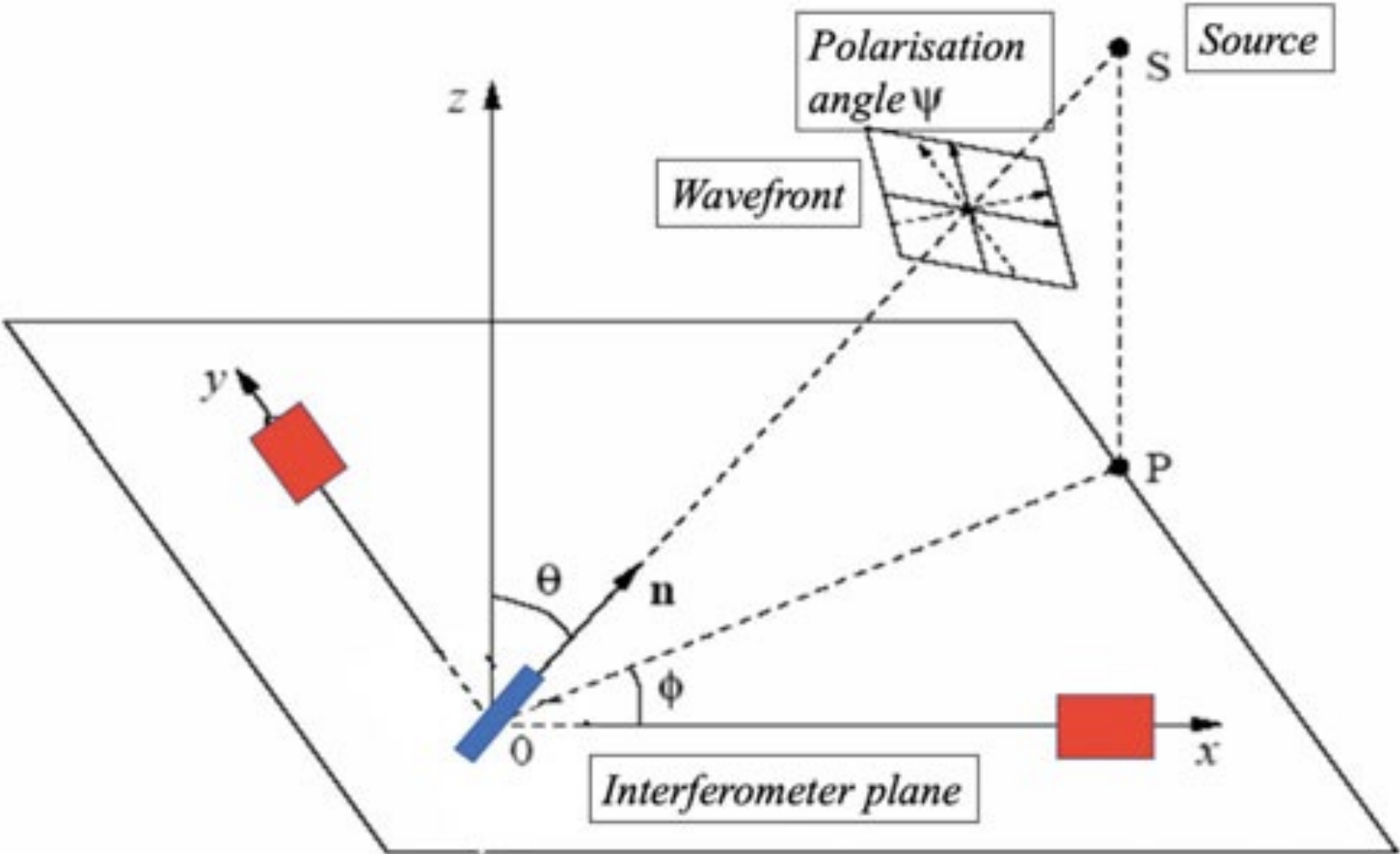
GW acts on freely falling masses:

For fixed ability to measure ΔL , make L as big as possible!



Antenna pattern: (not very directional!)

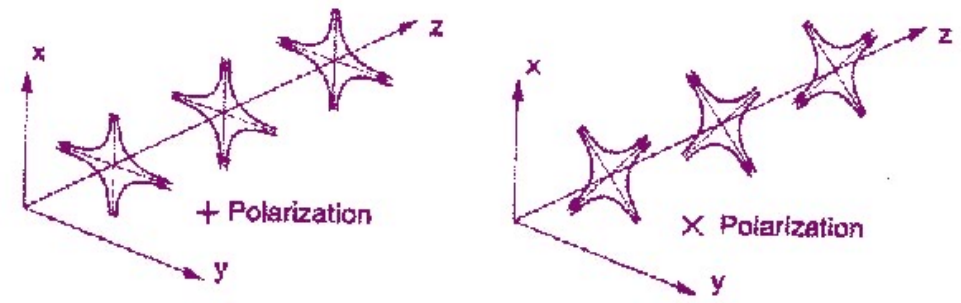




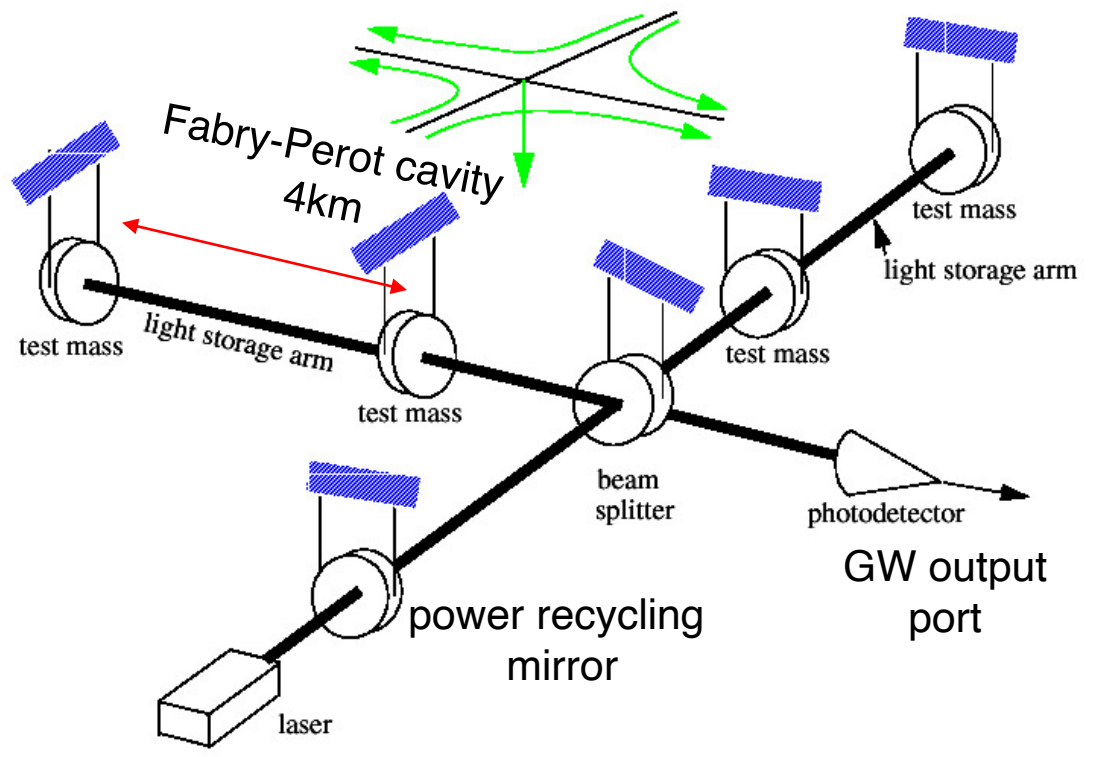
The coordinate systems used to compute the GW antenna pattern of a Michelson interferometer: the origin is set at the beamsplitter, the arms lie along the x and y axes, the source is identified by two polar angles θ and ϕ

Interferometric GW detectors

- Quadrupolar radiation pattern
- Michelson interferometer
“natural” GW detector
- Suspended mirrors
in “free-fall”
- Broad-band response
~50 Hz to few kHz
- Waveform detector
e.g., chirp reconstruction



- $h = \Delta L / L$
Goal: get $h \leq 10^{-22}$;
can build $L = 4 \text{ km}$;
must measure
 $\Delta L = h L \leq 4 \times 10^{-19} \text{ m}$





GW detector at a glance

Attacking fundamental limits (quantum, thermal, environmental) to precision measurement

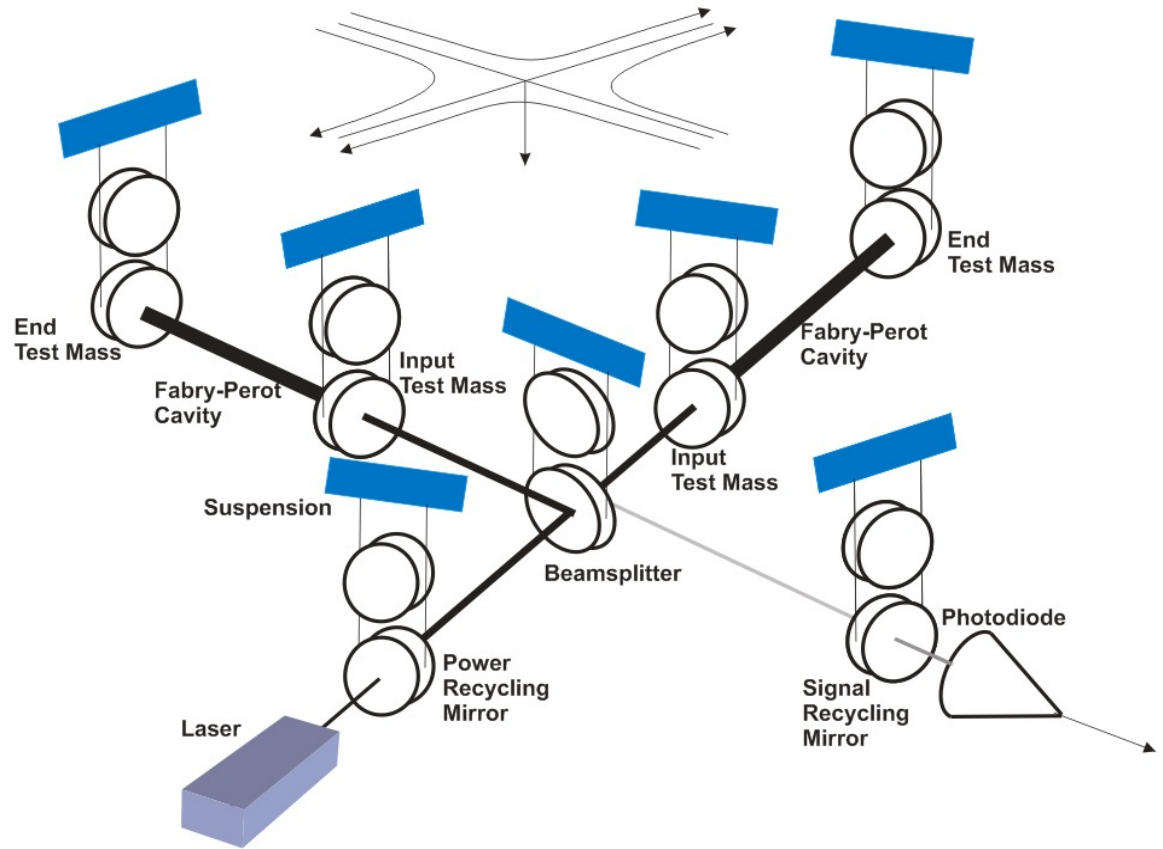
Seismic motion -- ground motion due to natural and anthropogenic sources

Thermal noise -- vibrations due to finite temperature

$$h = \Delta L / L$$

want to get $h \leq 10^{-22}$;
can build $L = 4$ km;

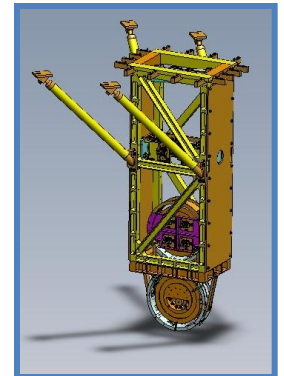
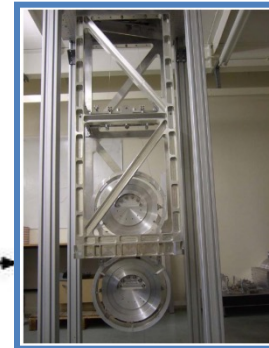
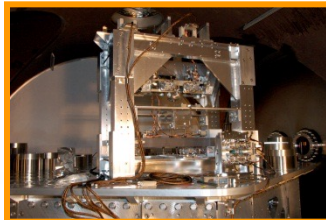
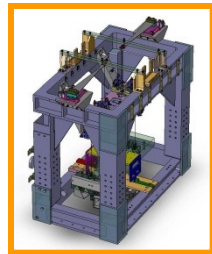
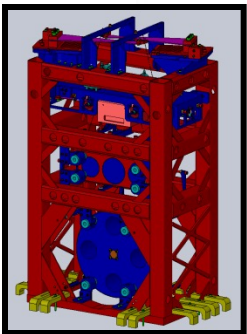
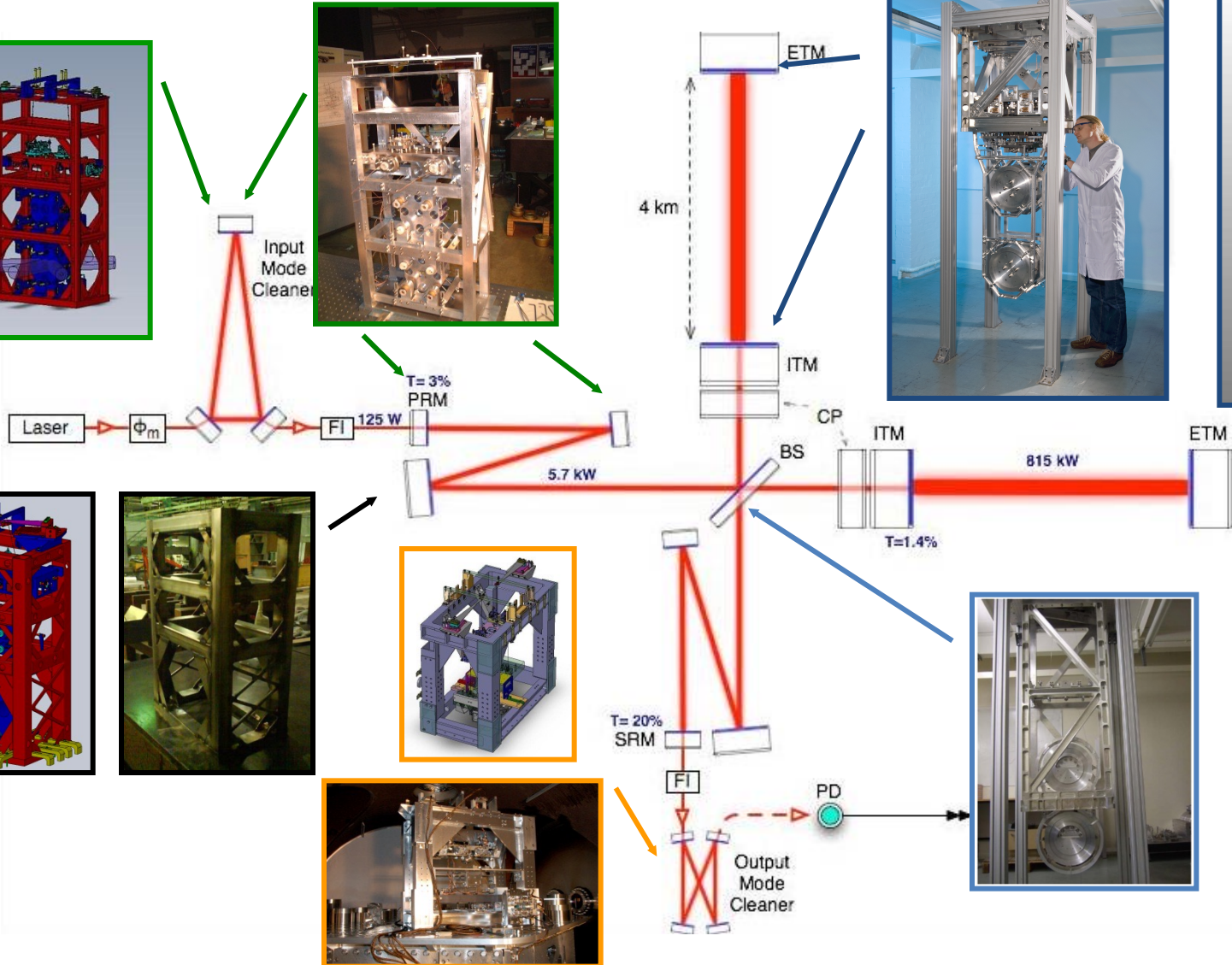
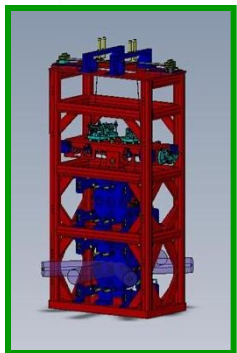
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 $\Delta L = h L \leq 4 \times 10^{-19}$ m



Shot noise -- quantum fluctuations in the number of photons detected

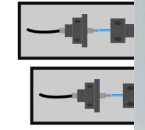
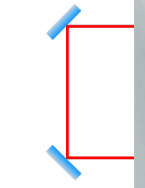


Advanced LIGO Suspensions



Advanced LIGO Pre-stabilized Laser

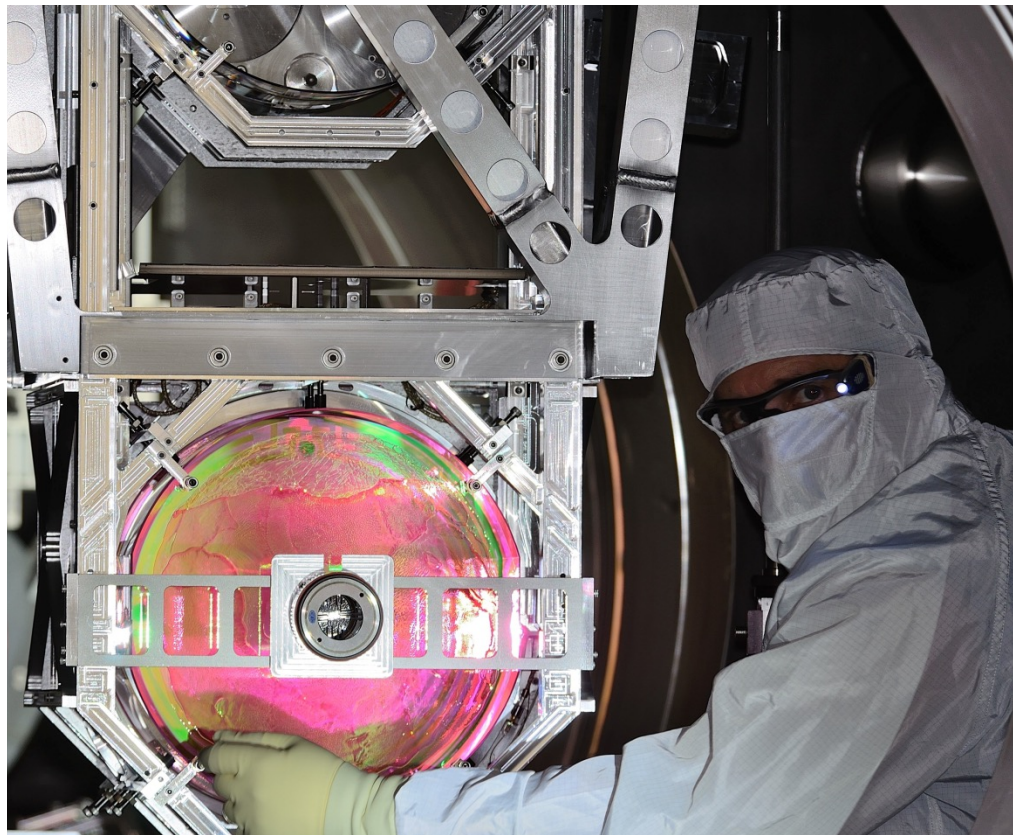
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High p

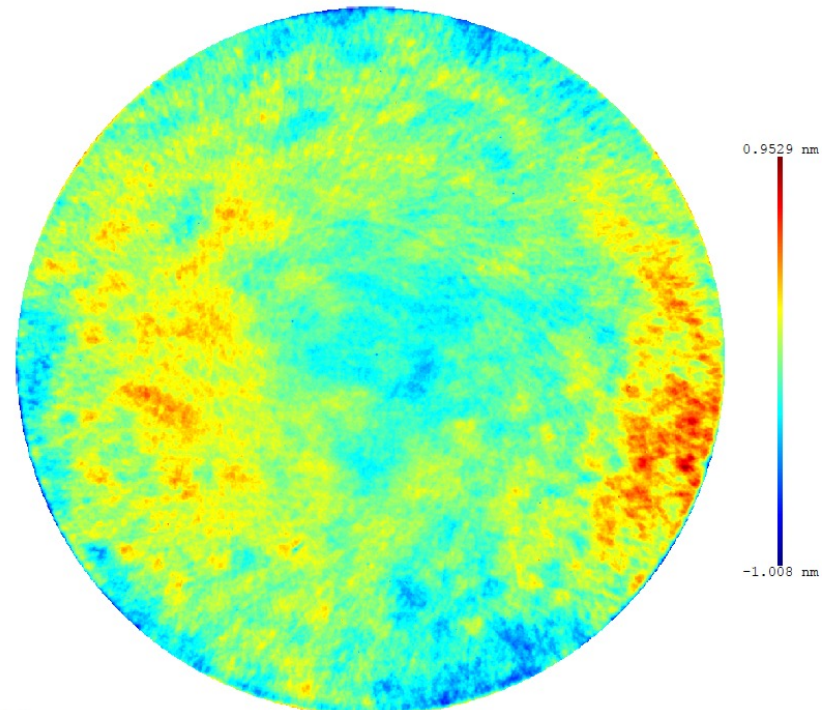
Advanced LIGO Core Optics

- 40 kg masses, 38 cm in diameter, and figured to 0.15 nm rms
- Optical coatings are challenging!

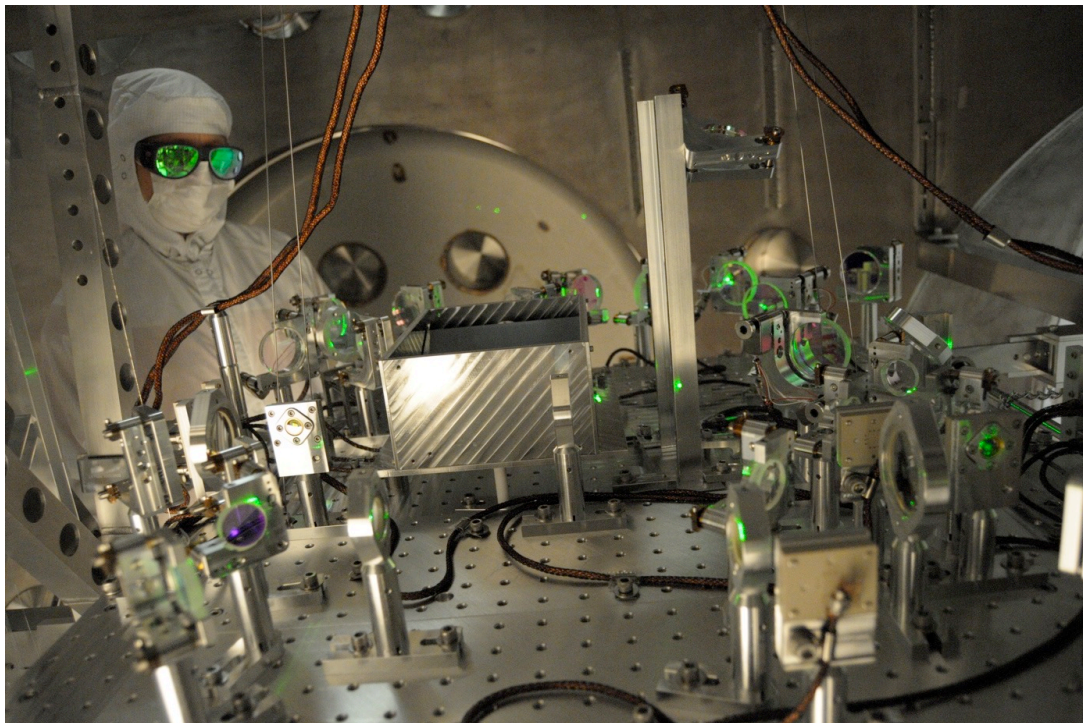
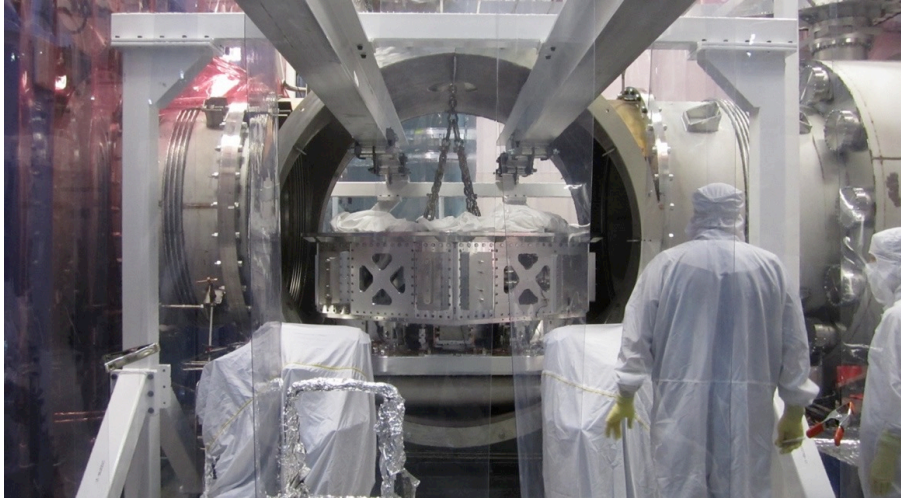


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Advanced LIGO Installation



Advanced LIGO Detectors: optical layout

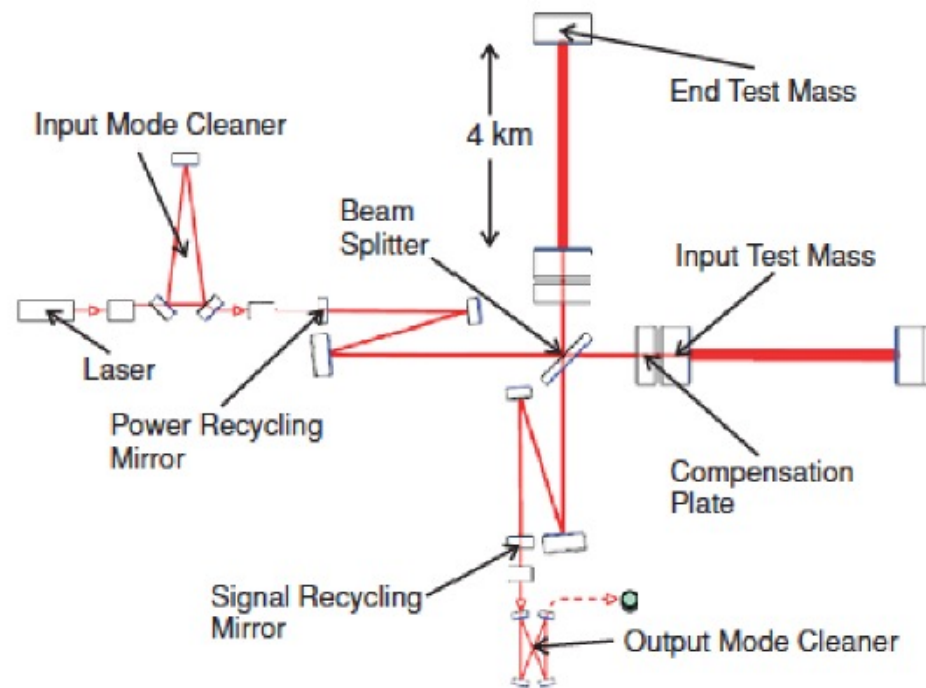
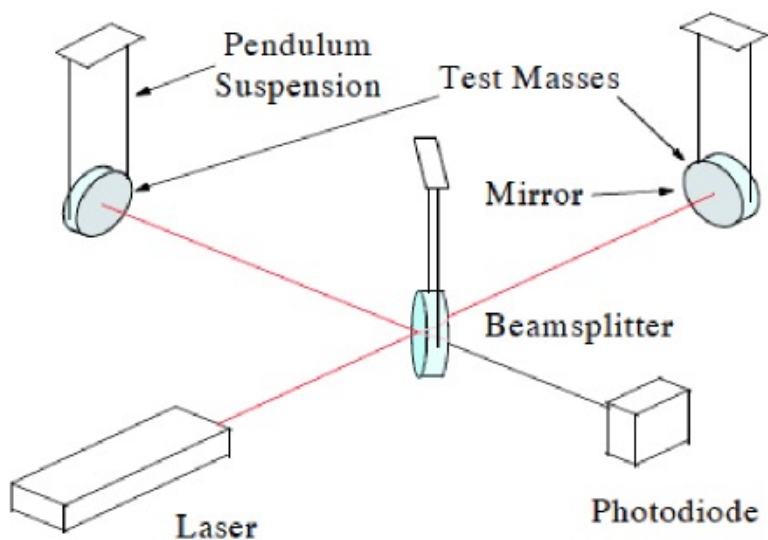
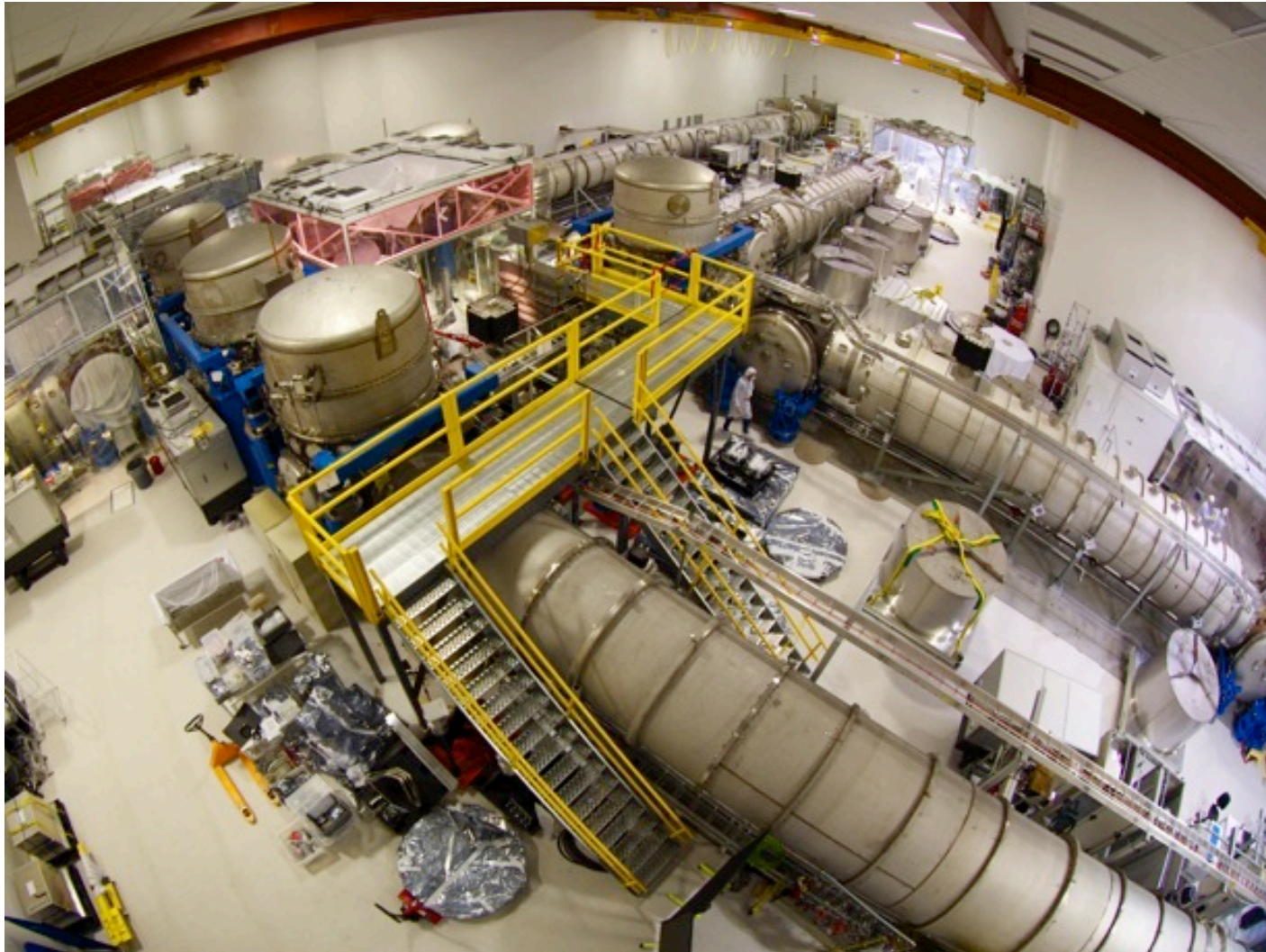
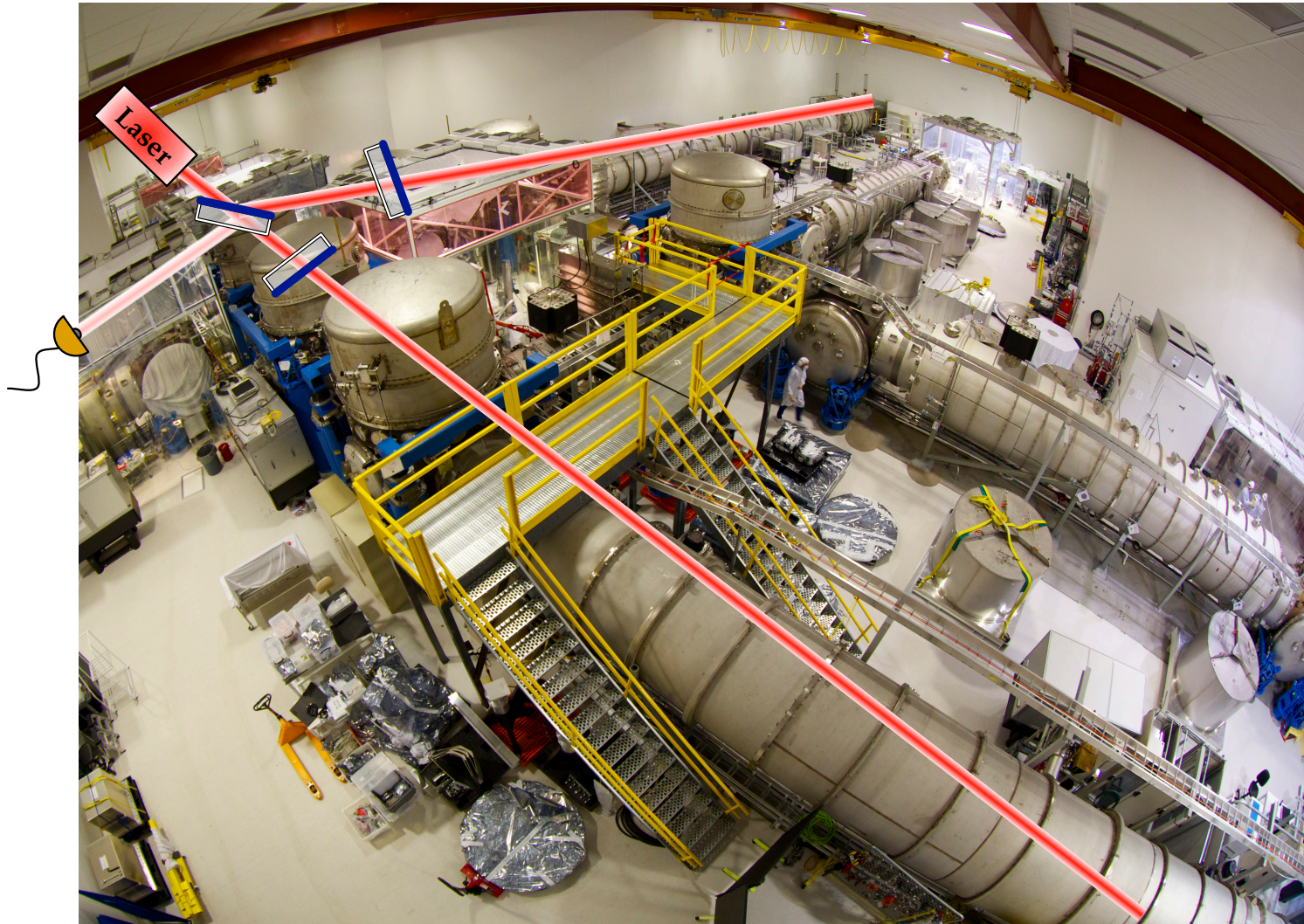


Figure 1 – (Left) A simple Michelson interferometer, showing the proof of concept of Advanced LIGO.⁵ (Right) The Advanced LIGO optical layout.⁶

Instrument Hall



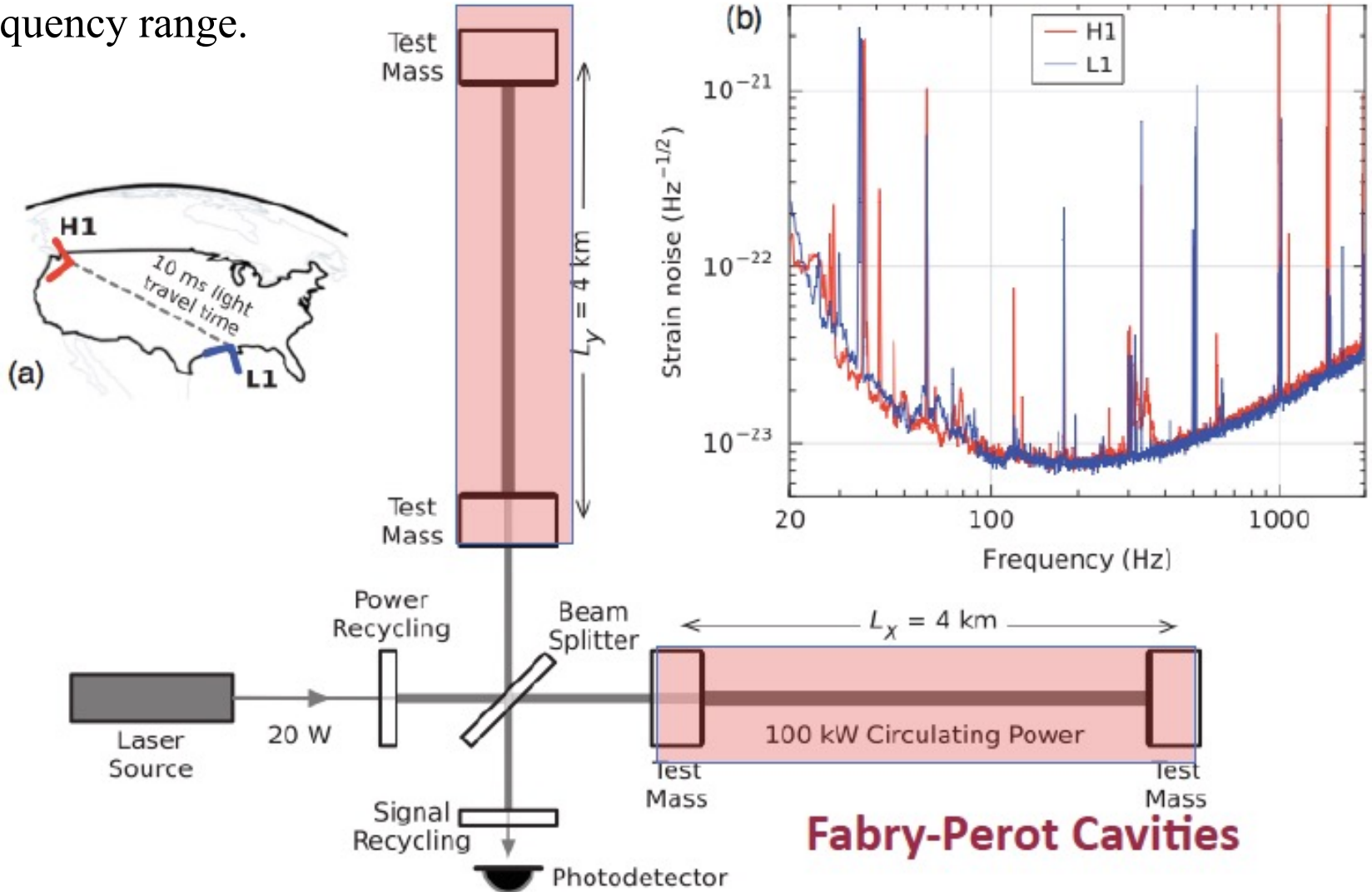
Instrument Hall



LIGO Interferometer sketch



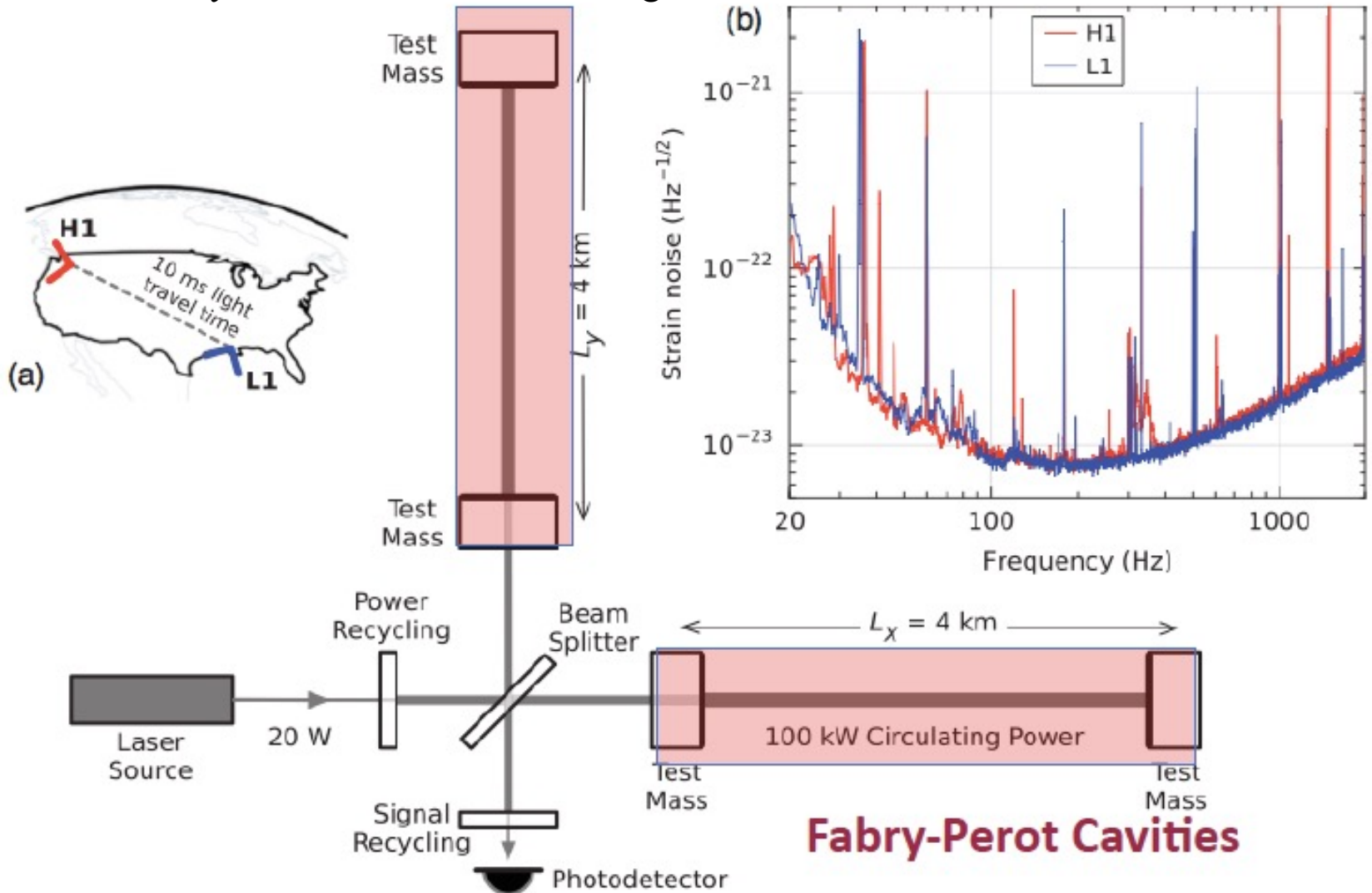
- *Power recycling mirror* at the input increases the laser intensity circulating in the arms.
- *Signal recycling mirror* at the output enhances the sensitivity at a particular frequency range.



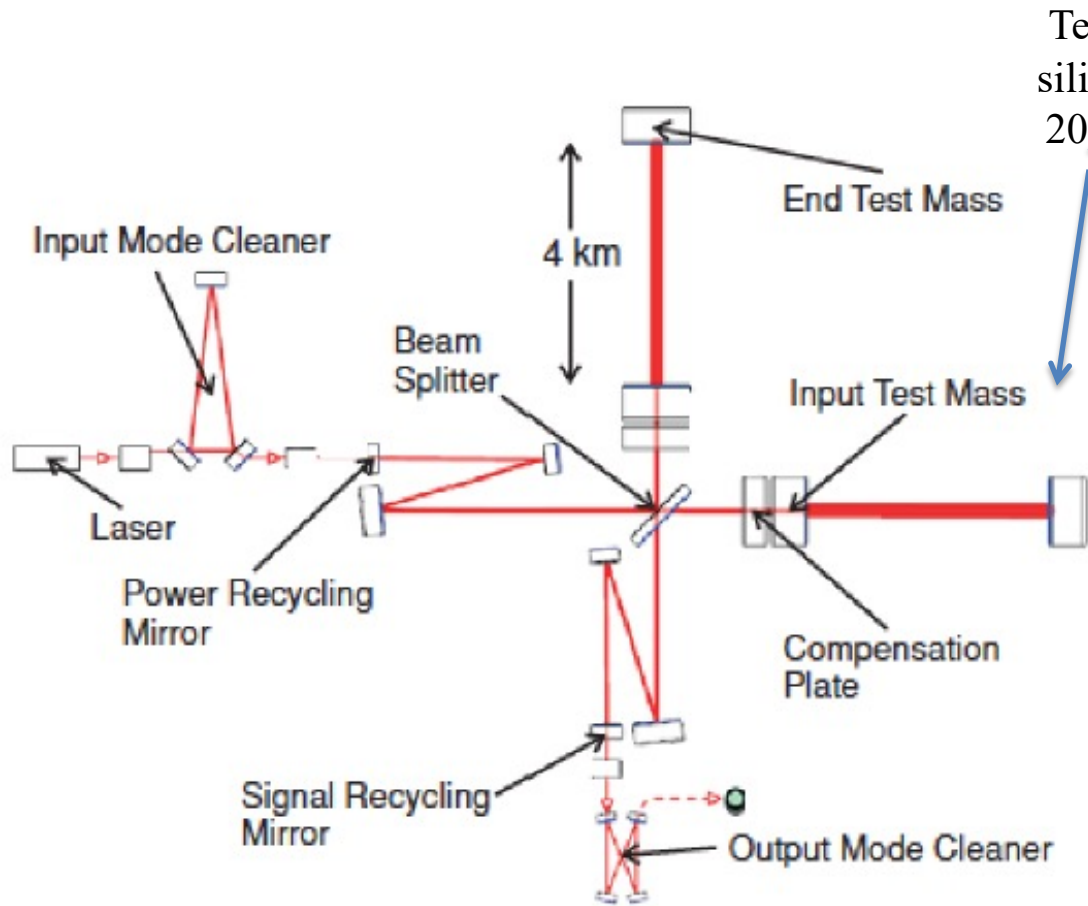
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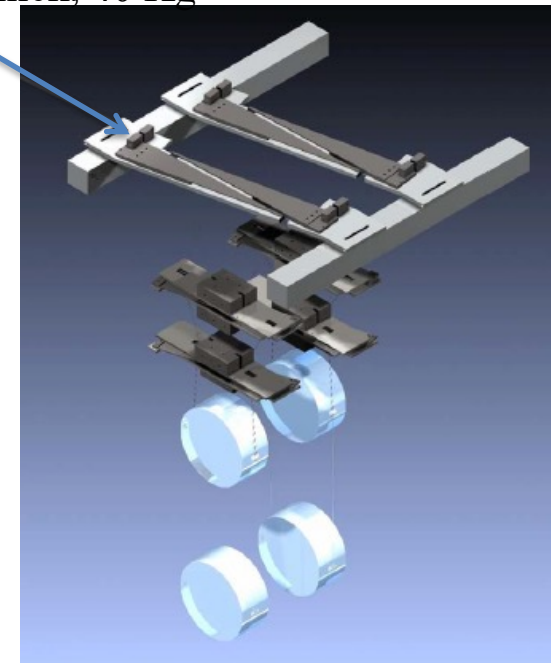
- A Fabry–Pérot (FP) cavity is a linear optical resonator which consists of two highly reflecting mirrors, where the light bounces between the two reflecting surfaces, and is transmitted only for well-defined wavelengths.



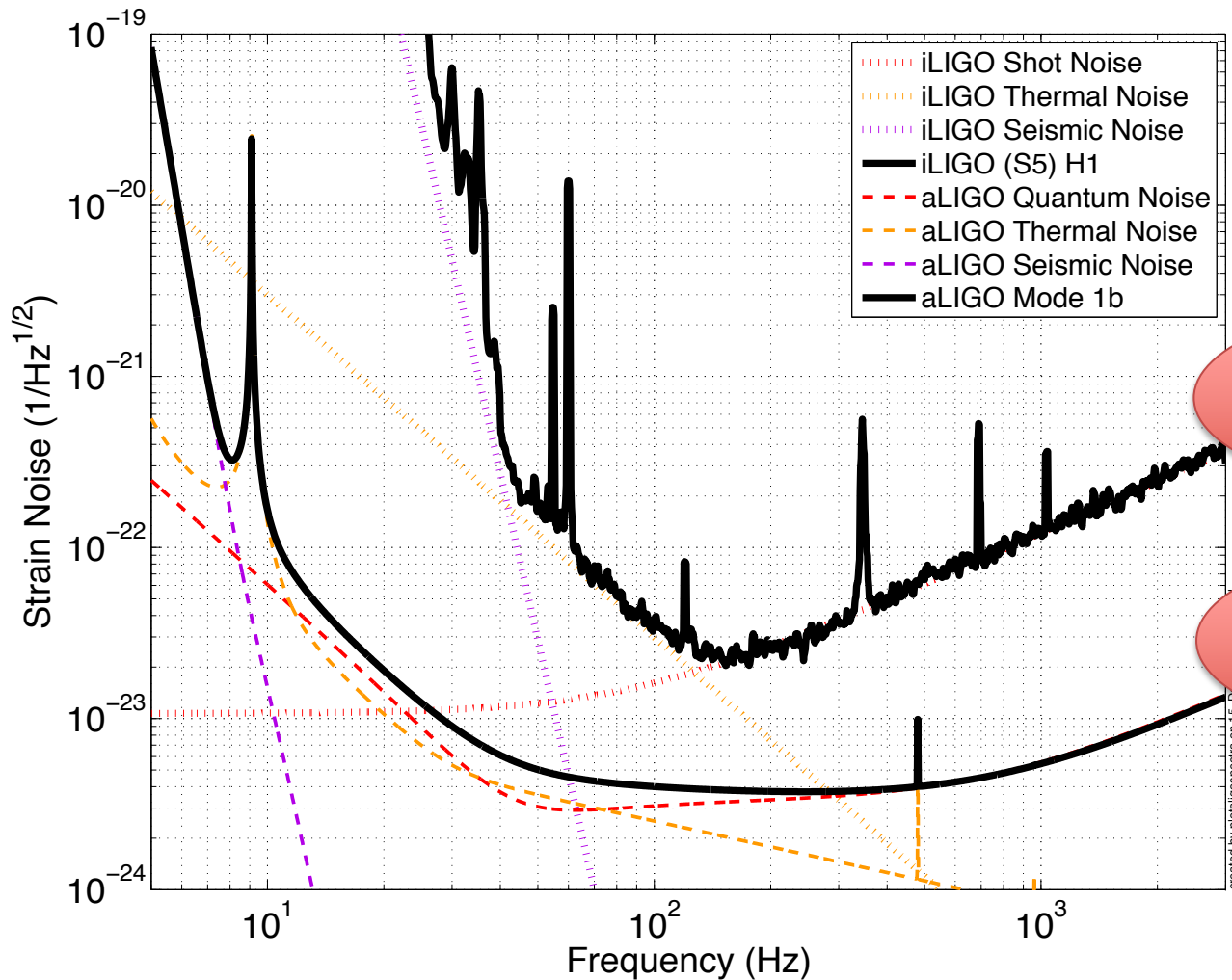
Advanced LIGO Detectors: optical layout



Test Masses: fused silica, 34 cm diam x 20 cm thick, 40 Kg



Advanced LIGO vs. Initial LIGO

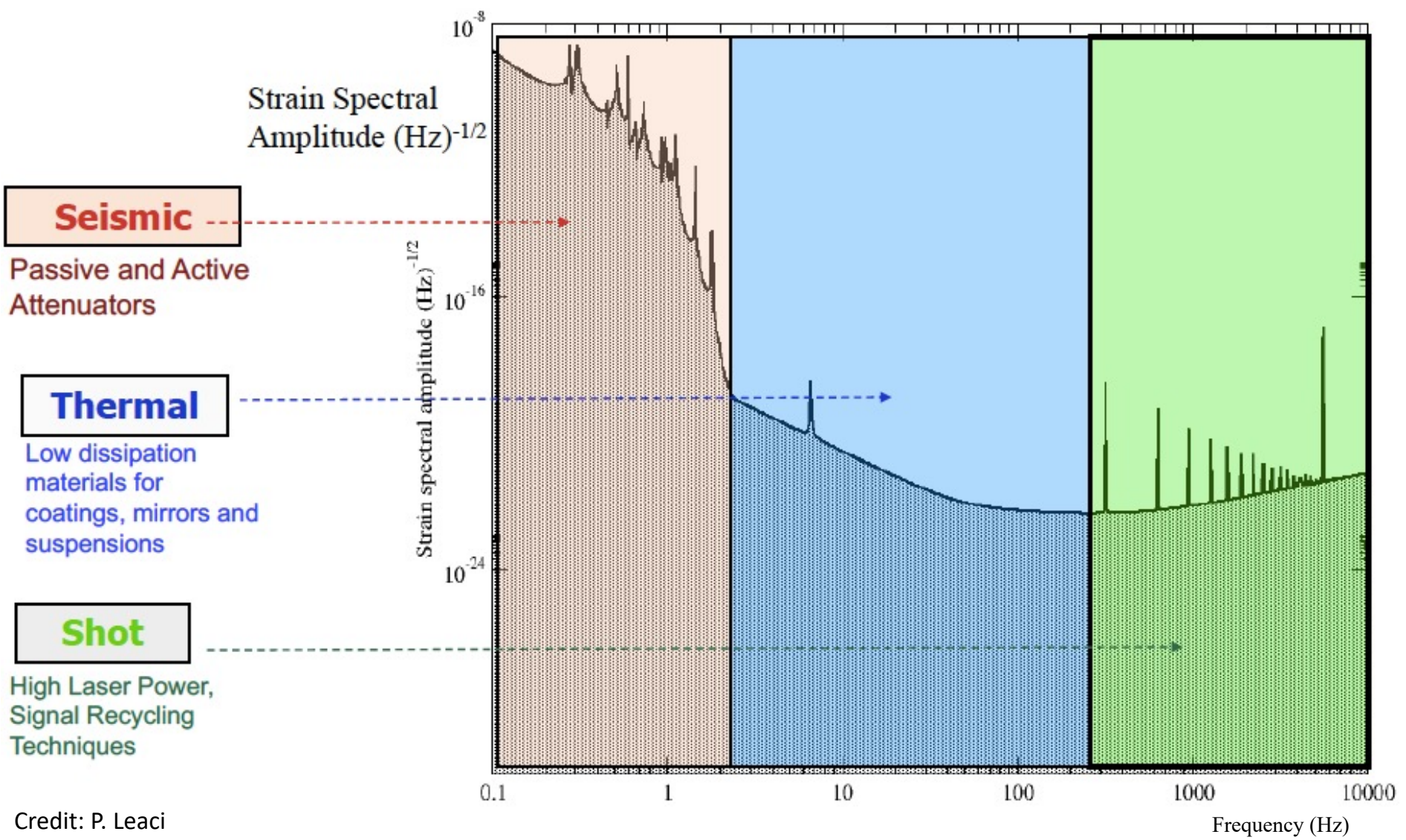


15-20 Mpc BNS
inspiral range

~200 Mpc BNS
inspiral range

created by plotlisspectra on 15-11-11

Interferometer Intrinsic Noise Spectrum



Credit: P. Leaci

Interferometer Intrinsic Noise Spectrum

- Below 10Hz the sensitivity is limited by **seismic noise**: ground motion drives the structure holding the apparatus, thus coupling a displacement noise to the mirror. The solution is to suspend each mirror to a chain of several stages in series, each composed of a pendulum, and connected by vertical springs.

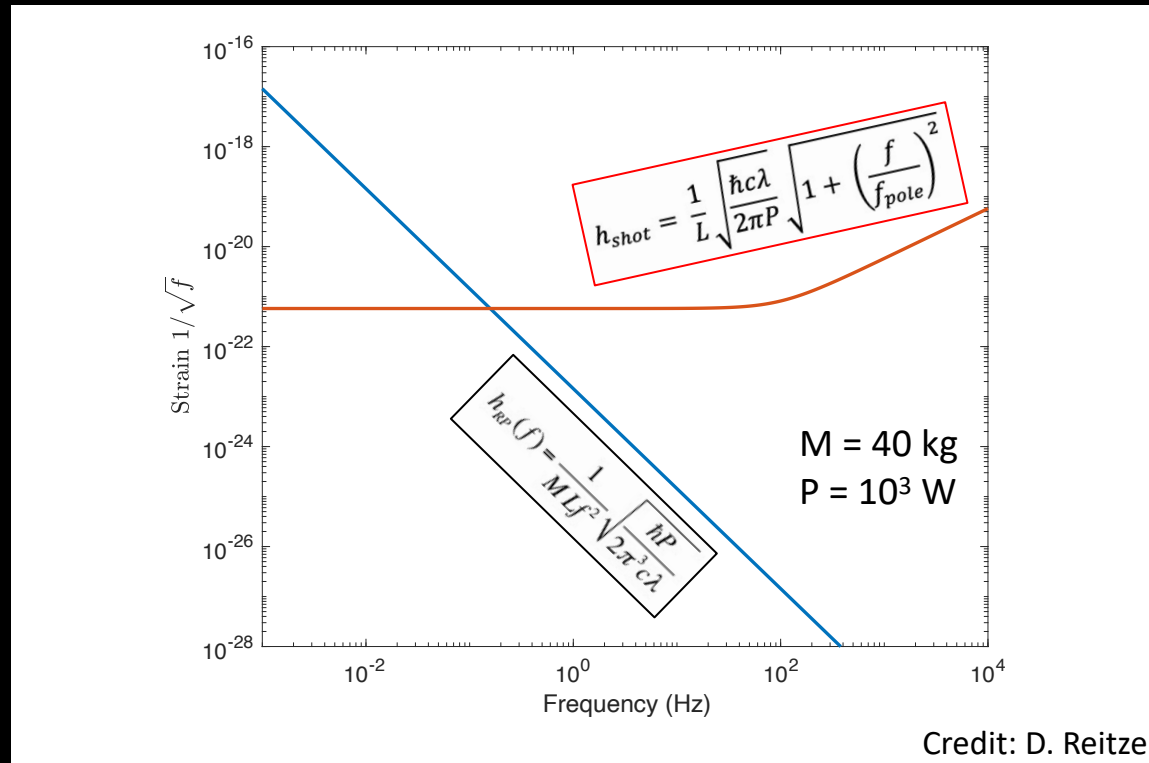
$$S_f = 4k_B T \Re[Z(\omega)]$$

- The **Thermal noise** is due to both the normal modes of the mirror and vibration modes of the suspension fibres. Each mode has an associated fluctuation energy equal to $k_B T$, where T is the equilibrium temperature of the mirror

$$S_h^{(shot)}(\nu) = \frac{1}{L^2} \frac{\hbar c \lambda}{2\pi \eta P_{in}}$$

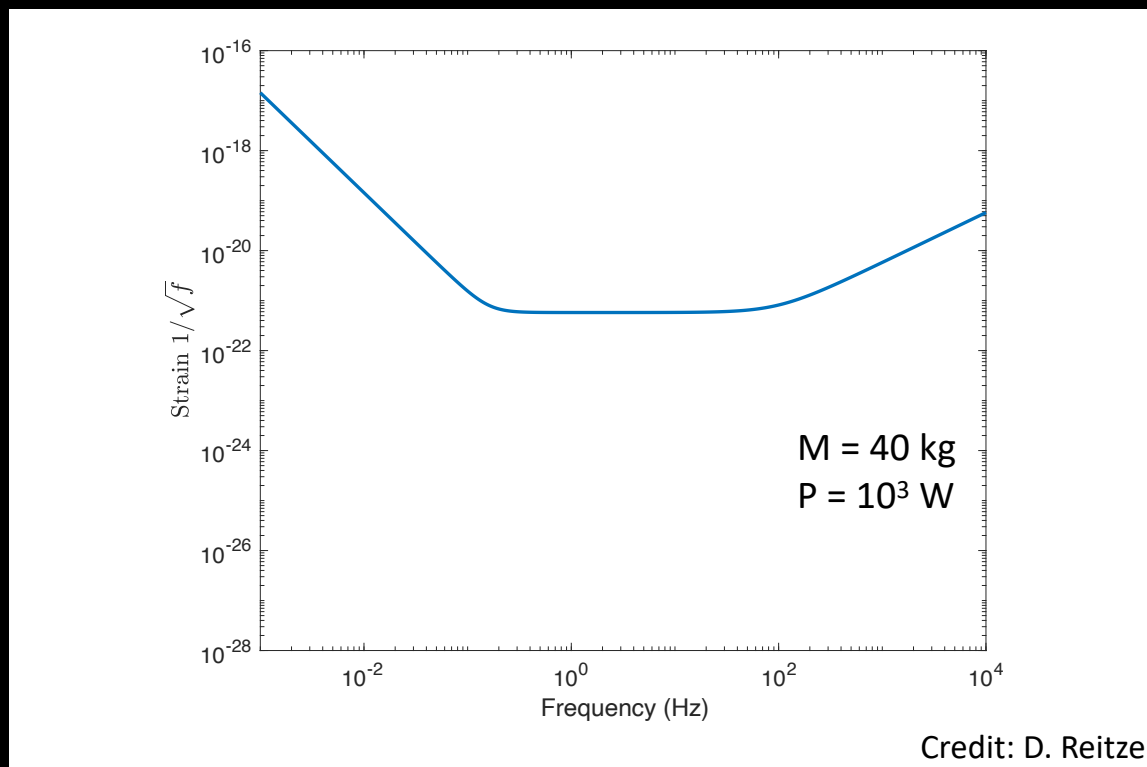
- The **Shot noise** of a laser light is derived by the fluctuations in the number of detected photons. The sensitivity increases with the arm length L, and with the input power P_{in} .

Coupled Quantum “Optical Readout” Noise

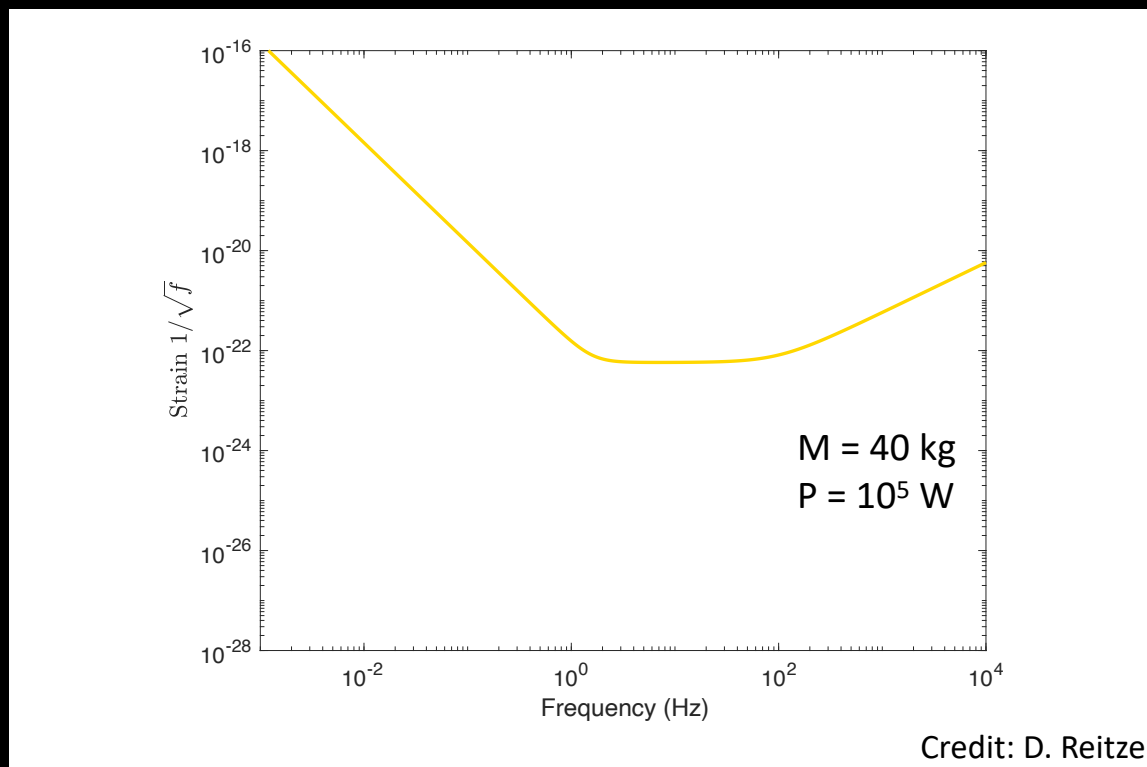


Radiation Pressure Noise. The quantum fluctuations of light result in fluctuations in the radiation pressure of the light beam and in the impulse transferred to the mirror.

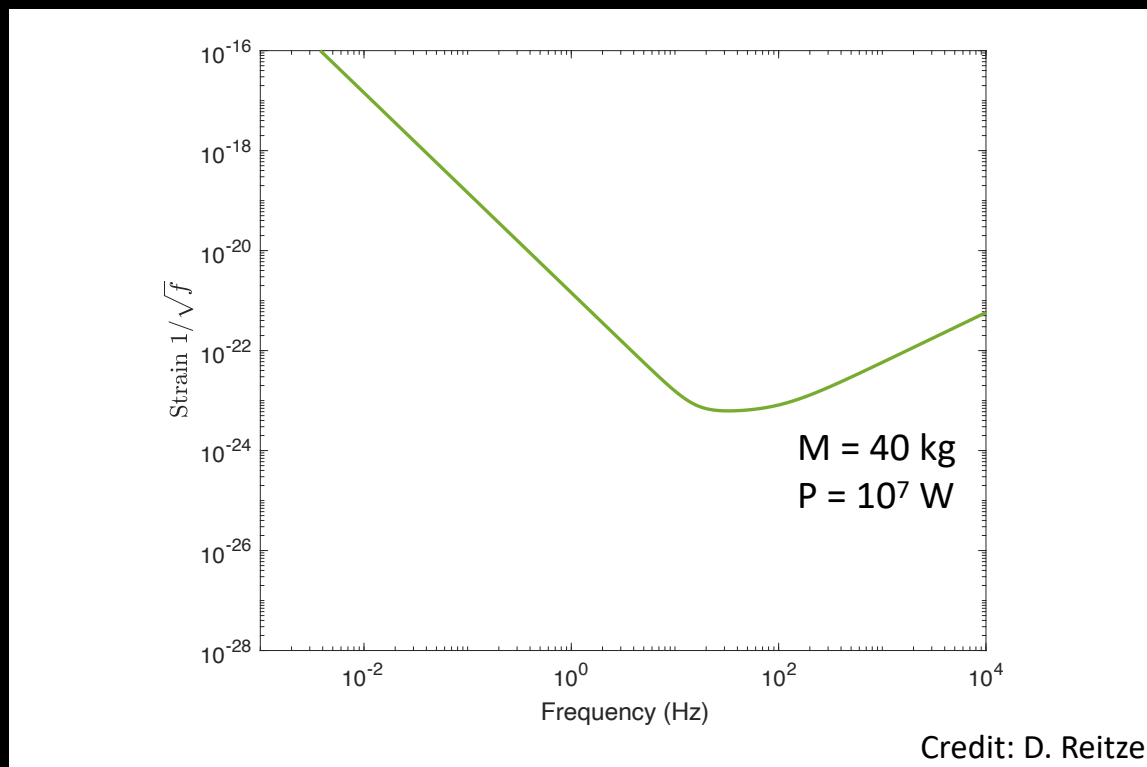
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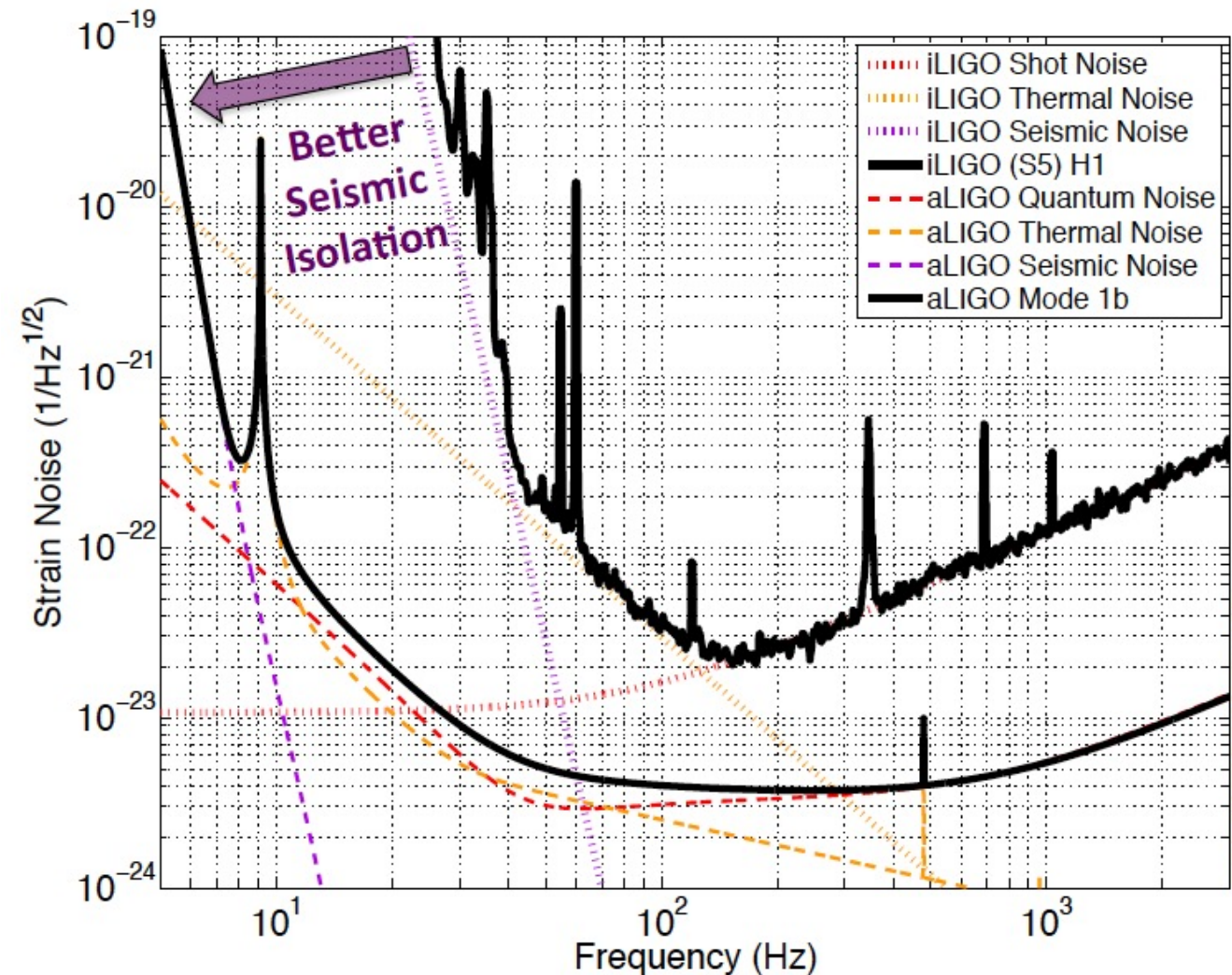
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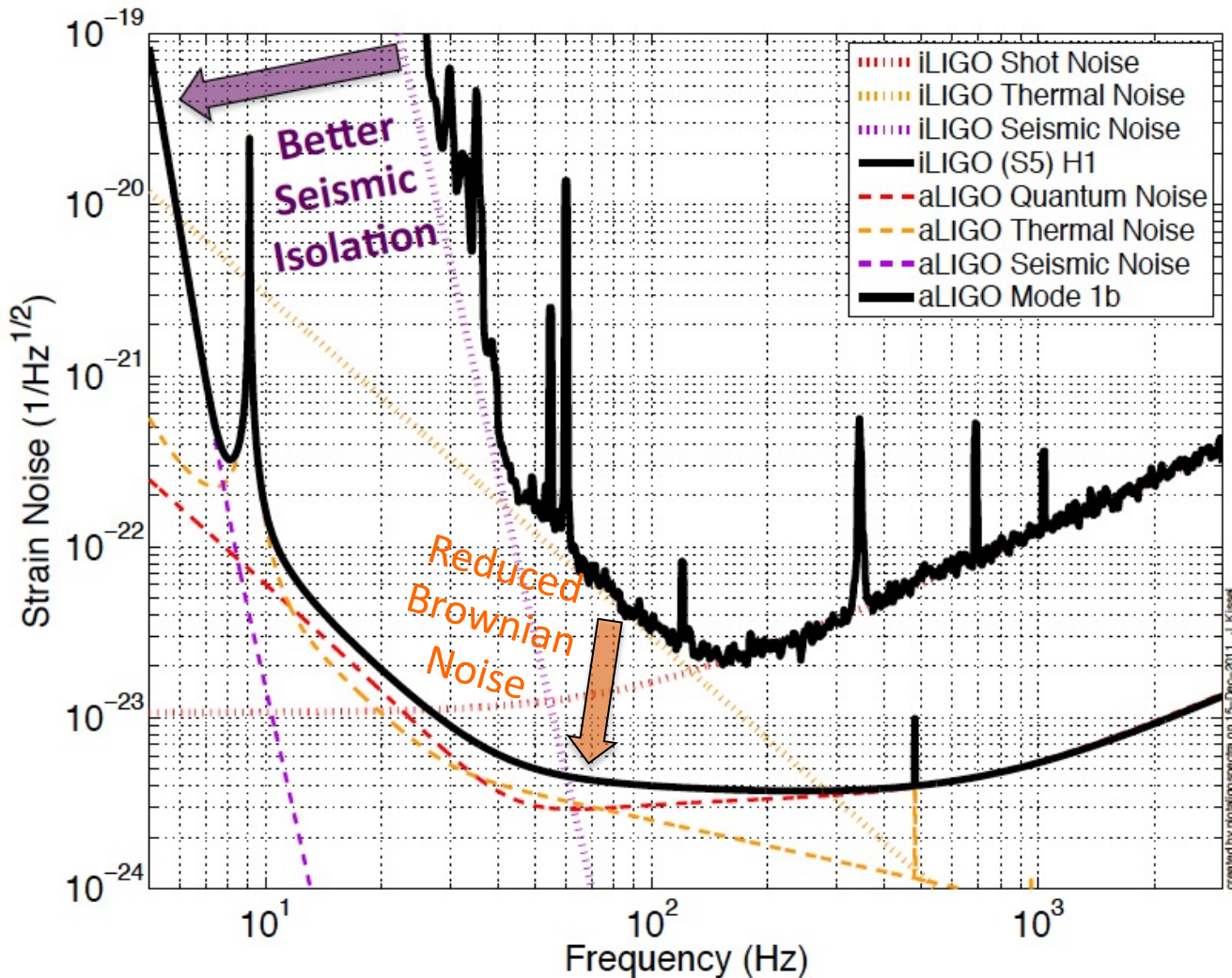
Advanced LIGO vs. Initial LIGO



– Seismic Noise:

Test masses are suspended from seven stages of passive and active isolation systems.

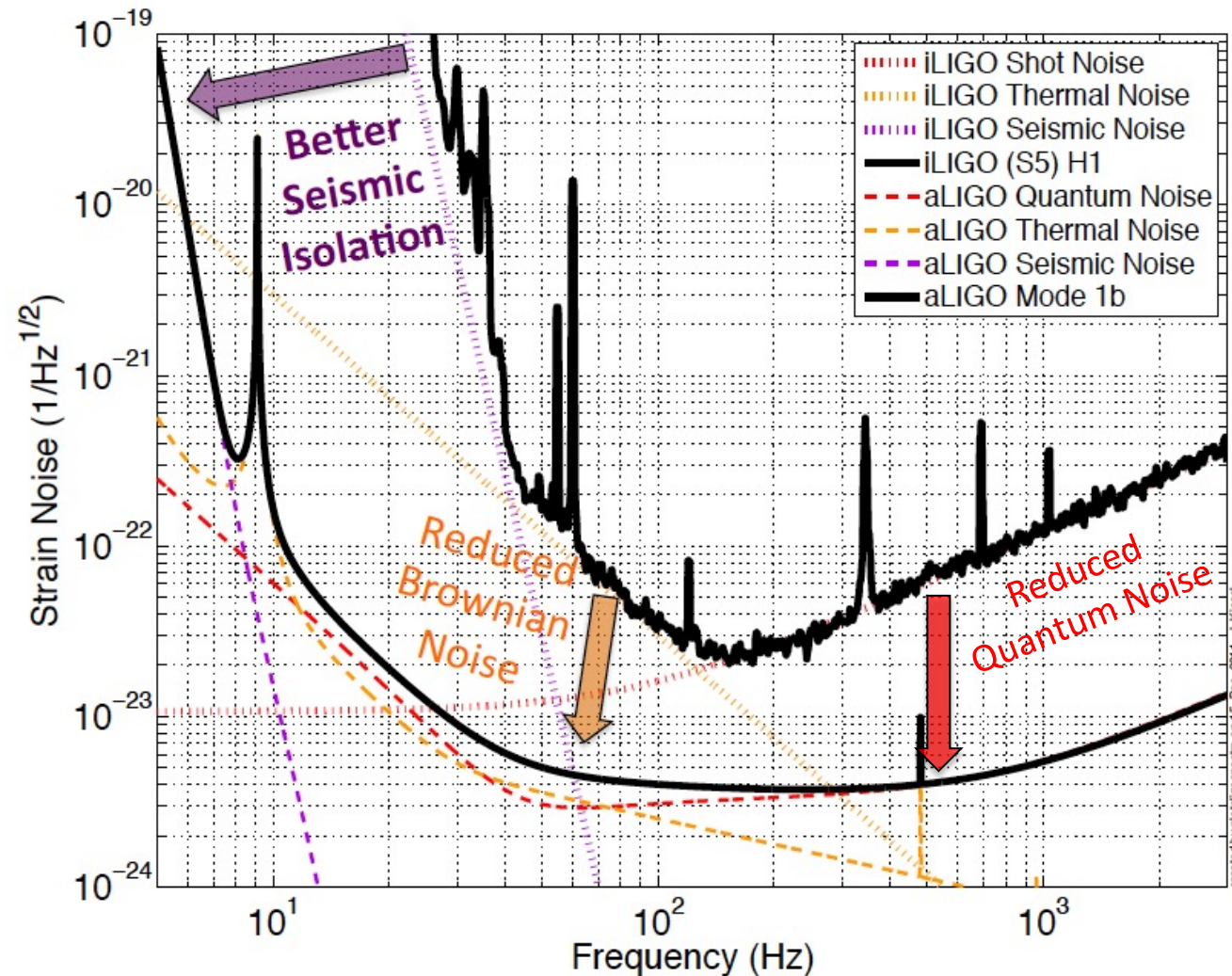
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Advanced LIGO vs. Initial LIGO



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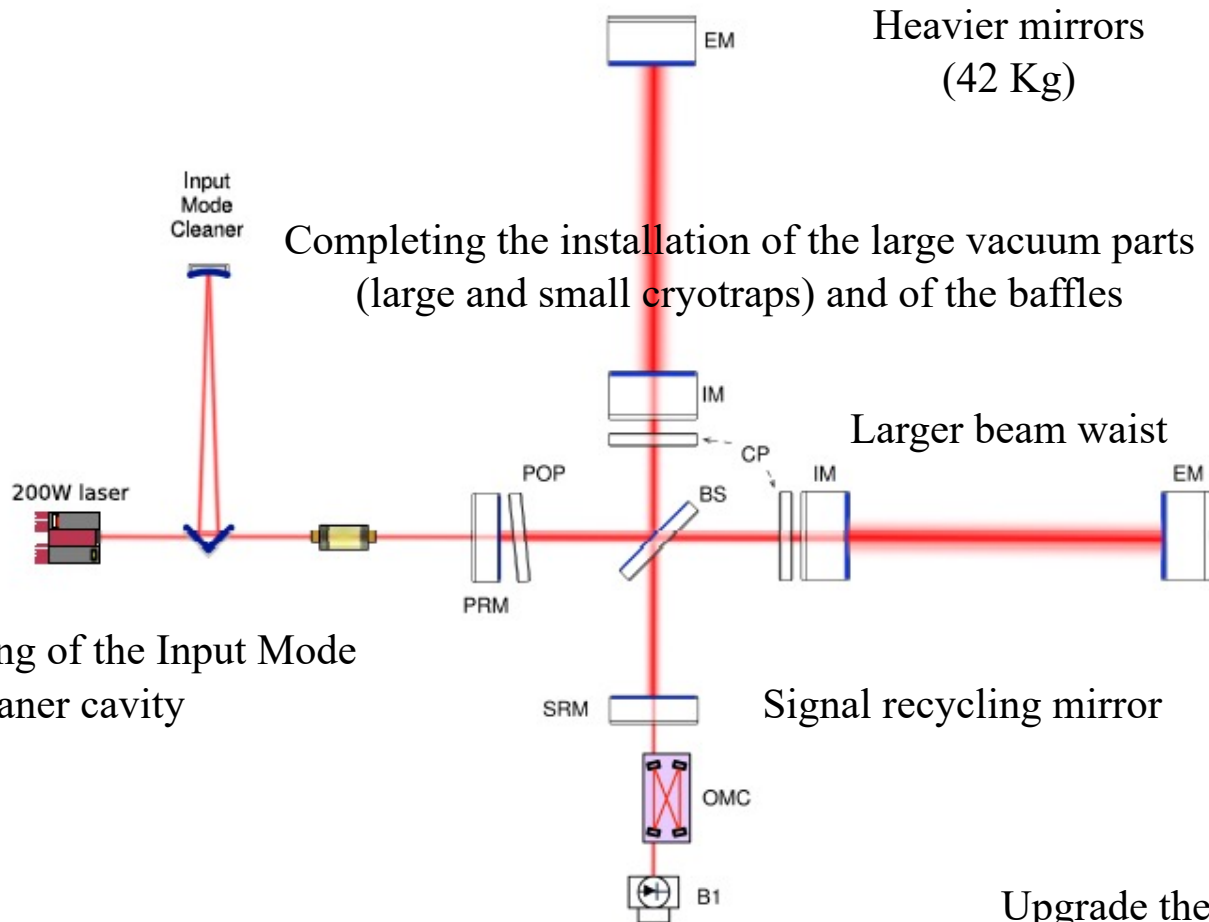
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– Quantum Noise:

180W Laser
40 kg test masses
Signal Extraction Cavity

Advanced Virgo Detector: optical layout

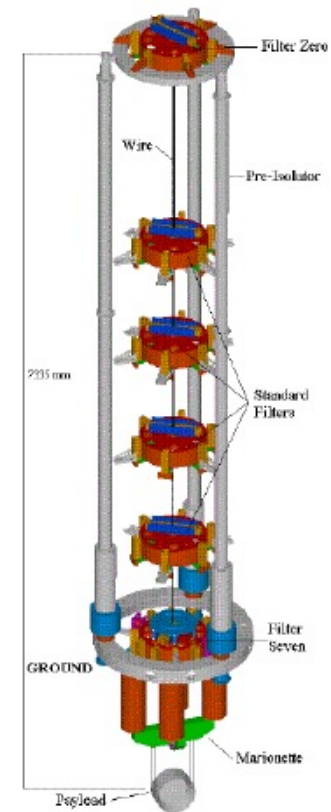


Commissioning of the Input Mode Cleaner cavity

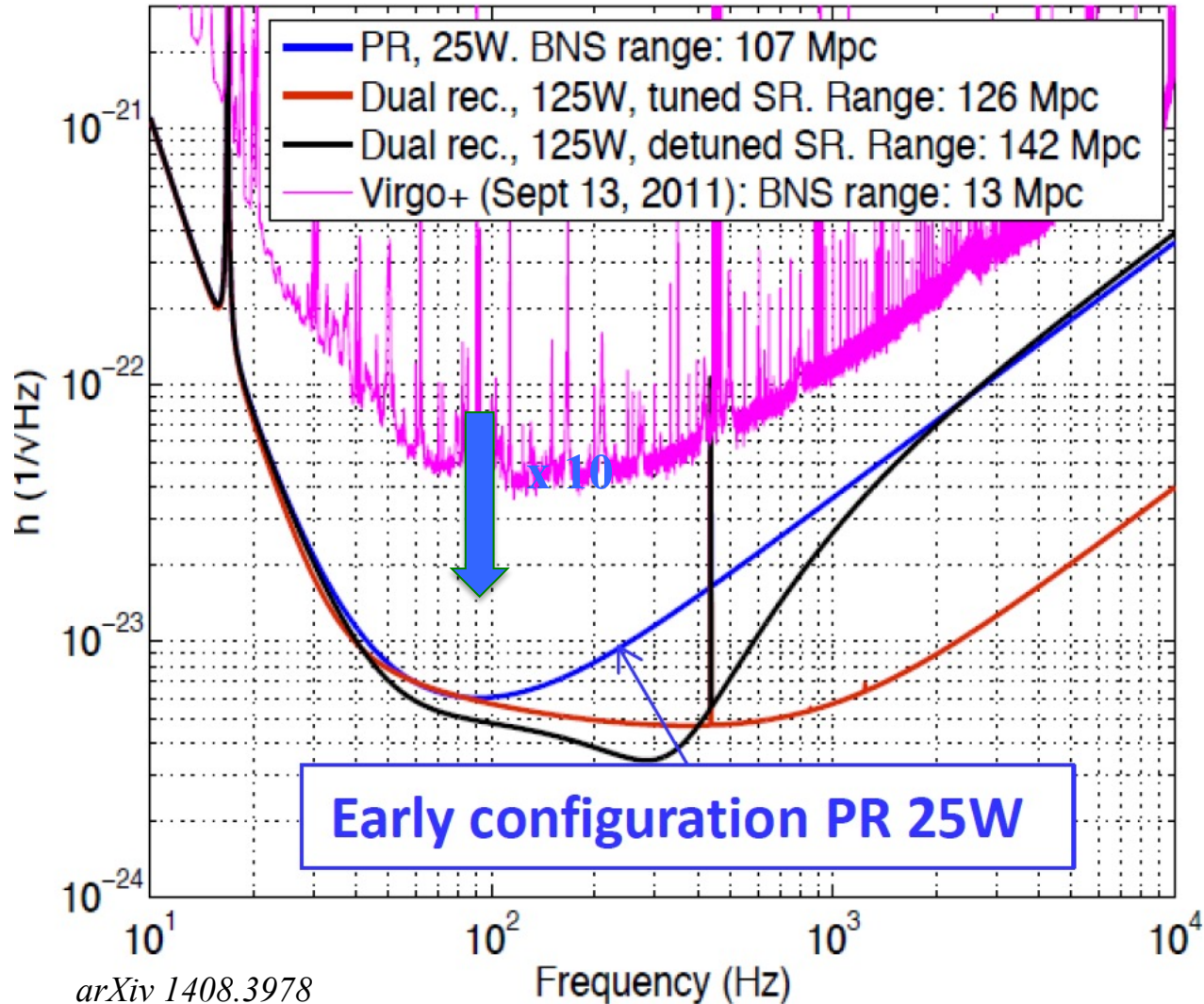
Completing the installation of the large vacuum parts (large and small cryotrap) and of the baffles

Preparation/installation of the suspended detection benches

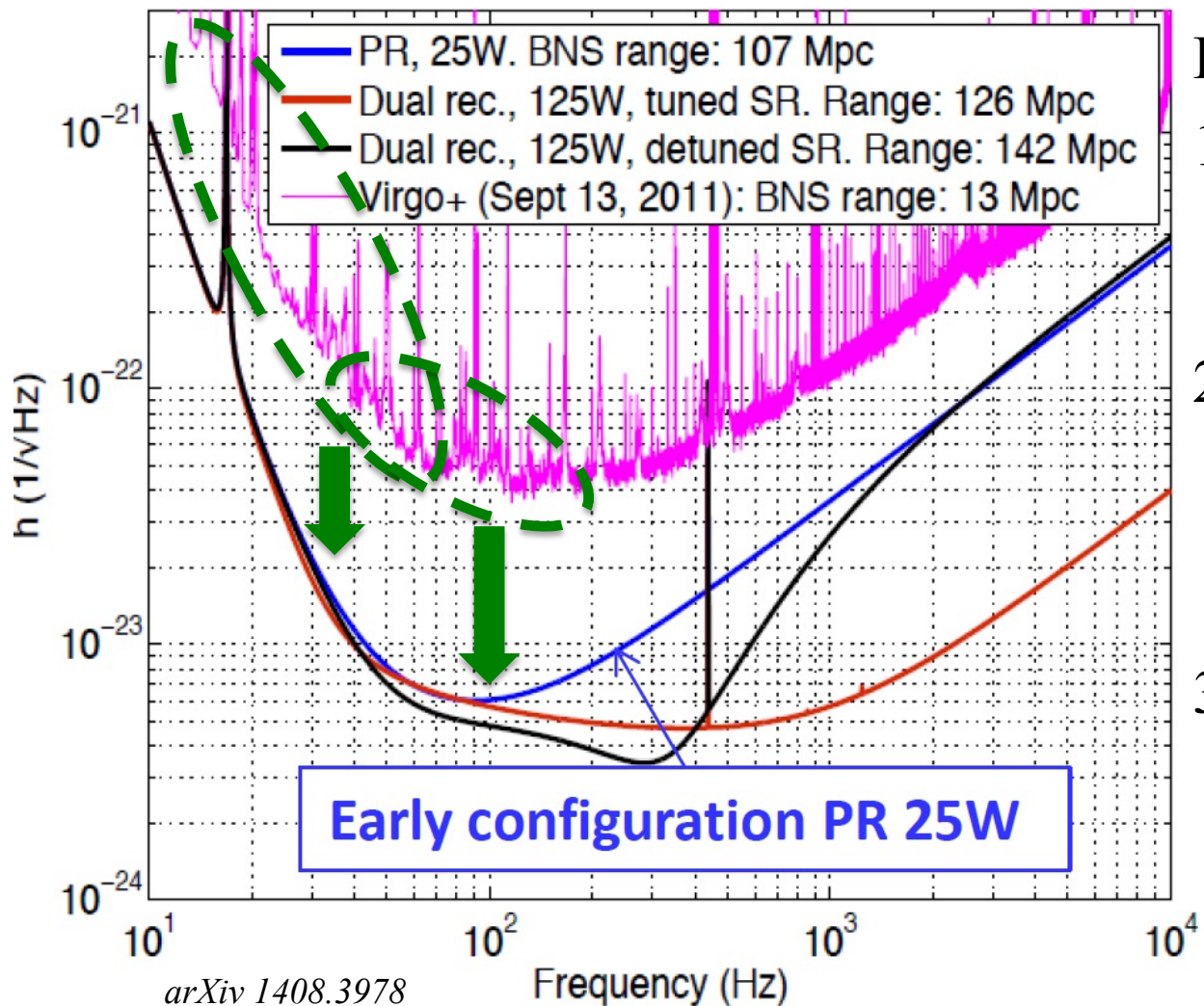
Upgrade the superattenuator: new payload, fused silica suspensions



Advanced Virgo vs. Virgo+



Advanced Virgo vs. Virgo+

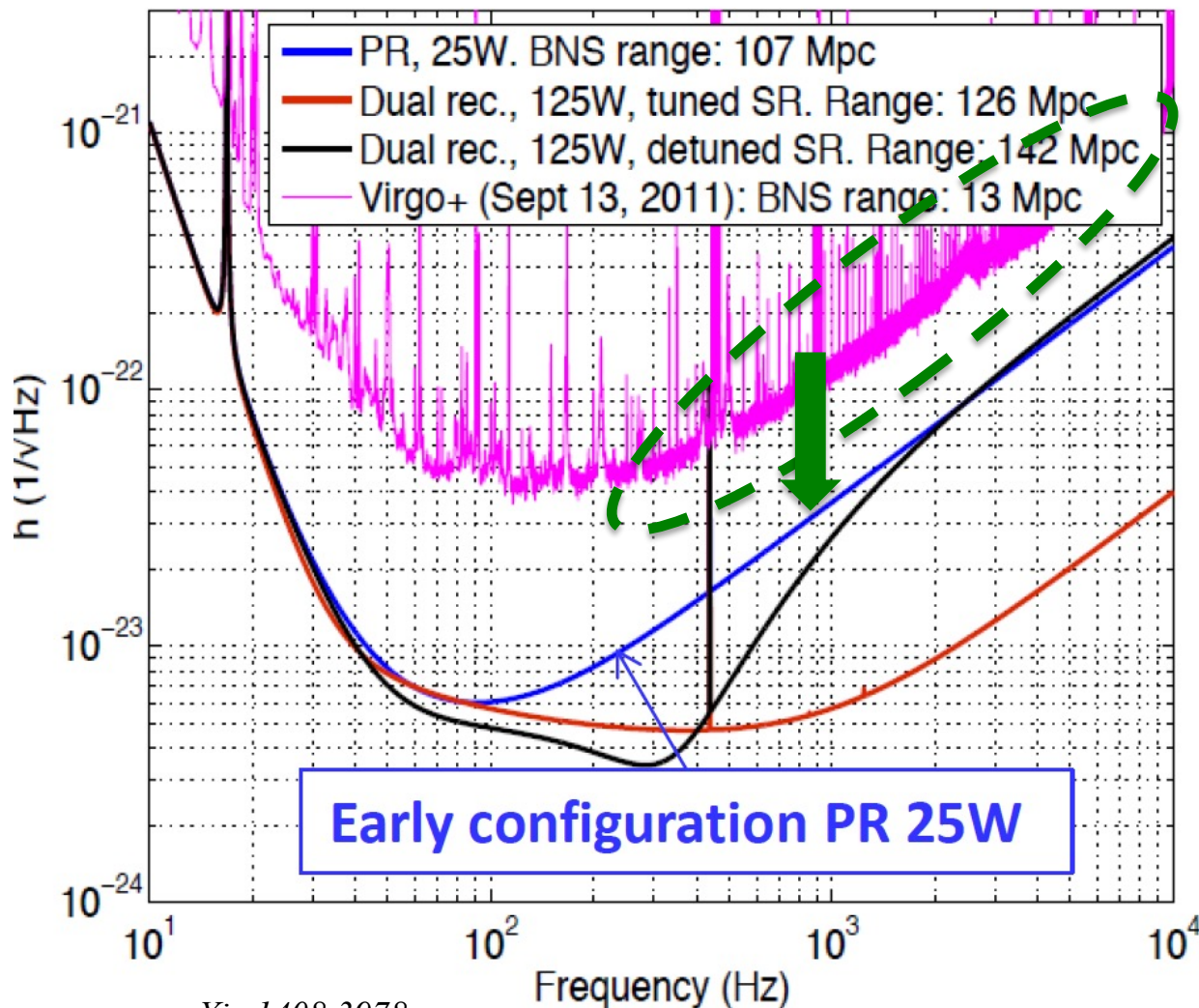


- **Thermal noise:**

Improved with

1. Optical configuration: larger beam spot
2. Test masses suspended by fused silica fibers (low mechanical losses)
3. Mirror coatings engineered for low losses

Advanced Virgo vs. Virgo+

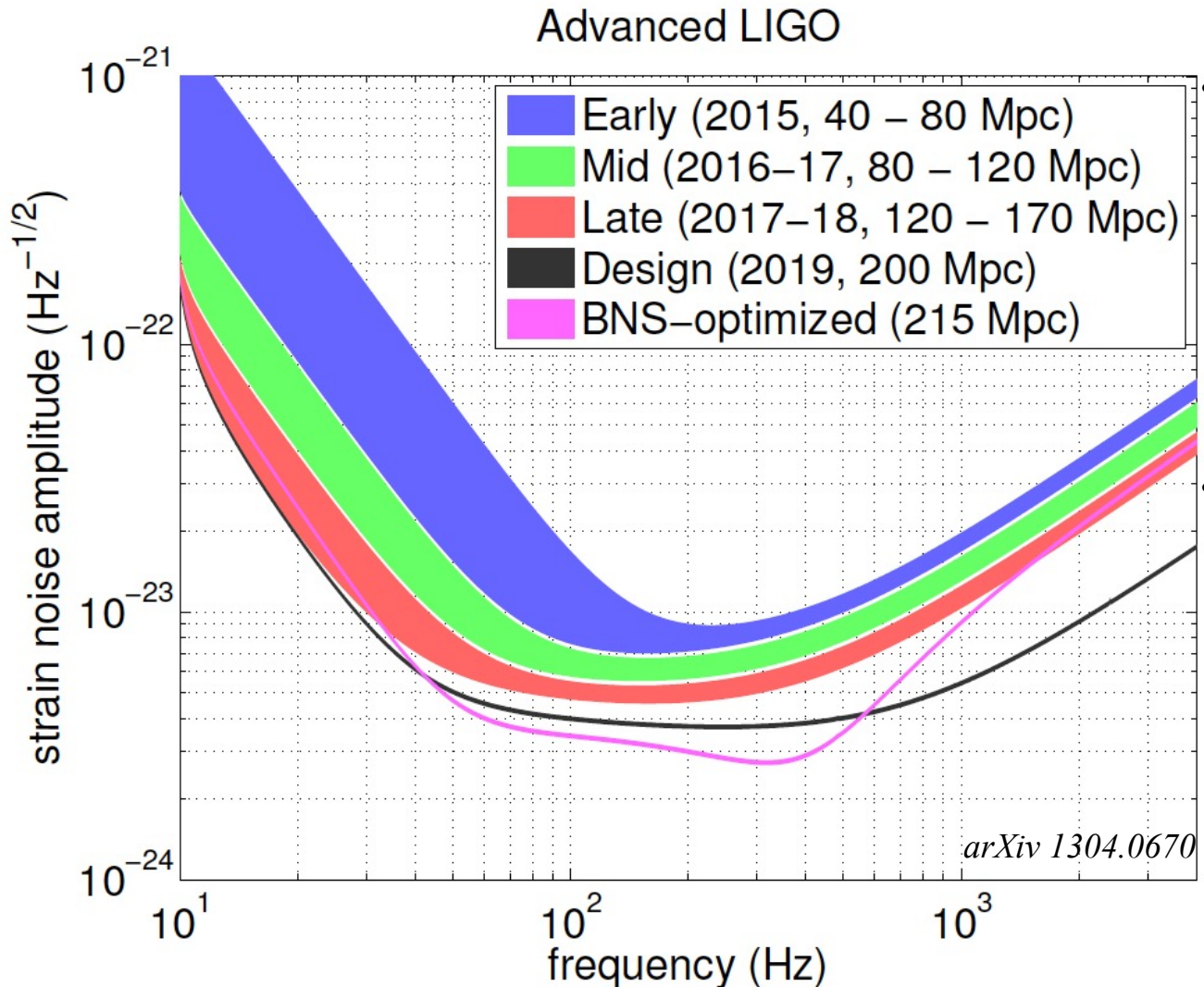


- **Laser shot noise:**

Improved with

1. Higher laser power: 125 W injected
2. Higher finesse of the arm cavities
3. Optical configuration: signal recycling

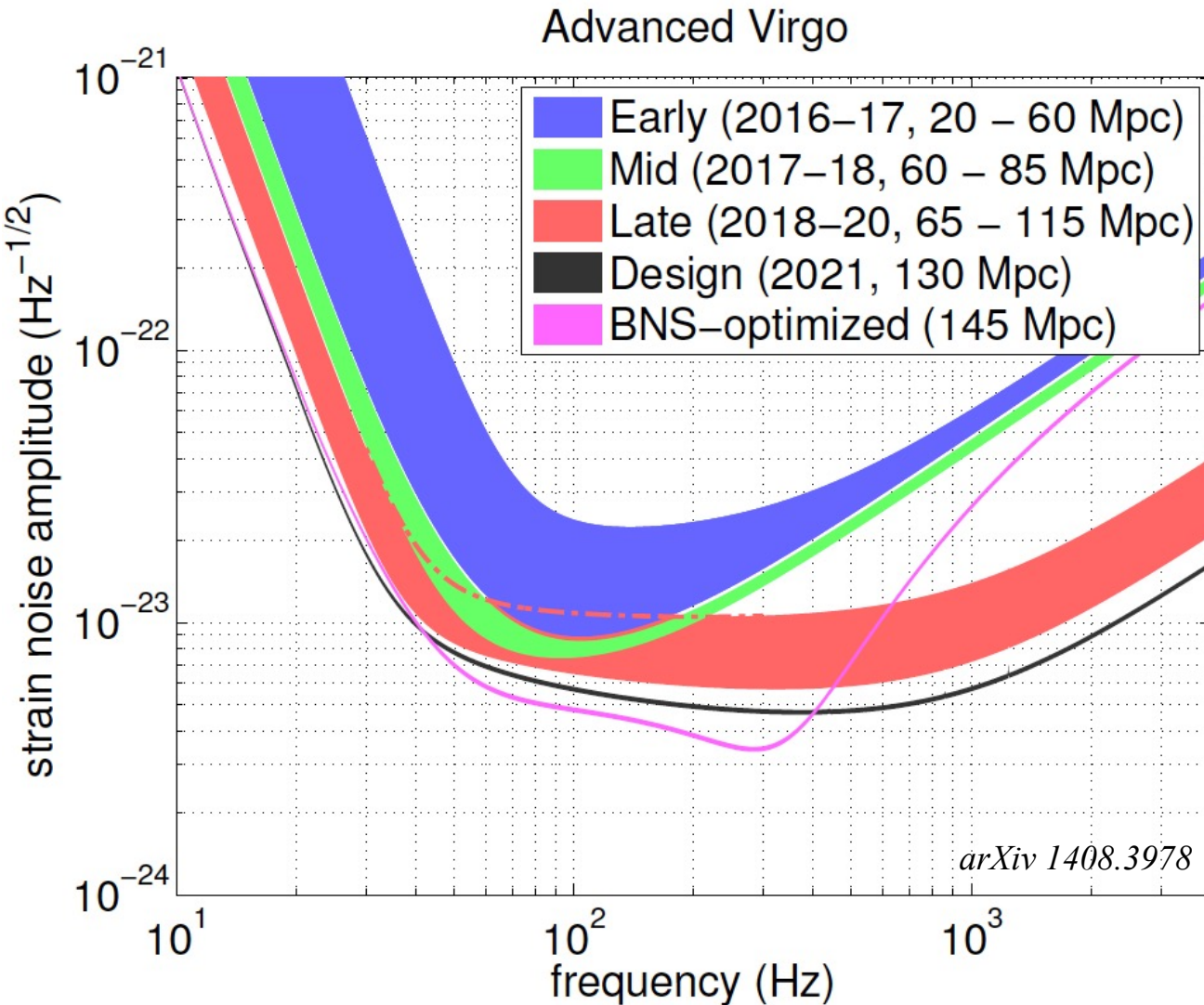
Advanced LIGO Evolution



A standard figure of merit for the sensitivity of an interferometer is the binary neutron star range: the volume and the orientation average distance at which a compact binary coalescence, consisting of two $1.4 M_{\text{sun}}$ neutron stars, gives a matched filter signal-to-noise-ratio of 8 in a single detector.

Current notions of the progression of sensitivity are given for early, middle, and late commissioning phases, as well as the final design sensitivity target and the BNS-optimized sensitivity.

Advanced Virgo Evolution



- The average distance to which binary neutron star (BNS) signals could be seen is given in Mpc.
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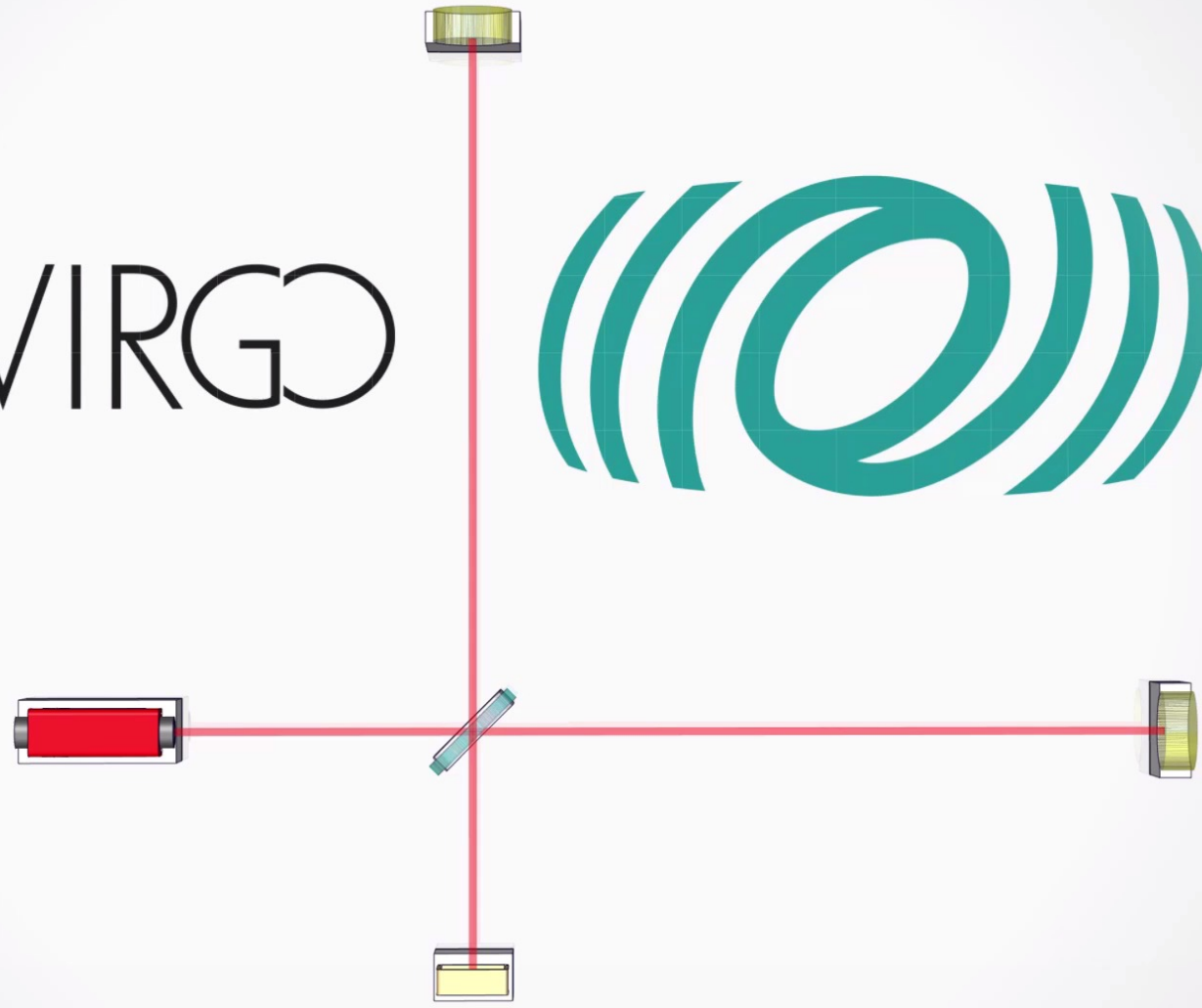
Estimated observing scenario



Epoch	Estimated Run Duration	$E_{\text{GW}} = 10^{-2} M_{\odot} c^2$ Burst Range (Mpc)		BNS Range (Mpc)		Number of BNS Detections	% BNS Localized within	
		LIGO	Virgo	LIGO	Virgo		5 deg ²	20 deg ²
2015	3 months	40 – 60	–	40 – 80	–	0.0004 – 3	–	–
2016–17	6 months	60 – 75	20 – 40	80 – 120	20 – 60	0.006 – 20	2	5 – 12
2017–18	9 months	75 – 90	40 – 50	120 – 170	60 – 85	0.04 – 100	1 – 2	10 – 12
2019+	(per year)	105	40 – 80	200	65 – 130	0.2 – 200	3 – 8	8 – 28
2022+ (India)	(per year)	105	80	200	130	0.4 – 400	17	48

Table 1: Summary of a plausible observing schedule, expected sensitivities, and source localization with the advanced LIGO and Virgo detectors, which will be strongly dependent on the detectors' commissioning progress. The burst ranges assume standard-candle emission of $10^{-2} M_{\odot} c^2$ in GWs at 150 Hz and scale as $E_{\text{GW}}^{1/2}$. The burst and binary neutron star (BNS) ranges and the BNS localizations reflect the uncertainty in the detector noise spectra shown in Fig. 1. The BNS detection numbers also account for the uncertainty in the BNS source rate density [28], and are computed assuming a false alarm rate of 10^{-2} yr^{-1} . Burst localizations are expected to be broadly similar to those for BNS systems, but will vary depending on the signal bandwidth. Localization and detection numbers assume an 80% duty cycle for each instrument.

VIRGO





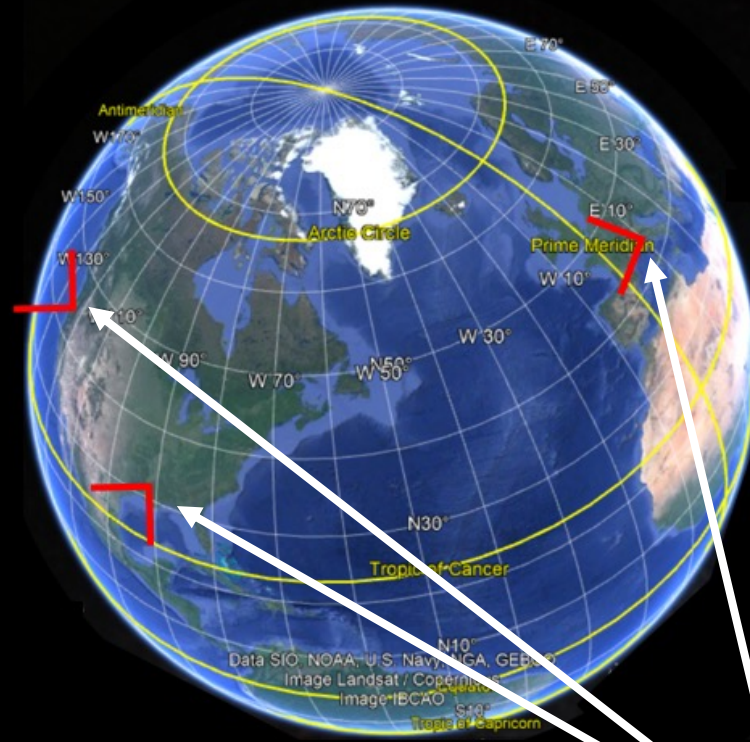
Virgo, Cascina, Italy



LIGO, Livingston, LA



LIGO, Hanford, WA



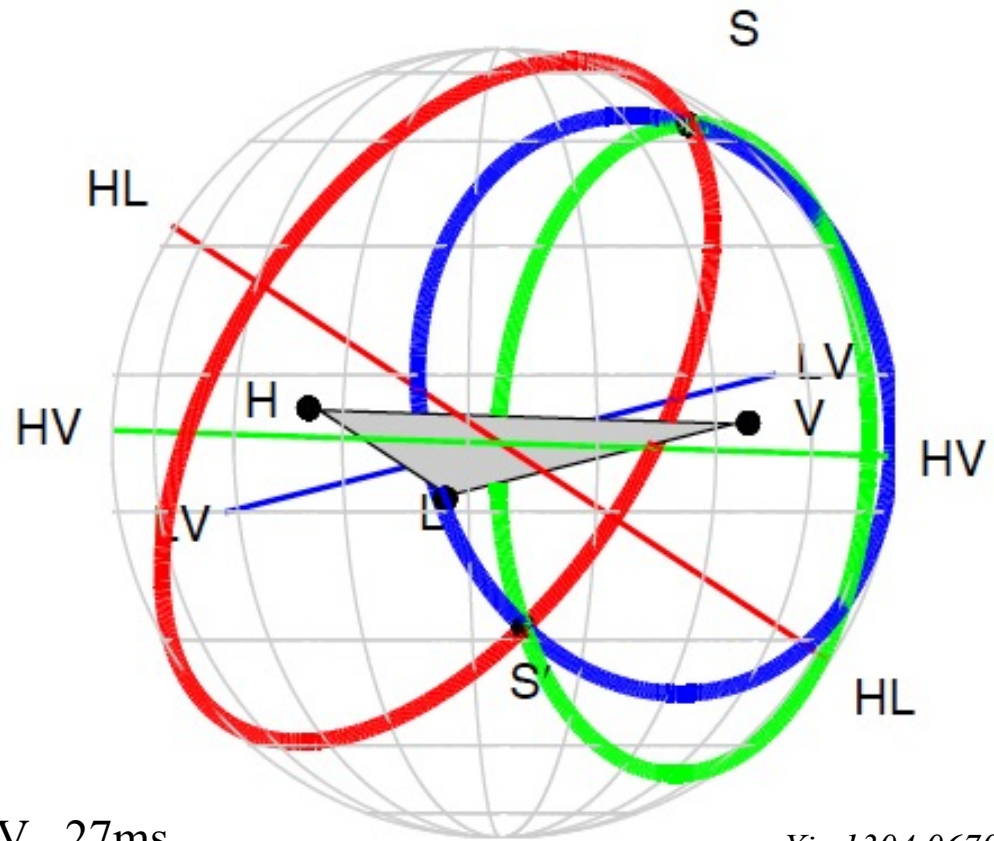
By measuring the arrival time of the gravitational-wave at each observatory, it's possible to identify its location on the sky

A single GW observatory is mostly insensitive to the sky location; we want two and preferably three or more observatories

Sky localization: triangulation



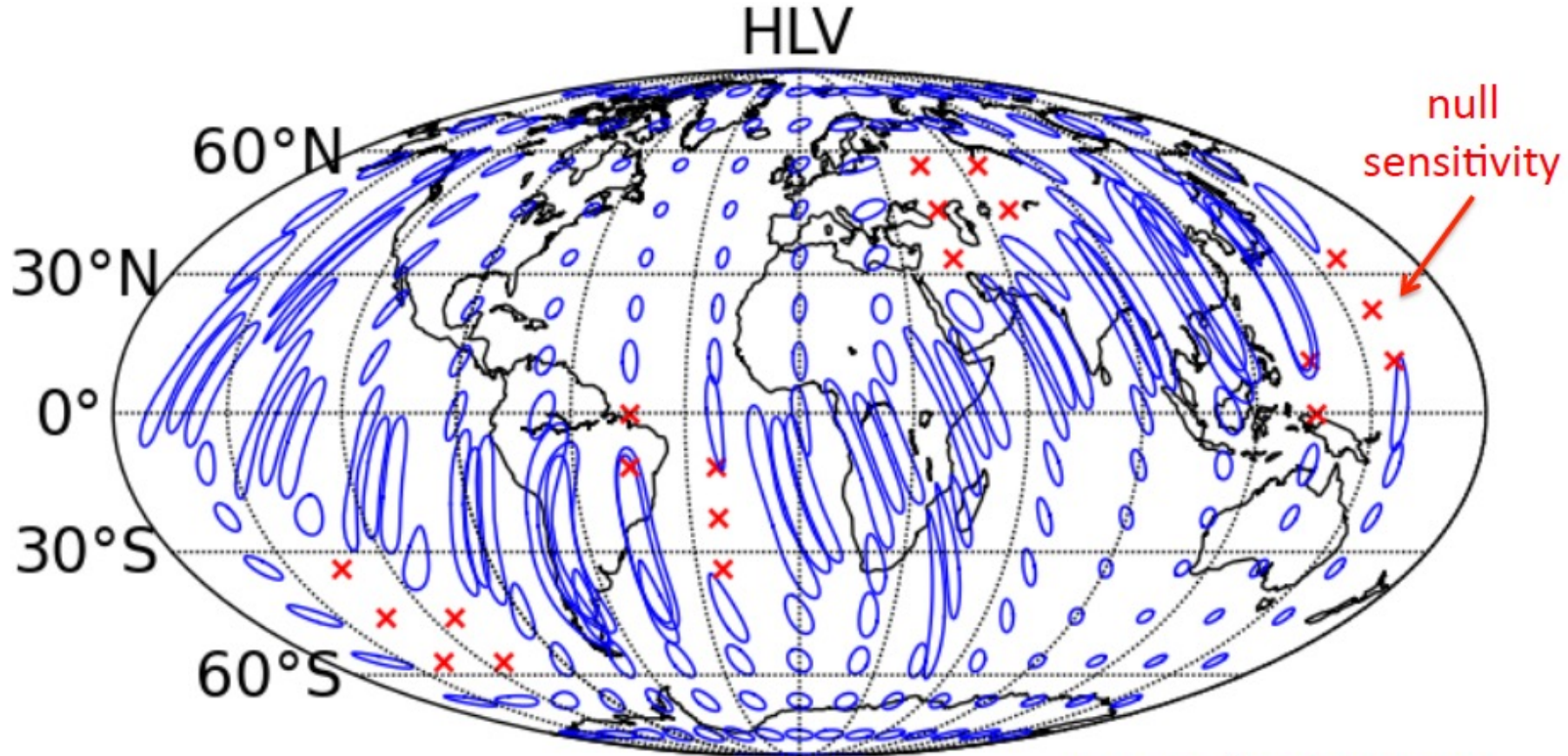
- A pair of detectors localizes to a ring on the sky.
- Width of rings depends upon timing accuracy and distance between detectors.
- More widely spaced detectors improves localization



LH \leftrightarrow V 27ms
LH \leftrightarrow LL 10ms

arXiv 1304.0670

Sky localization – 2015



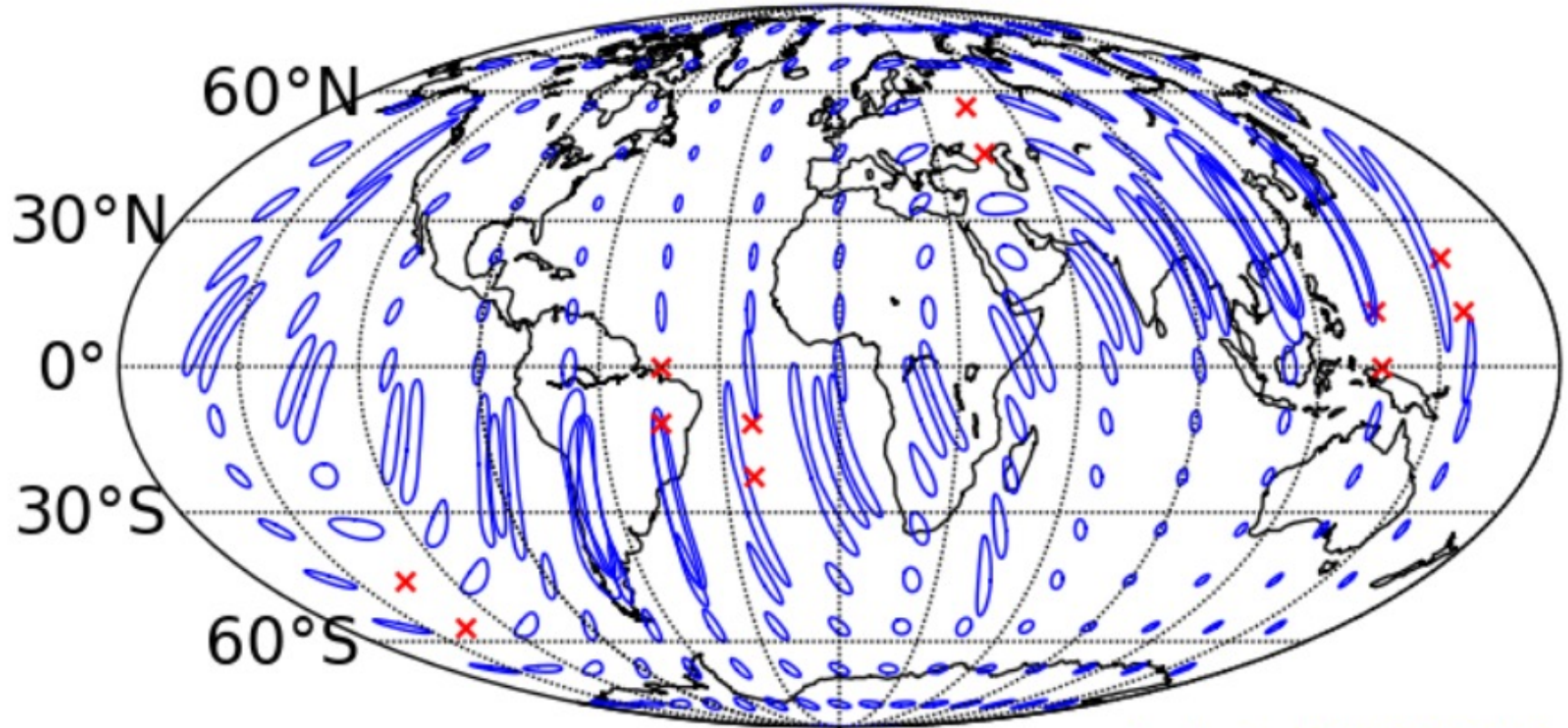
Aasi et al. 1304.0670

Localization expected for a BNS system at 80 Mpc by the HLV network. The ellipses show 90% confidence localization areas and the red crosses regions of the sky where the signal would not be confidently detected.

Sky localization – 2019+ (design)



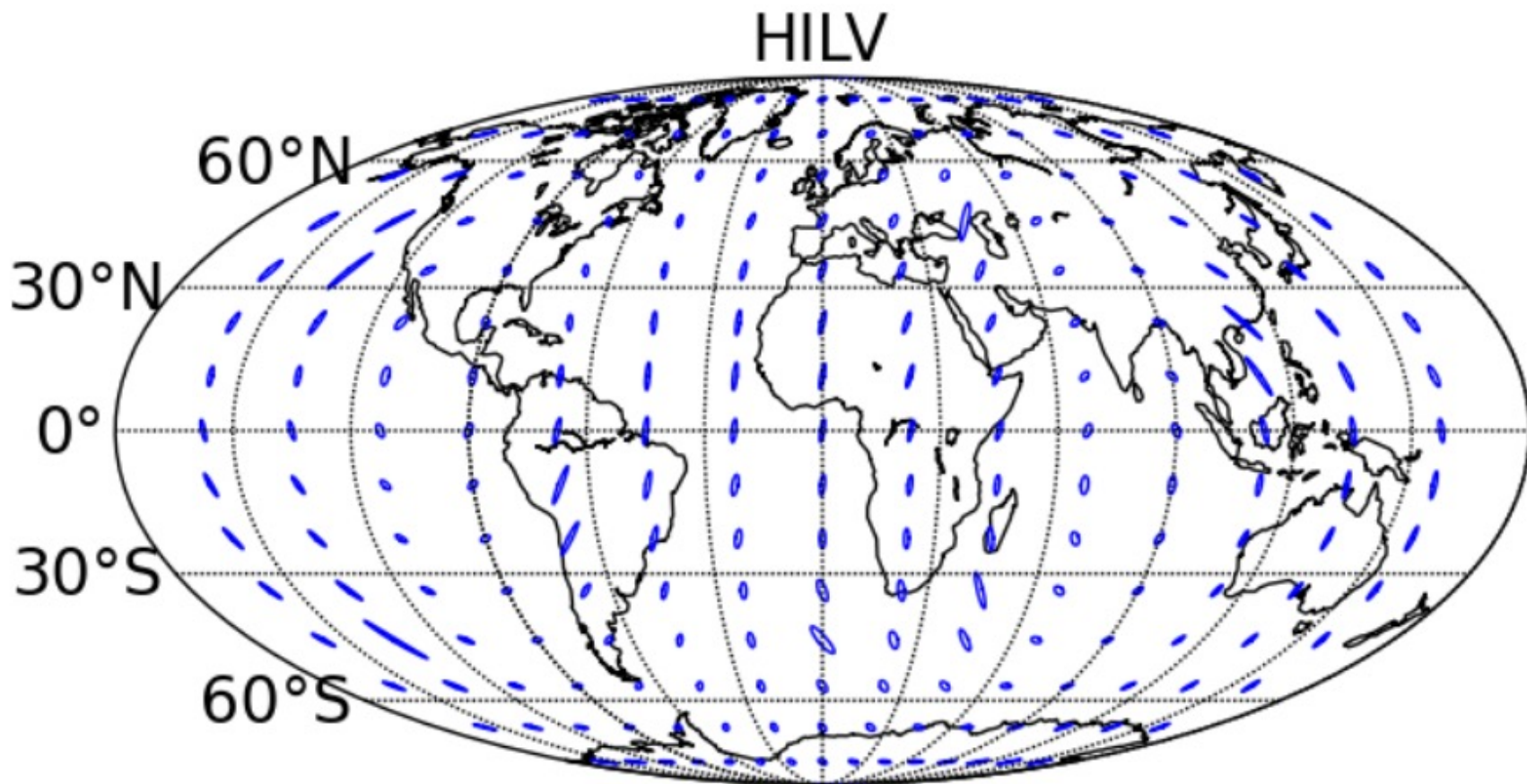
HLV



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Localization expected for a BNS system at 160 Mpc by the HLV network. The ellipses show 90% confidence localization areas and the red crosses regions of the sky where the signal would not be confidently detected.

Sky localization – 2022+ (LIGO-India)

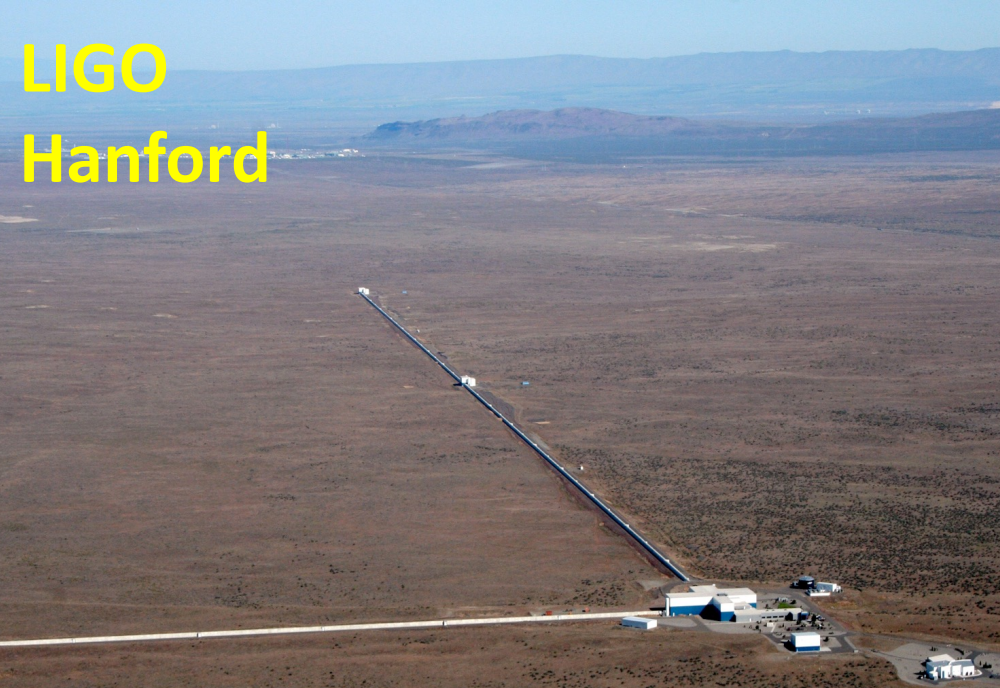


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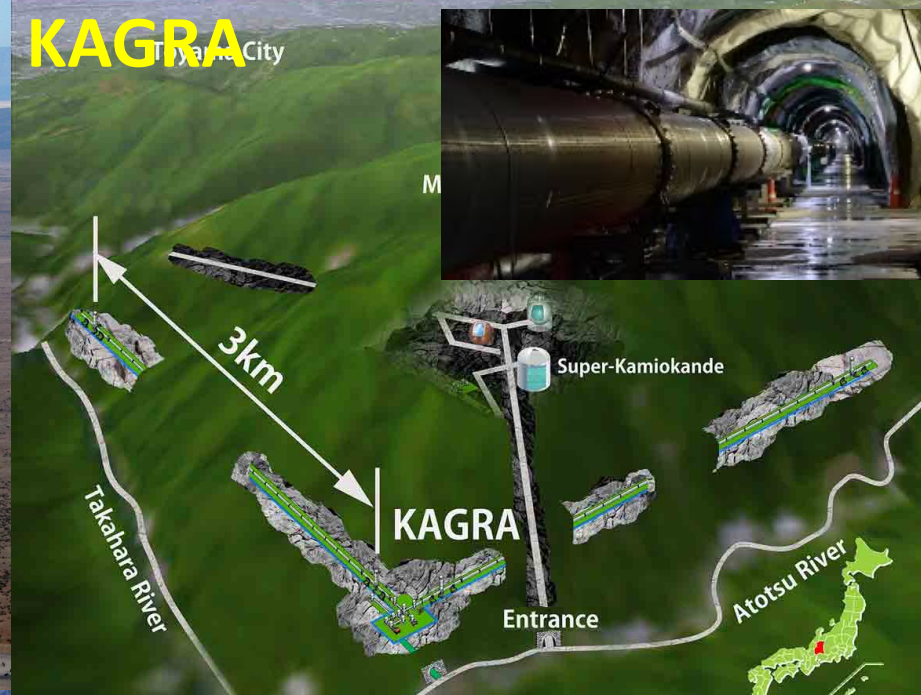
Localization expected for a BNS system at 160 Mpc by all detectors at final design sensitivity. The inclusion of a fourth site in India provides good localization over the whole sky.

LIGO-KAGRA network qualitatively similar. (Fairhurst 2011)

LIGO
Hanford



LIGO
Livingston

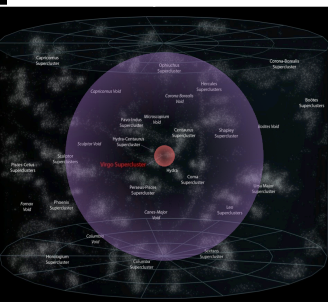
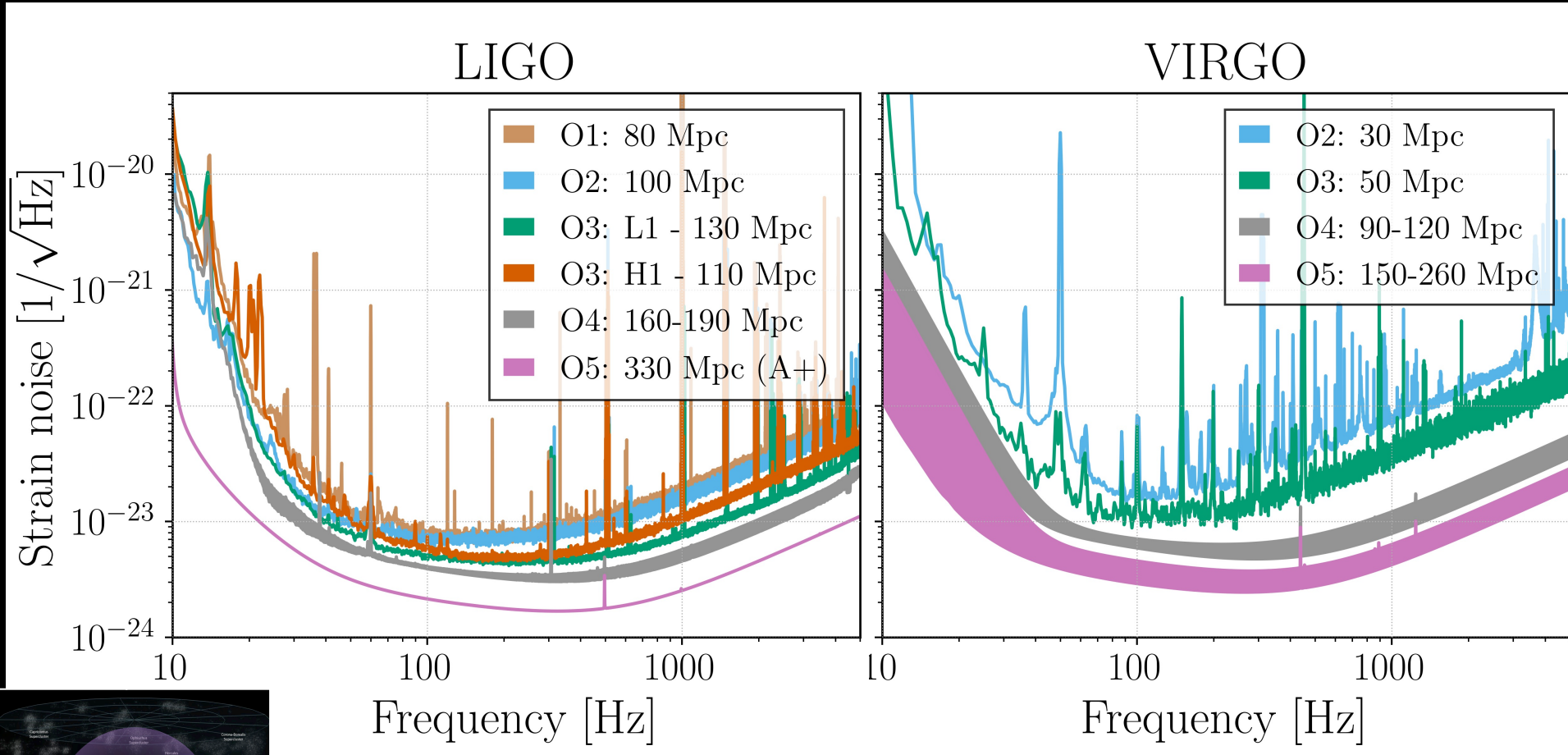


Virgo



Upgrades do Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo and LIGO

Detector noise expressed as equivalent GW strain

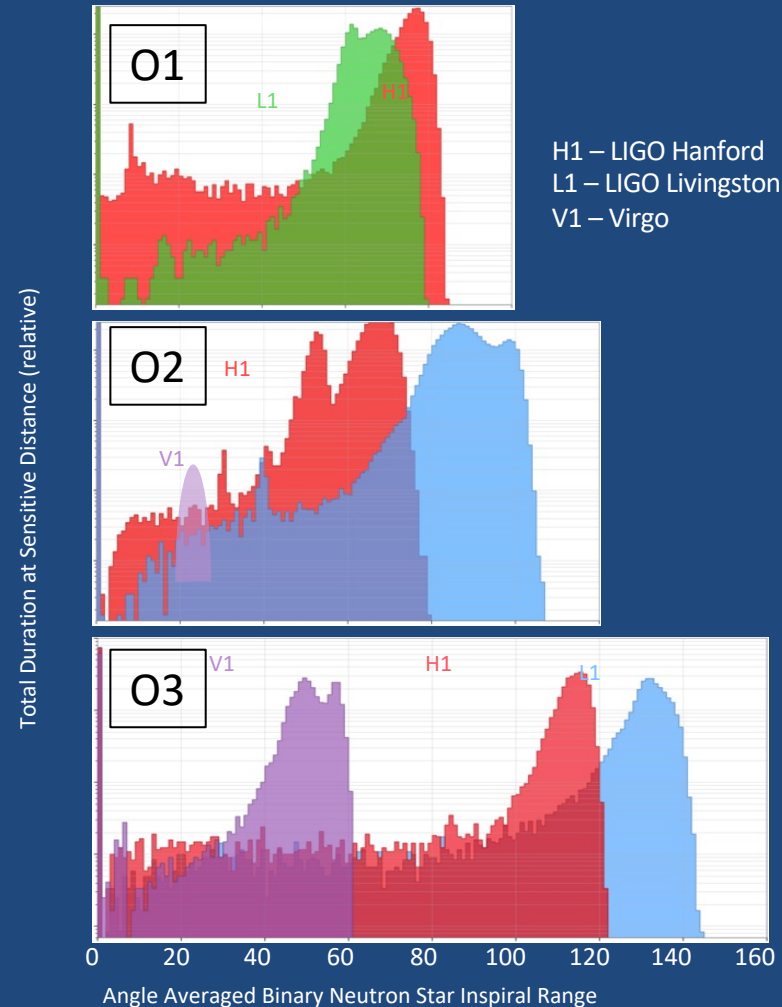
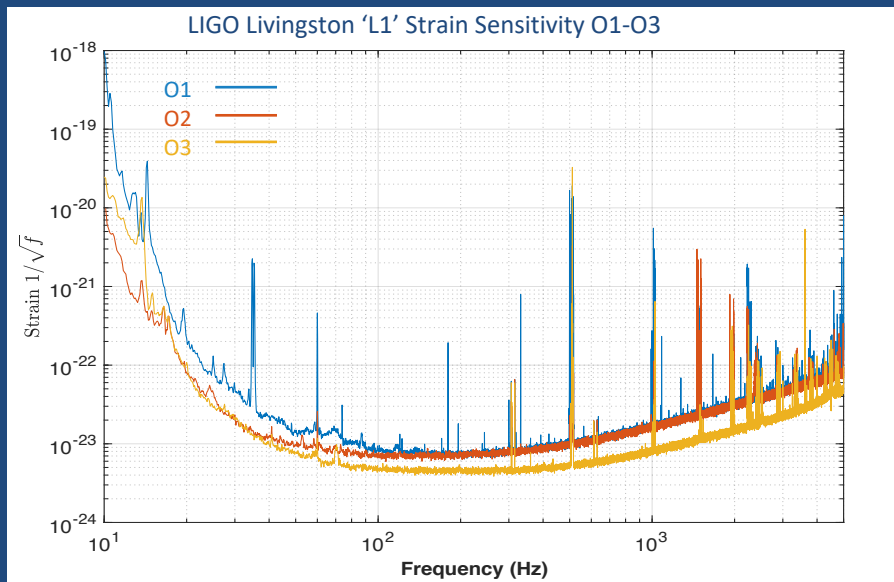


Upcoming update of the LIGO-VIRGO-KAGRA observing scenario document



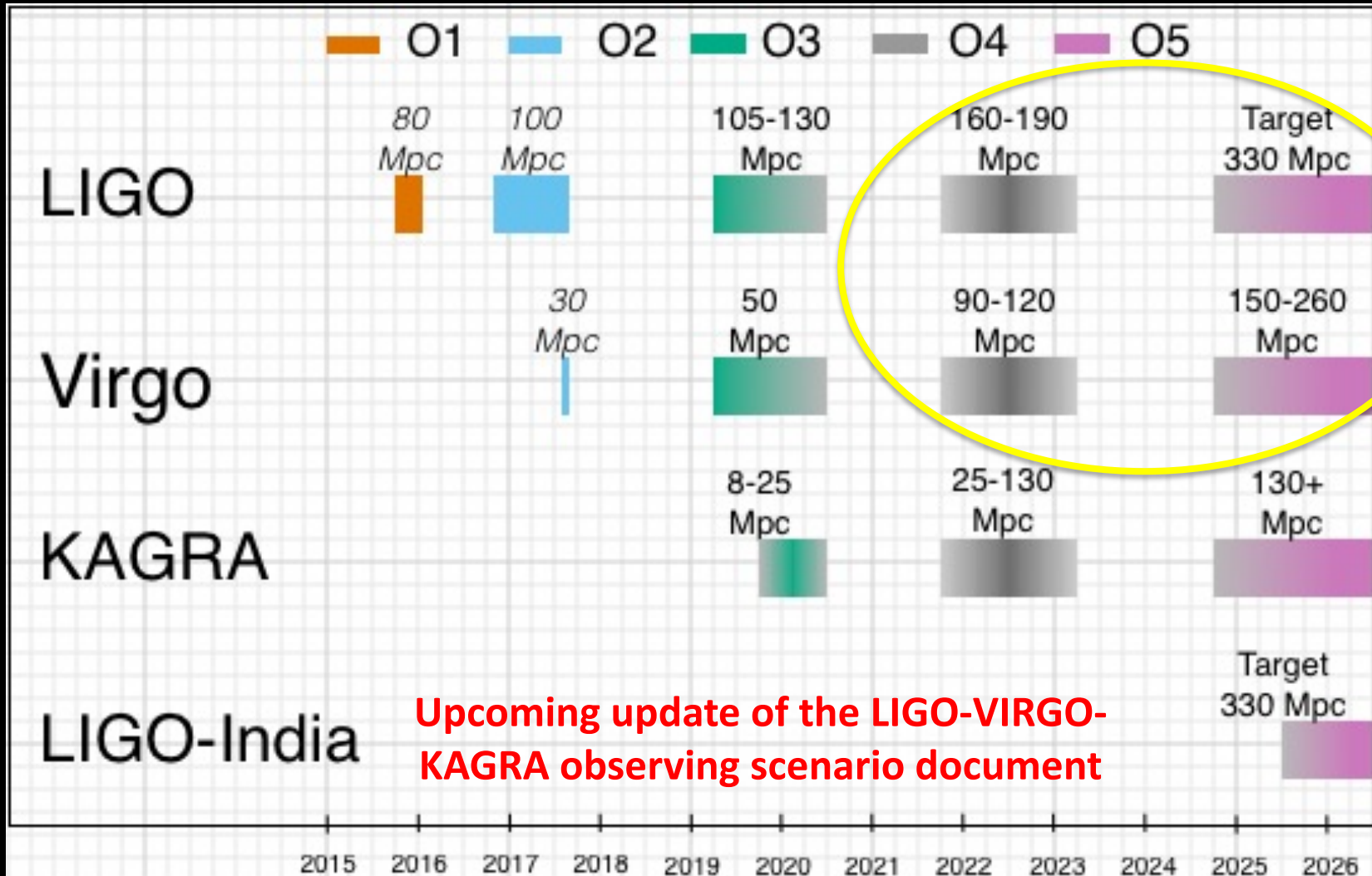
Ground-based Detector Performance O1-O3

- Advanced detector network began operations in Sept 2015
- O1 Observing Run: Sept 12, 2015 – Jan 19, 2016
 - Two detector run: LIGO H1,L1
- O2 Observing Run: Nov 20, 2016 – Aug 25, 2017
 - Three detector run: LIGO H1, L1; Virgo V1 (Aug 1 - Aug 25, 2017)
- O3 Observing Run: April 1, 2019 – Mar 27, 2020
 - Three detector run: LIGO H1, L1; Virgo V1
 - April 2020: O3GK run with KAGRA and GEO600





Observing Run Timeline





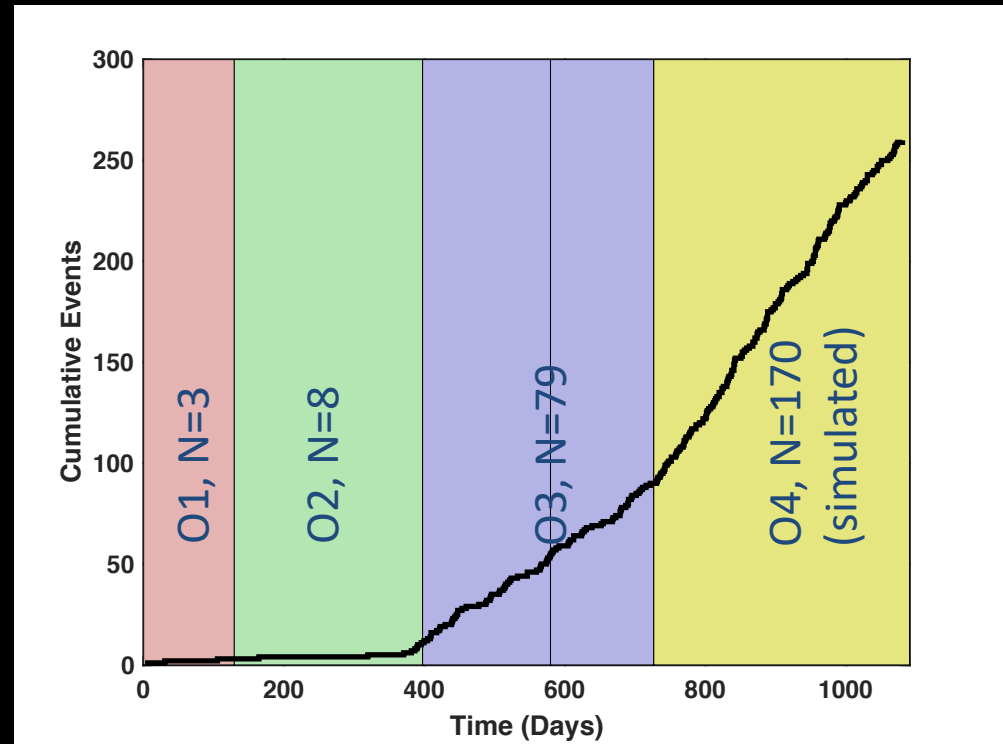
O4 Will be Better Than O3!

- There is a compelling scientific rationale for carrying out detector upgrades.
- SNR scales with sensitivity - Improved sensitivity produces higher SNR events
 - Critical for probing BBH ringdown, BNS postmerger dynamics, improved tests of GR, ...

Simulated O4 event stream, assuming

- 190 Mpc BNS range for H1, L1
- 90 Mpc BNS range for Virgo

Simulated Event Stream for a one year duration O4 run





Path to better detectors

- **More of the same, but even better:** more power, more squeezing, bigger/heavier masses, lower loss mirror coatings, better suspensions, ...
- **New technologies:** alternative wavelengths + cryogenics, alternative optical configurations, ..

- **Make it longer:** take advantage of scaling of noises with arm length
- **Go Underground:** access low frequencies
- **New concepts:** triangular shape, xylophone, ..

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After O4, another break will be taken to complete upgrades and to continue improving KAGRA 's sensitivity

Start and end states are to be determined

Following these upgrades, the O5 run is planned in the middle of the decade

Start date paced by O4 duration and follow on break

Later this decade: LIGO-India

A third LIGO Observatory identical to two US LIGO Observatories located in Maharashtra, India

Detector components supplied by the USA; observatory construction and operation carried out by India

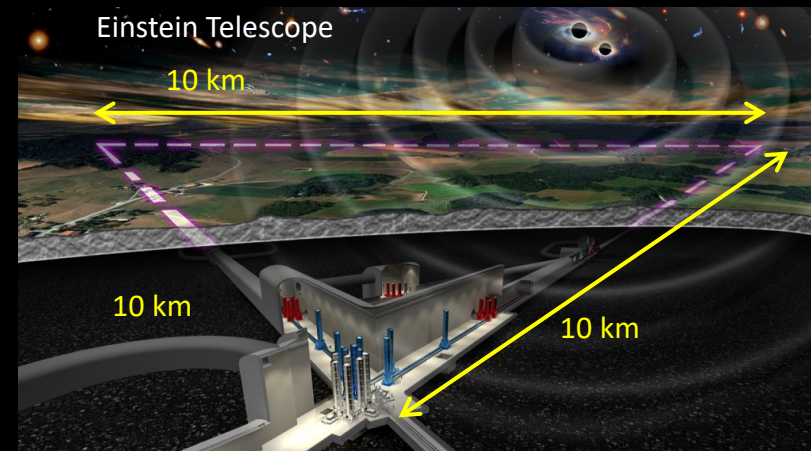
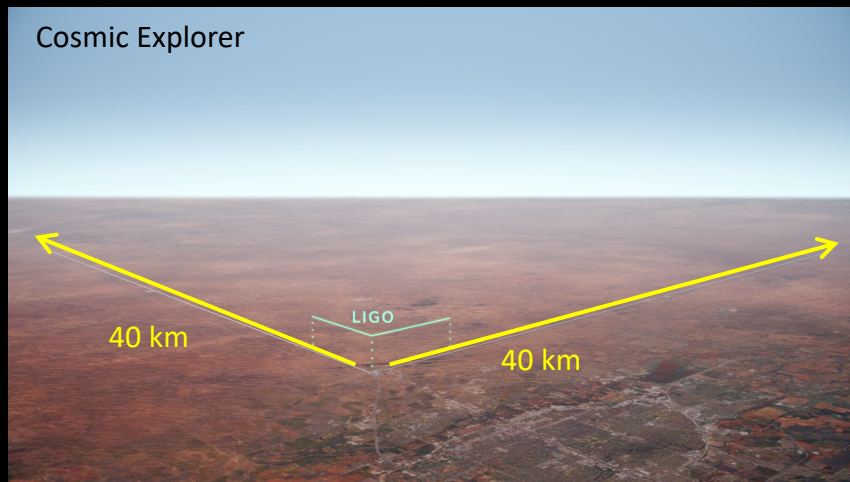
Project approved by India in 2016, now awaiting construction funding

2030s: Construction of a new generation of GW observatories targeting a 10X increase in sensitivity over the current GW observatory network

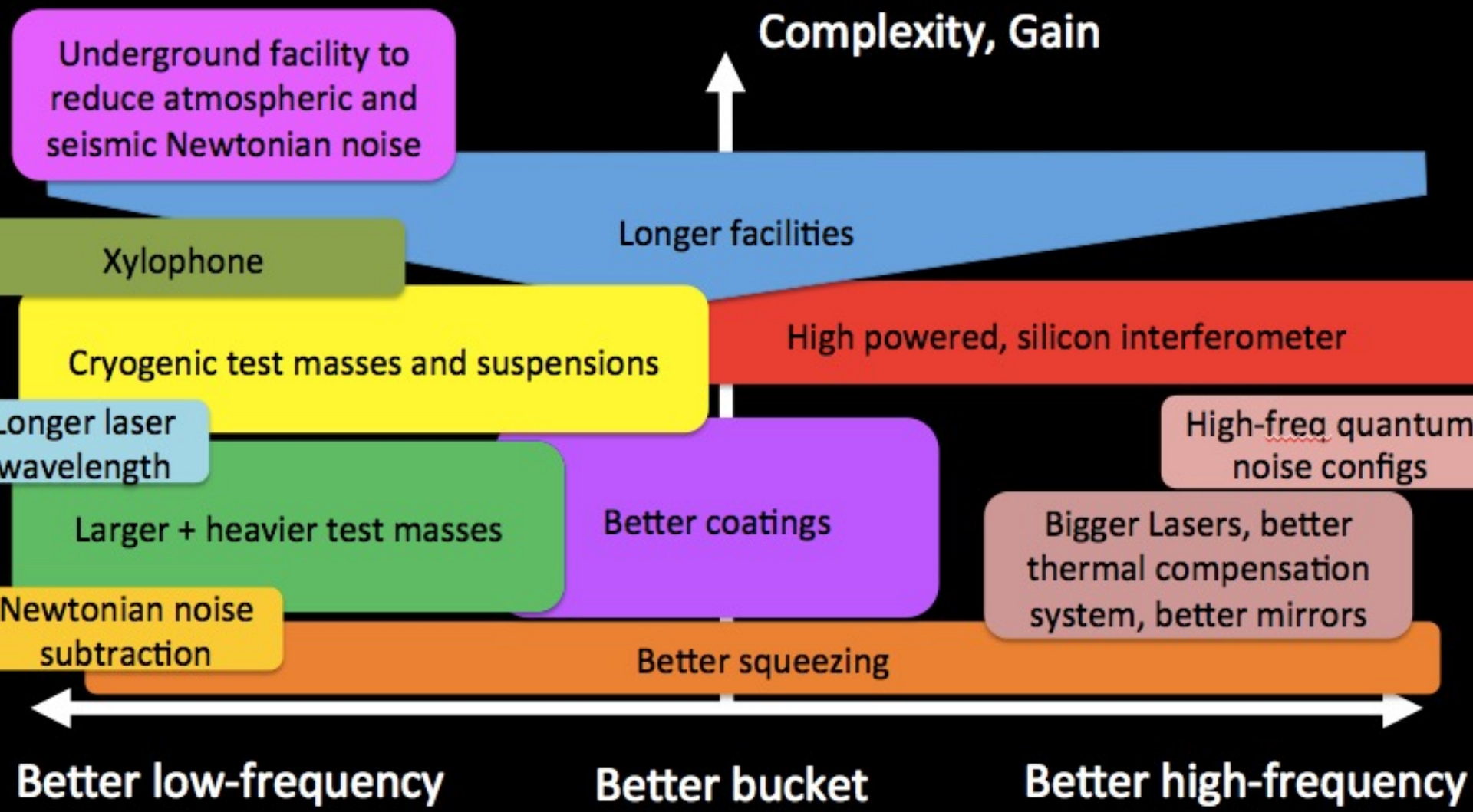
Europe: Einstein Telescope

USA: Cosmic Explorer

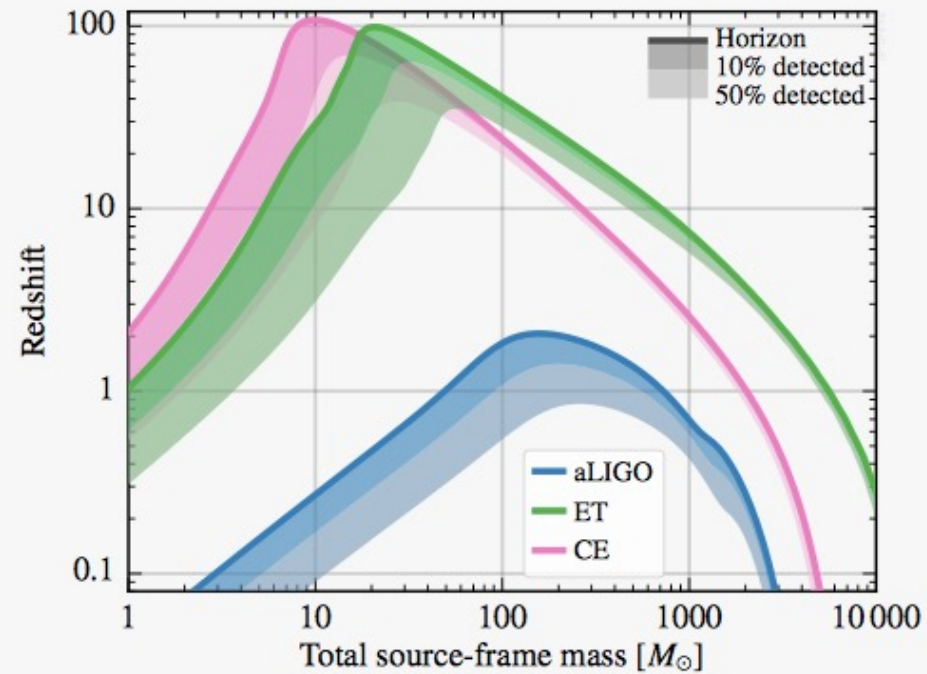
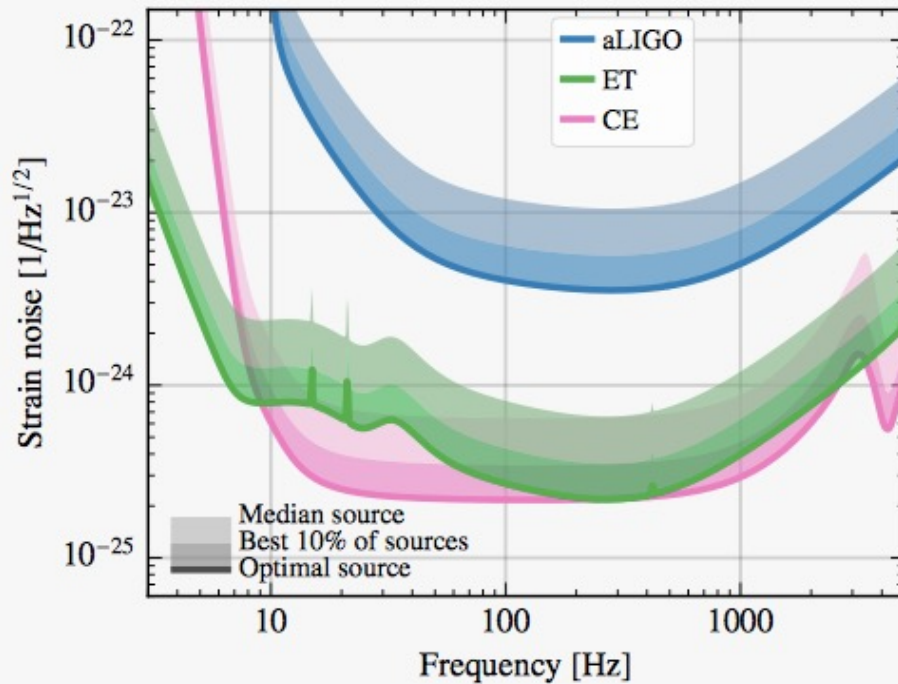
Looking Further in the Future



3G Instrumentation Roadmap



3rd Generation Ground-based Gravitational-wave Observatory => 3G



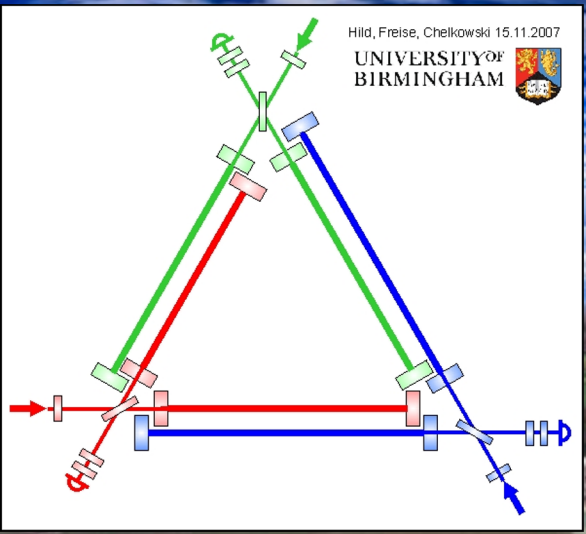
- *explore* new physics in gravity and in the fundamental properties of compact objects,
- *determine* the properties of the hottest and densest matter in the Universe,
- *reveal* the merging black hole population throughout the Universe and search for massive black hole seeds,
- *understand* the physical processes and mechanisms that underlie the most powerful astrophysical phenomena,
- *investigate* the particle physics of the primeval Universe and probe its dark sectors.



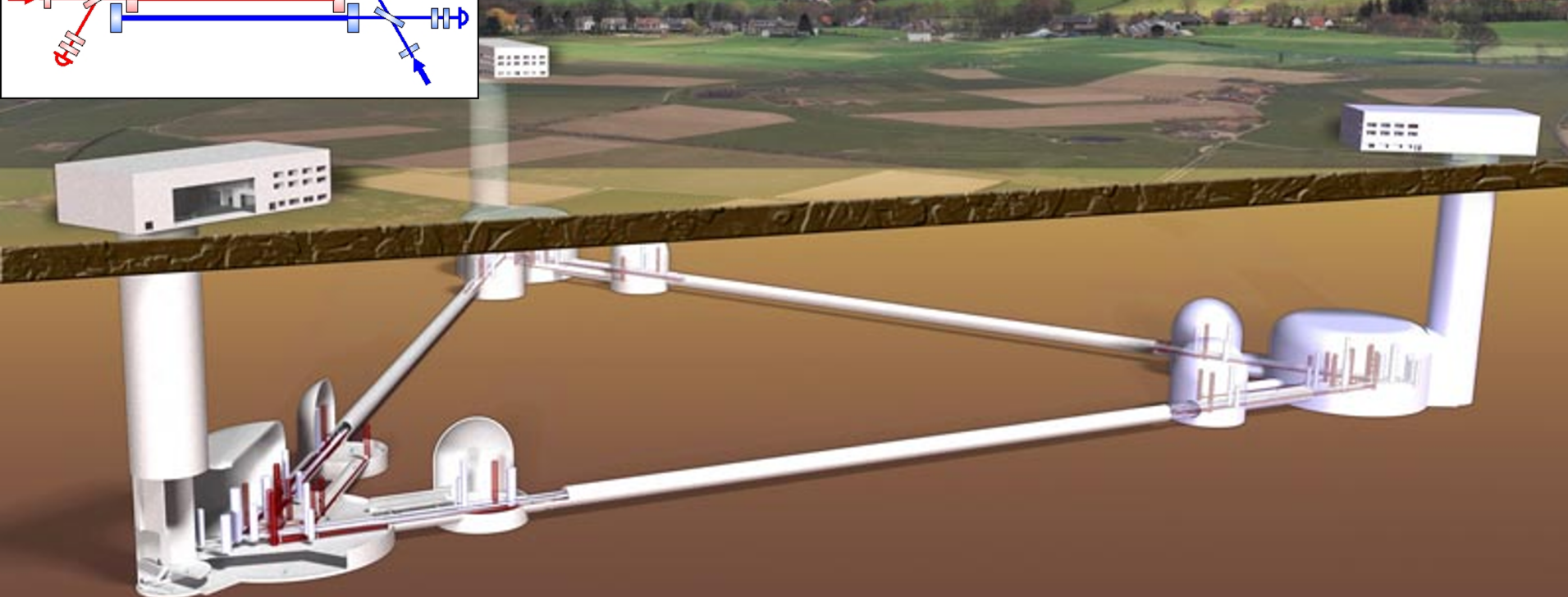
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The ET Collaboration



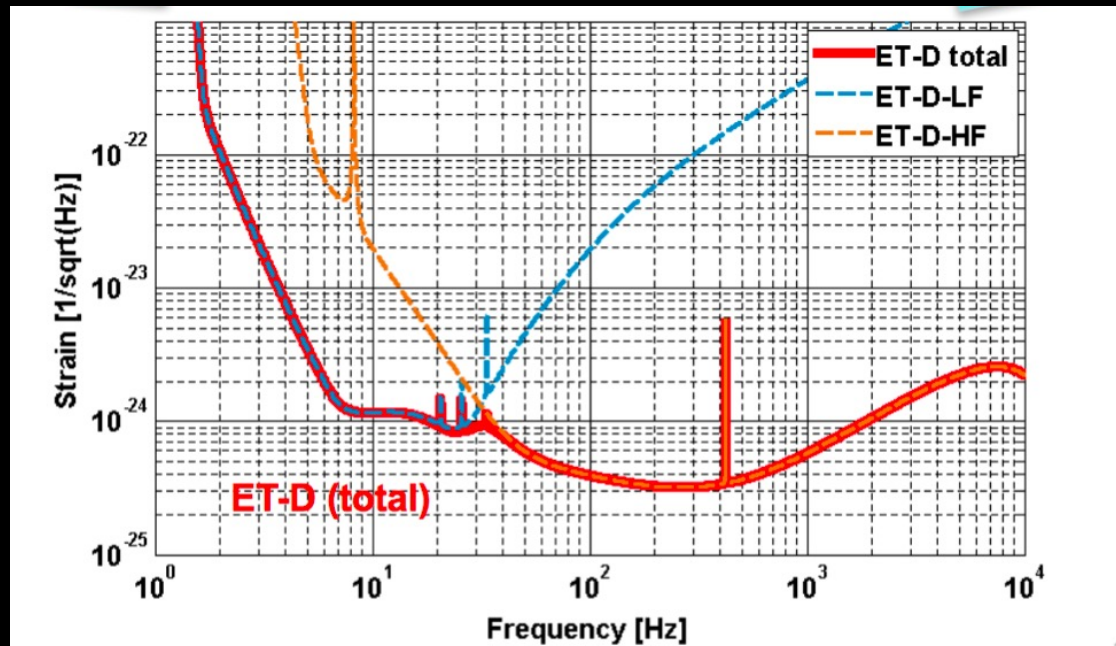
Underground, triangular, 10km on a side, up to 6 interferometers

Einstein Telescope design

(see <http://www.et-gw.eu/index.php/etdsdocument>)

- **Triangle**
- **Underground** to fit a 10 km triangle and mitigate environmental/Newtonian noise
- **Xylophone**

Cryogenic detector for low-freq



High power detector for high-freq

ET has two site candidates!!

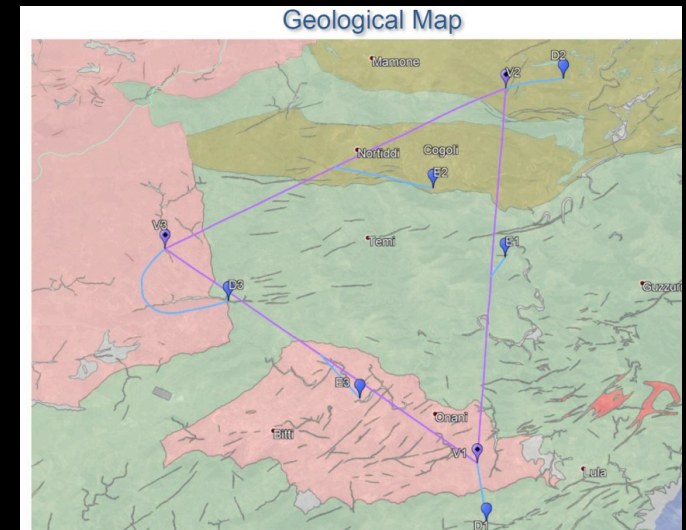
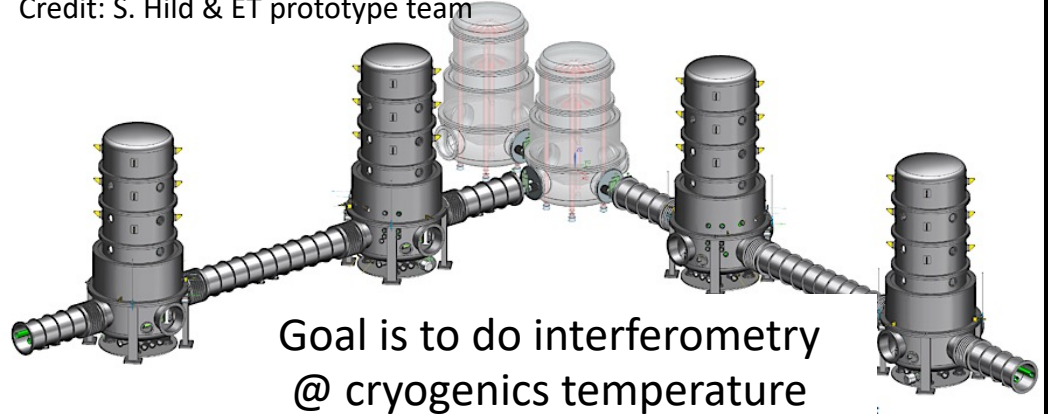


@ Limburg, a cross-border region in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany

@ Sos Enattos in Sardinia, Italy

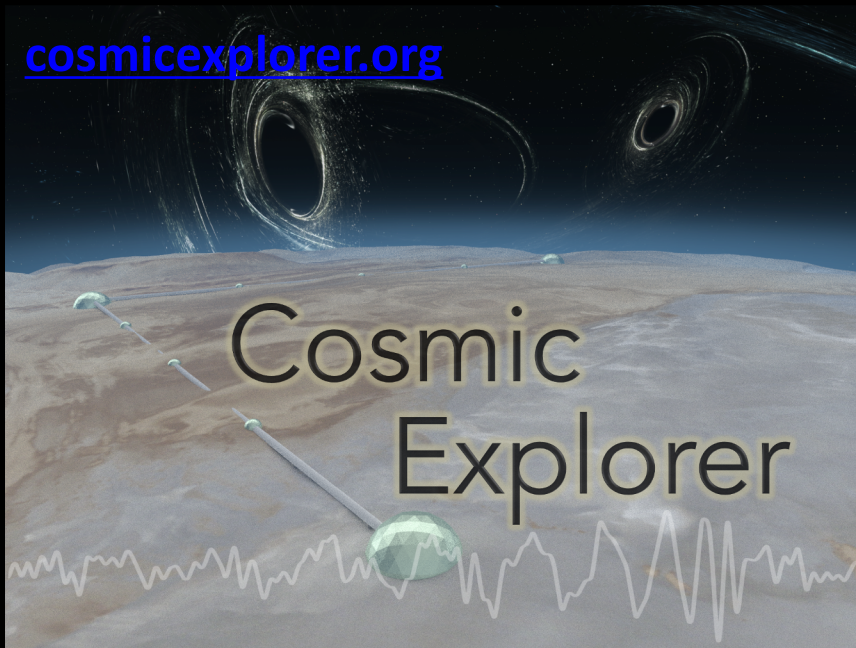
- ET prototype funded, to be built in Maastricht
- Seismic studies in Limburg underway
- Preliminary qualification of the Sardegna site (Sos Enattos) completed; underground lab funded for final seismic studies

Credit: S. Hild & ET prototype team



Cosmic Explorer News

cosmicexplorer.org



Concept for a single 40km detector per site, on the surface

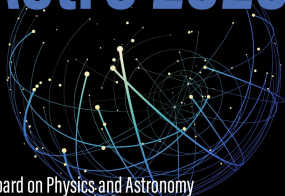
- Fundamental noises scale with length
- Free-Spectral-Range for a 40km detector is 3.75kHz, going beyond 40km would reduce the interferometer bandwidth and compromise its scientific potential (like neutron-star merger and supernovae)



Cosmic Explorer News

- NSF grant awarded to develop Cosmic Explorer white paper (2018-21)
- NSF Workshop on Large Ultrahigh-Vacuum Systems (Jan 2019)
- Technology Development White Paper for Astro2020
 - **Cosmic explorer: The U.S. Contribution to Gravitational-Wave Astronomy beyond LIGO**

Astro 2020



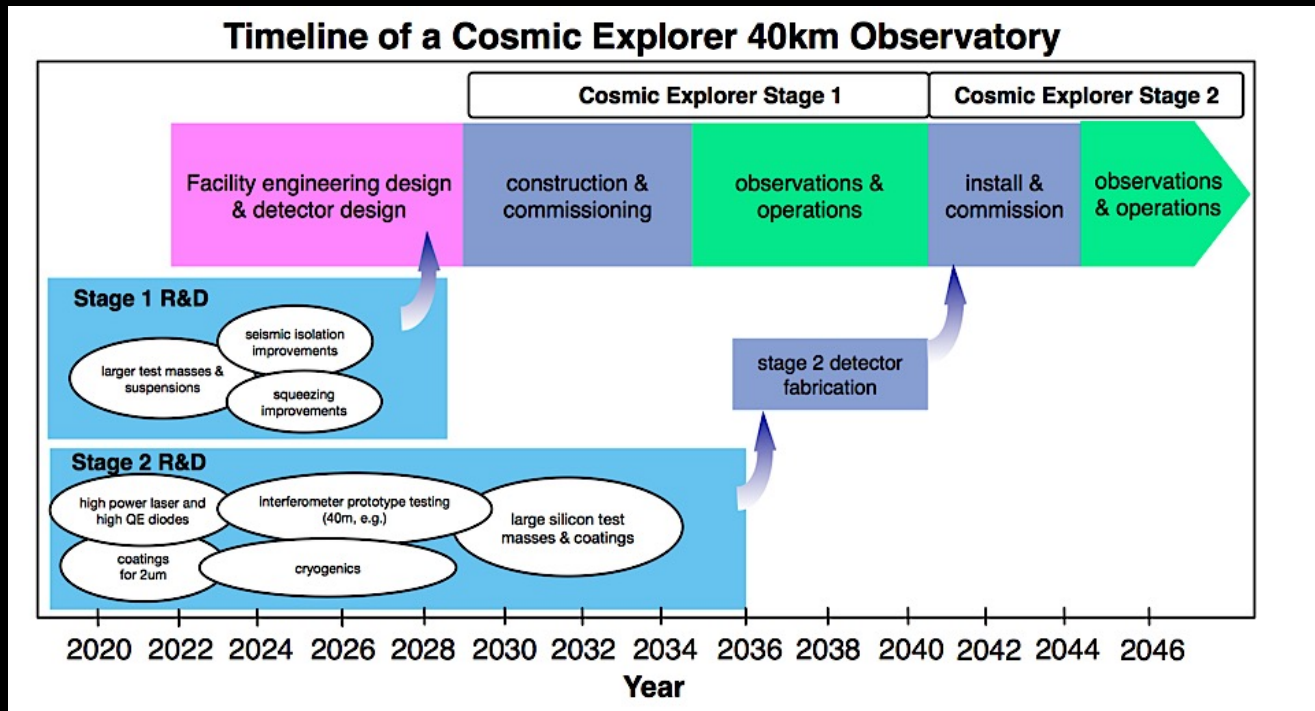
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Stage 1:

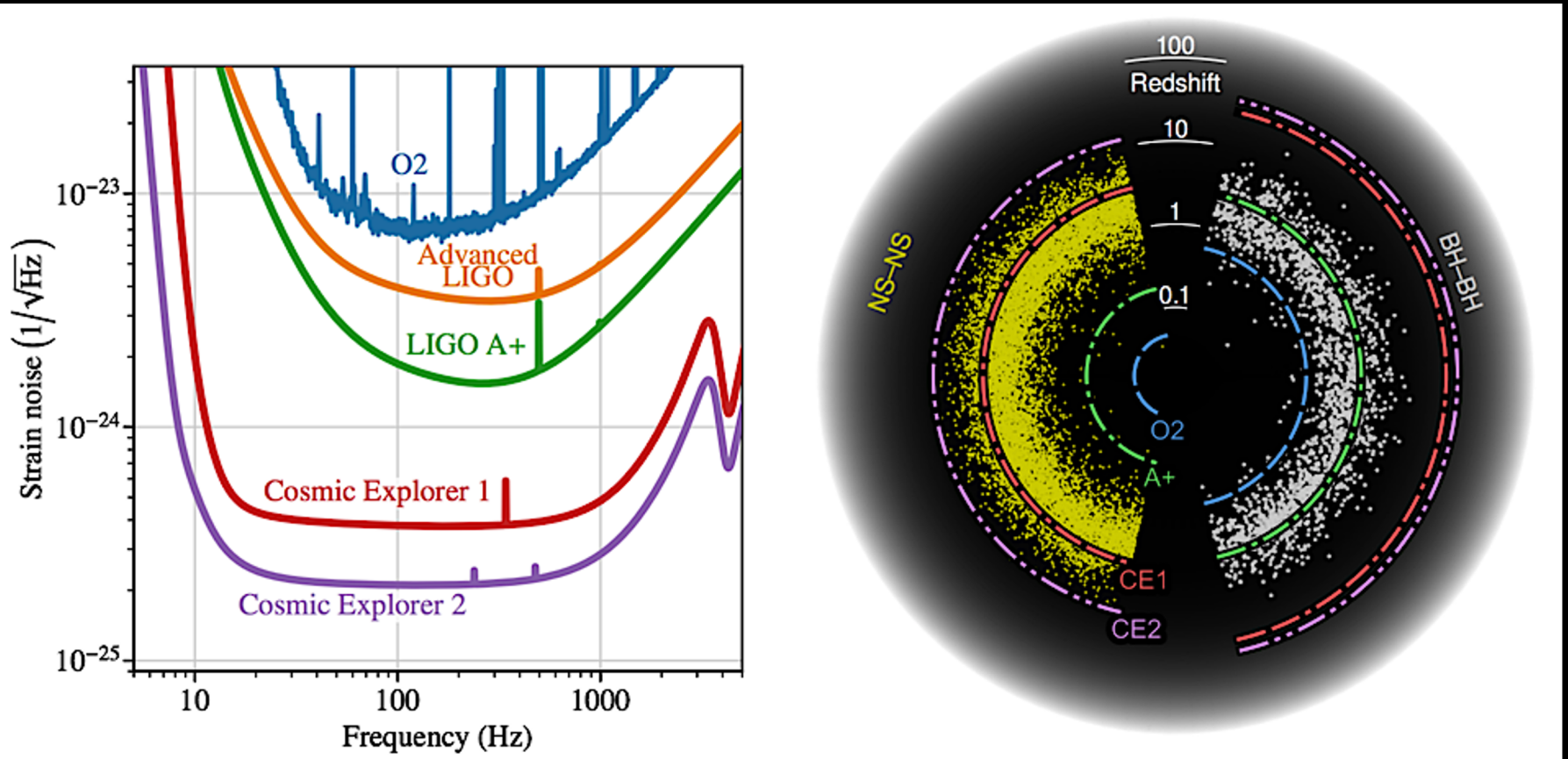
Room temperature
detector

Stage 2:

Cryogenic Detector
Silicon, 2um, 123K
(Voyager technology)



CE will give us access to all of the stellar-mass binaries mergers in the Universe



Credit: Hall/Vitale



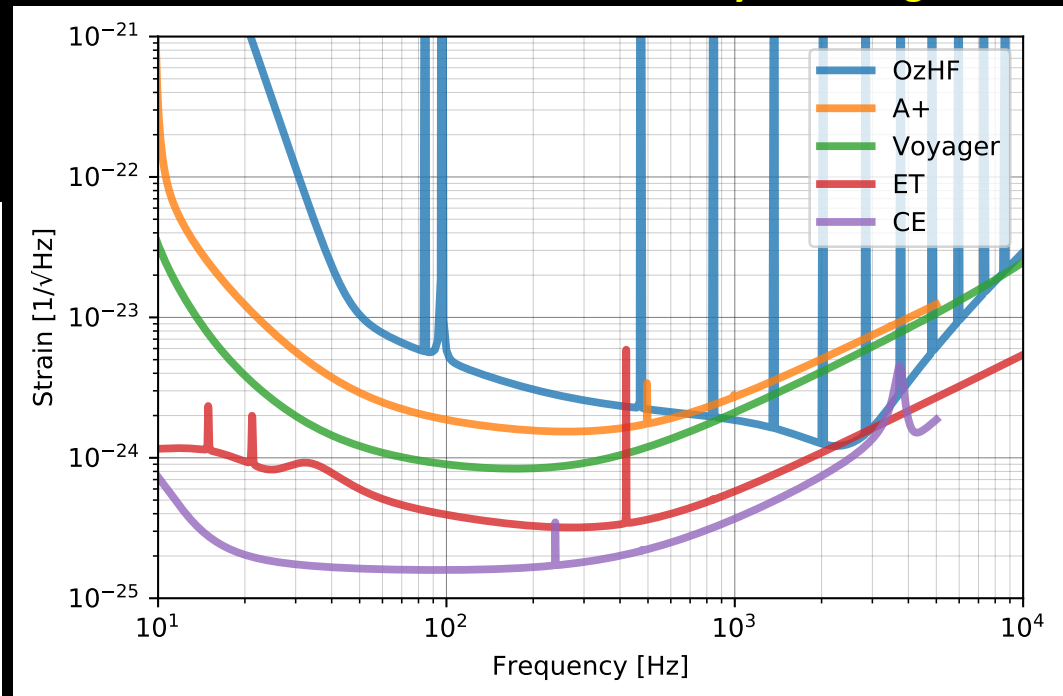
Concept for a high frequency detector in Australia

- Target sensitivity better than $10^{-24} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$ between 1-4kHz
- Complementary to a network of 3G detectors..
- ..but could also find a site for a second Cosmic Explorer!



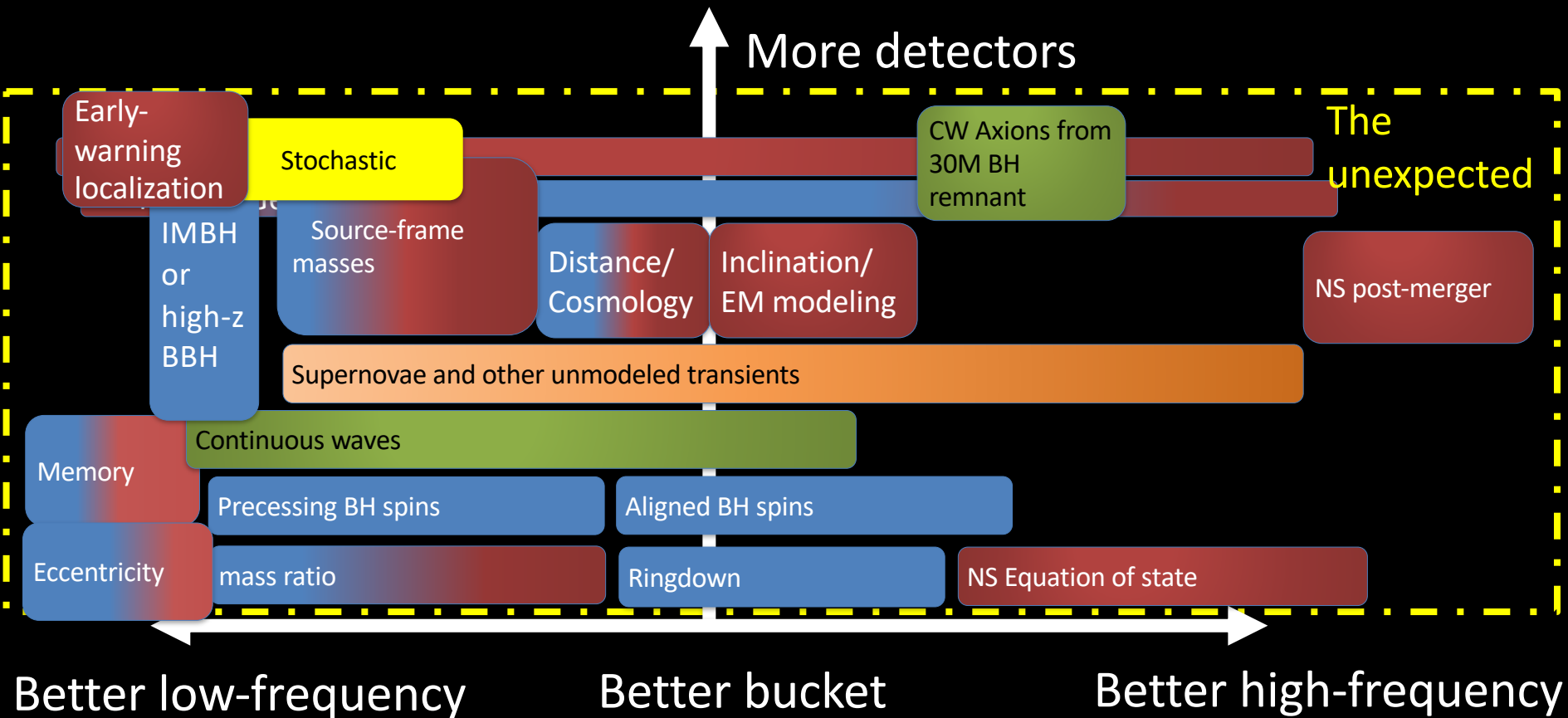
Courtesy of B. Slagmolen

Parameter	OZHF (long SRC)	aLIGO
Wavelength	2 μm	1064 nm
Mirror Mass	94.4 kg	40 kg
Arm Gain	364	270
Arm length	2 km	4 km
Power recycling gain	54	50
Signal recycling transmissivity	0.048	0.32
Signal recycling length	500 m	56 m
Arm cavity bandwidth	66 Hz	45 Hz
Input power	500 W	125 W
Power on beamsplitter	27 kW	6.2 kW
Arm cavity power	5.0 MW	0.8 MW
Squeezing level	10 dB	3 dB





What can a 3G network do?





“GWIC 3G” Science Case

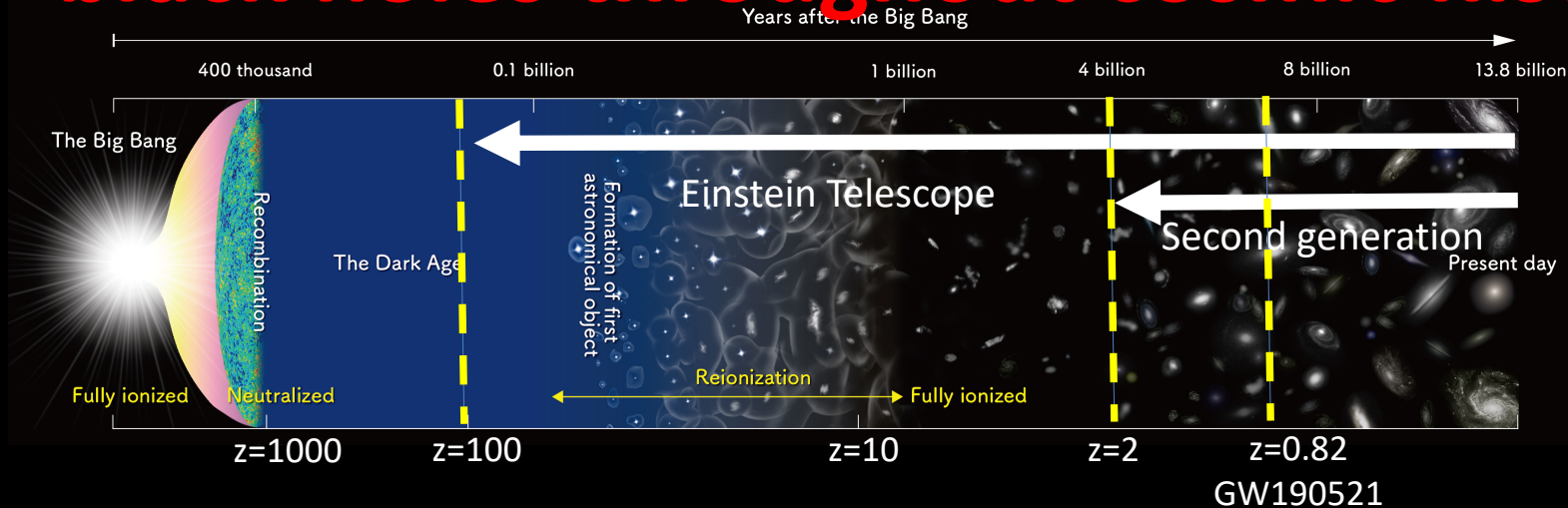
<https://gwic.ligo.org/3Gsubcomm/documents/3G-observatory-science-case.pdf>

5 main science targets

studied by assuming one ET observatory in Europe, and 2 CE (one in US and one in Australia):

- Extreme gravity and fundamental physics
- Extreme Matter, Extreme Environments
- Observing Stellar-mass Black Holes throughout the Universe
- Sources at the Frontier of Observations
- Cosmology and Early History of the Universe

3G Science Highlight: black holes throughout cosmic history



3G gravitational-wave observations will uncover binary black holes throughout the entire Universe back to the beginning of star formation, and will detect new source types (if they exist) beyond stellar-mass binaries, such as intermediate-mass black holes.

- **Discover binary black holes throughout the observable Universe.** What is the merger rate as a function of redshift to the beginning of the reionization era, and how does it correlate with massive star formation, metallicity, and galaxy evolution?
- **Reveal the fundamental properties of black holes.** What are the mass and spin demographics of black holes throughout the Universe, are they correlated, and do they evolve with redshift? What do they reveal about the formation and evolutionary origin of binary black holes?
- **Uncover the seeds of supermassive black holes.** Do intermediate-mass black hole mergers occur in nature, and can such black holes serve as the long sought seeds of supermassive black holes? Is there a single thread which connects the formation of stellar-mass and supermassive black holes?



Global Timeline

Einstein Telescope

- 2010 ET conceptual design
- 2018-2019 **ET collaboration**
- 2019-2021 ESFRI roadmap
- 2021-2022 Site Selection
- 2023 **Full Technical Design**
- 2025 Infrastructure realization start (excavation,)
- 2032+: installation / commissioning / operation

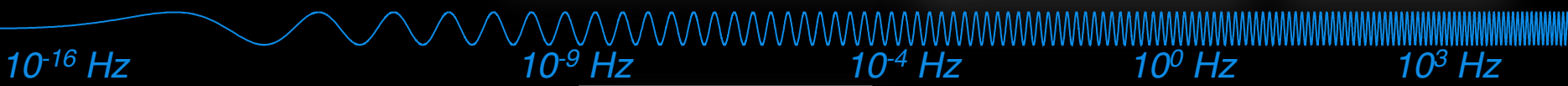
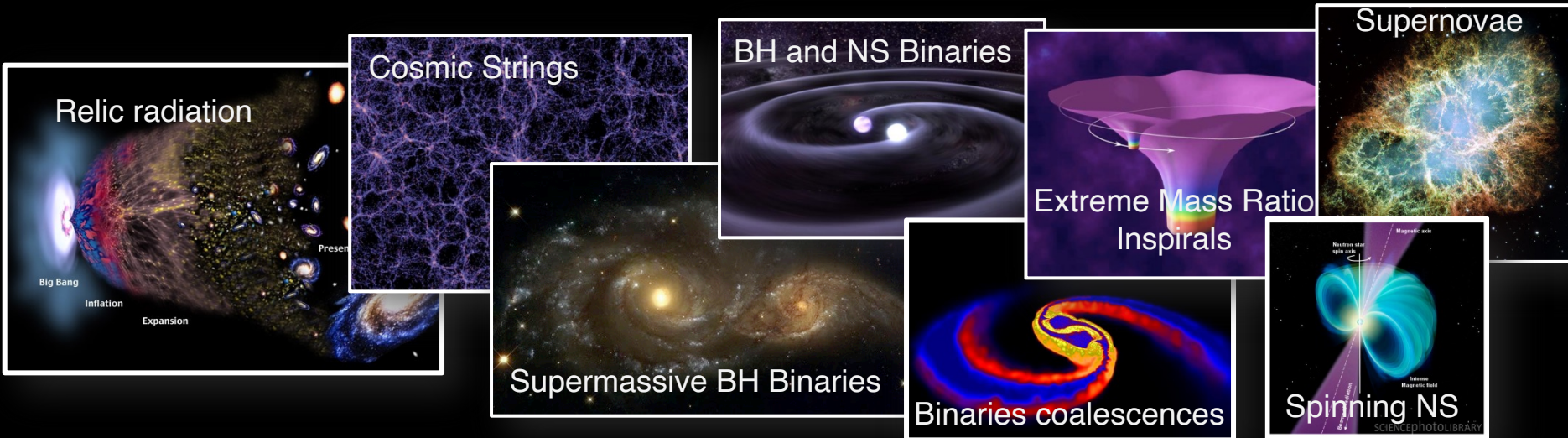
Credit: A. Freise

Cosmic Explorer

- 2015 first CE paper
- 2018 NSF grant for US3G study
- 2020-2021 CE white paper
- 2022-2026 Initial Design Phases
- 2027-2029 Final Design
- 2030+ US Congress appropriates funds

Credit: M. Evans

The Gravitational Wave Spectrum

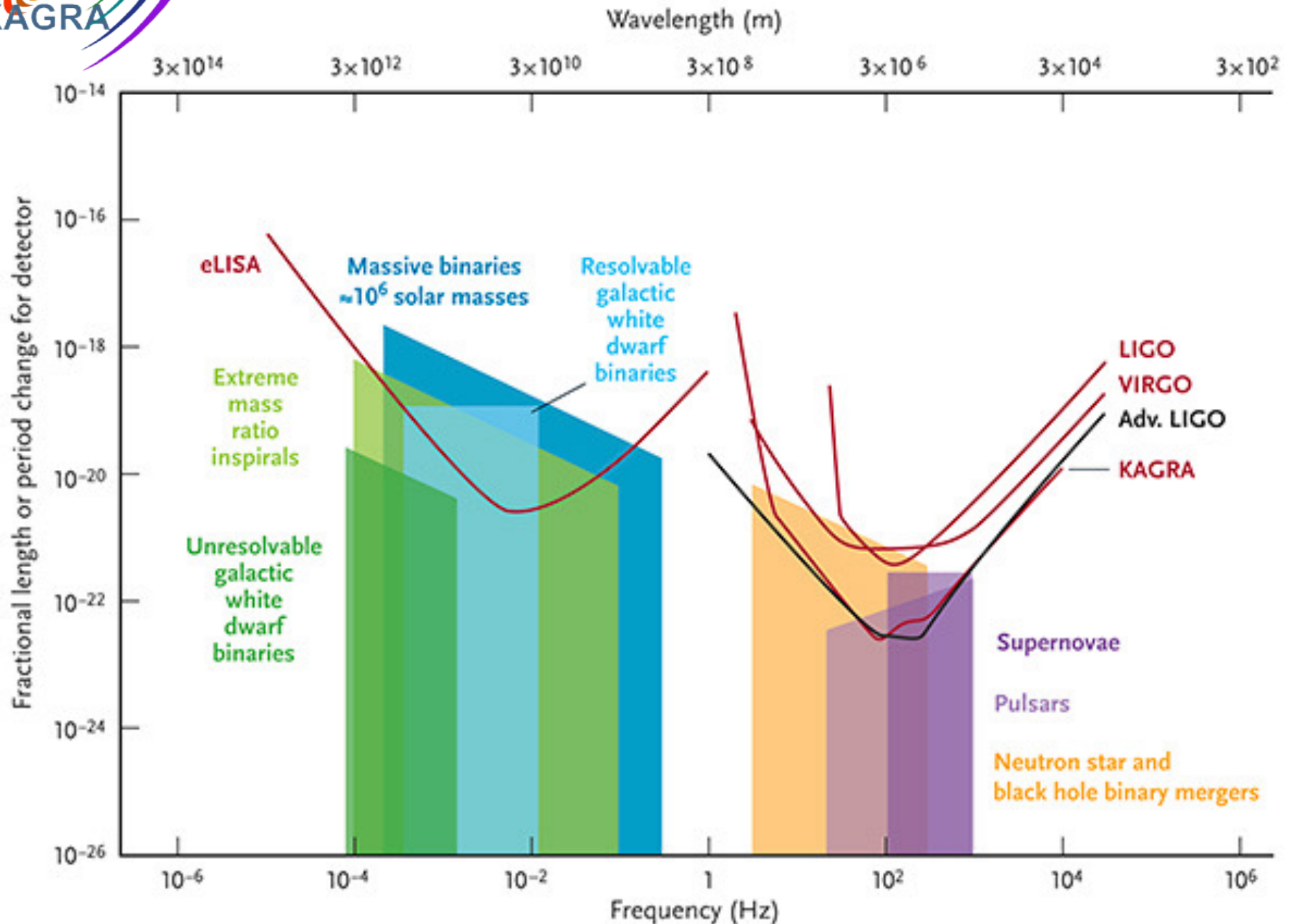


Pulsar timing Space detectors Ground interferometers

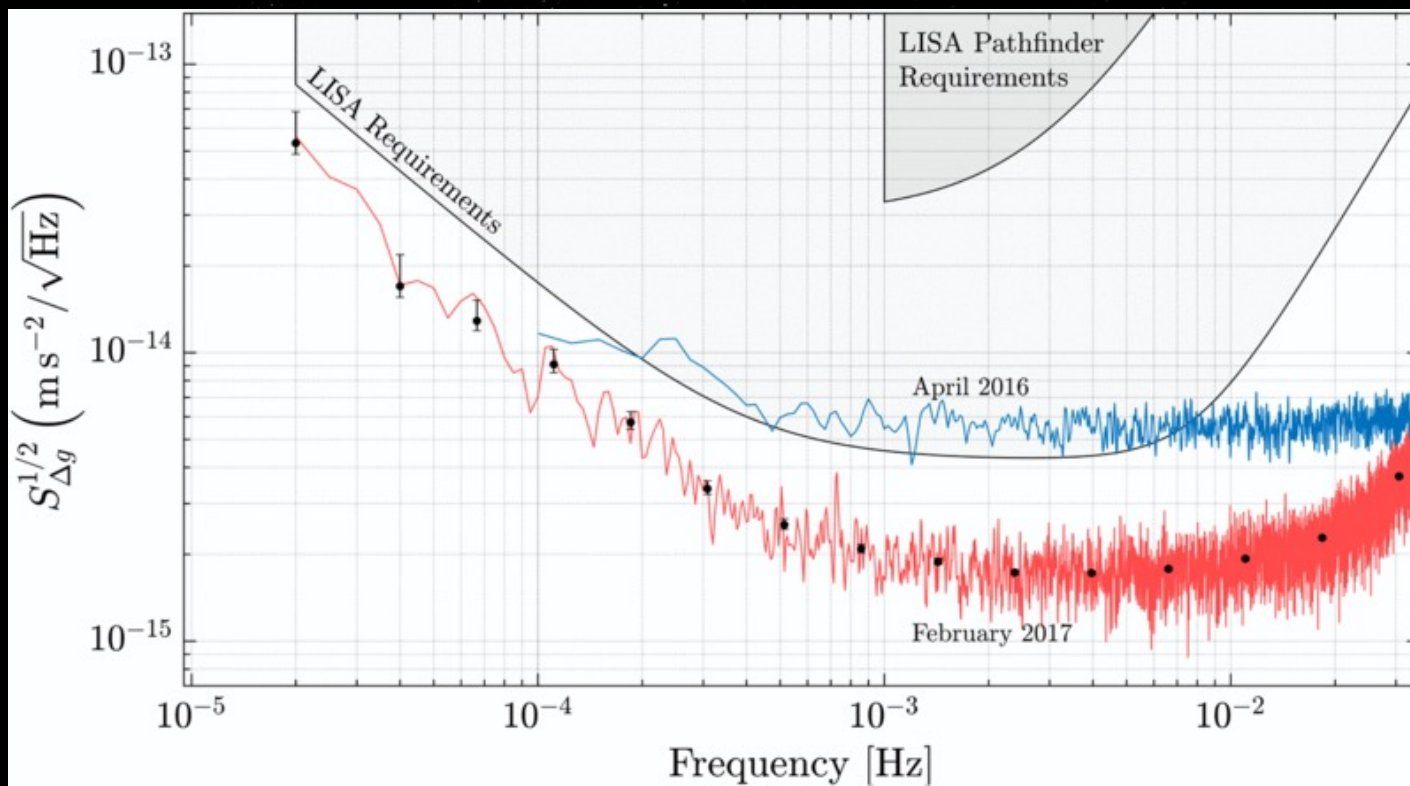
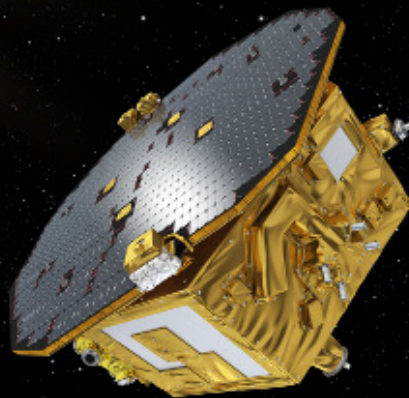




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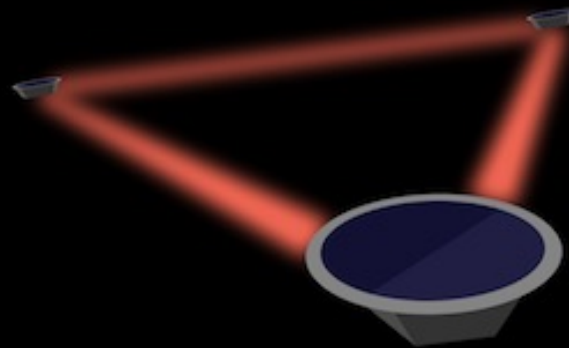


LISA PATHFINDER



LISA

Laser Interferometer Space Antenna



Gravitational waves

The first gravitational wave observatory in space

50 million km
from Earth

3 spacecraft separated by
2.5 million km in triangular formation



Following Earth in its orbit
around the Sun



Planned
launch date

Predecessors: LISA Pathfinder (technology demonstration)

Core science goals

Mergers of
supermassive
black holes at the
centre of galaxies

White dwarf binaries
in the Milky Way

Stellar-origin black
holes falling into
supermassive
black holes

The Message



Current generation of gravitational wave instruments are detecting only the tip of the iceberg

The world-wide GW community is getting organized to build a 3G network to observe gravitational waves throughout cosmic history

