



# *Ground-based Gravitational-wave Detectors: Prospects for the Future*

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# *The Next Hour*

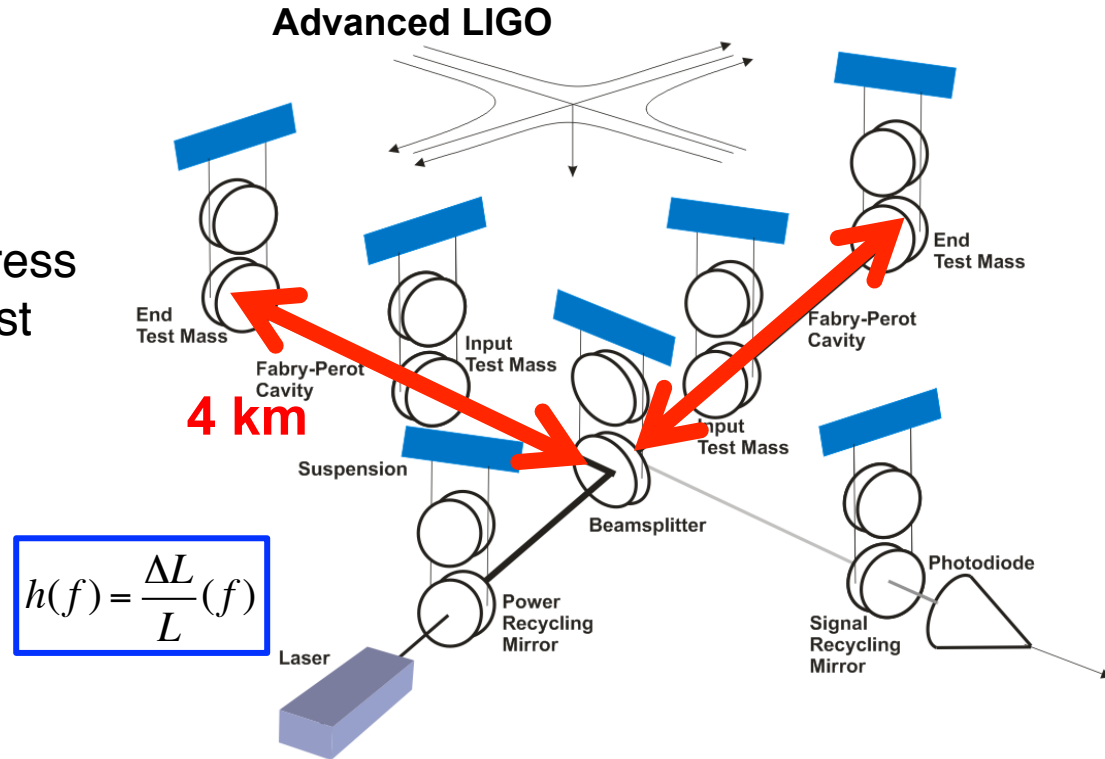
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- *Primer on Gravitational-wave Detectors*
- *Advanced LIGO: Current Status*
- *Advanced LIGO: Near Term Prospects*
- *Beyond Advanced LIGO: The 'A+' Upgrade*
- *Probing the Horizons of the Gravitational-wave Universe:  
Voyager & Cosmic Explorer*



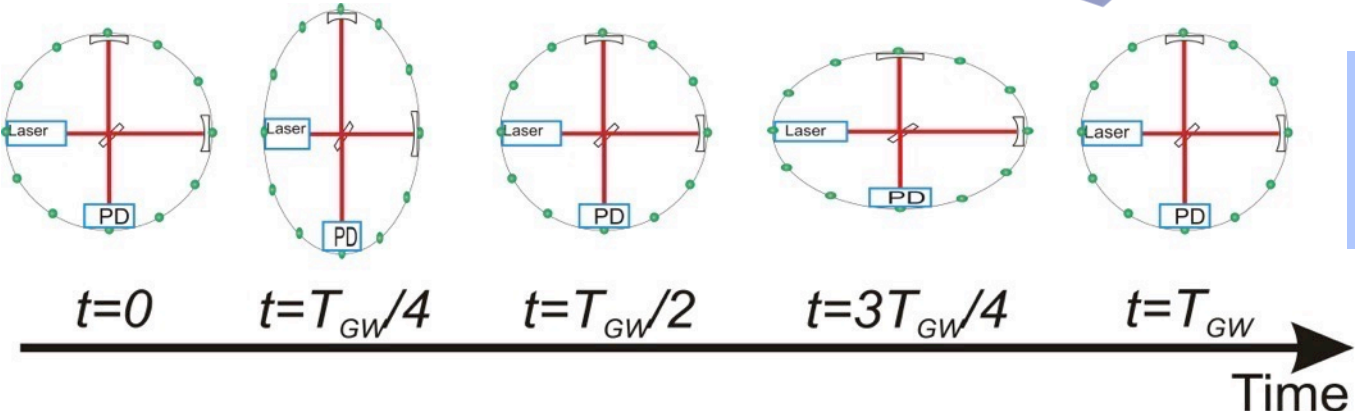
## The Advanced LIGO Interferometer

- Advanced LIGO uses enhanced Michelson interferometry
  - » suspended ('freely falling') mirrors
- Passing GWs stretch and compress the distance between the end test mass and the beamsplitter
- The interferometer acts as a transducer, turning GWs into photocurrent
  - » A coherent detector



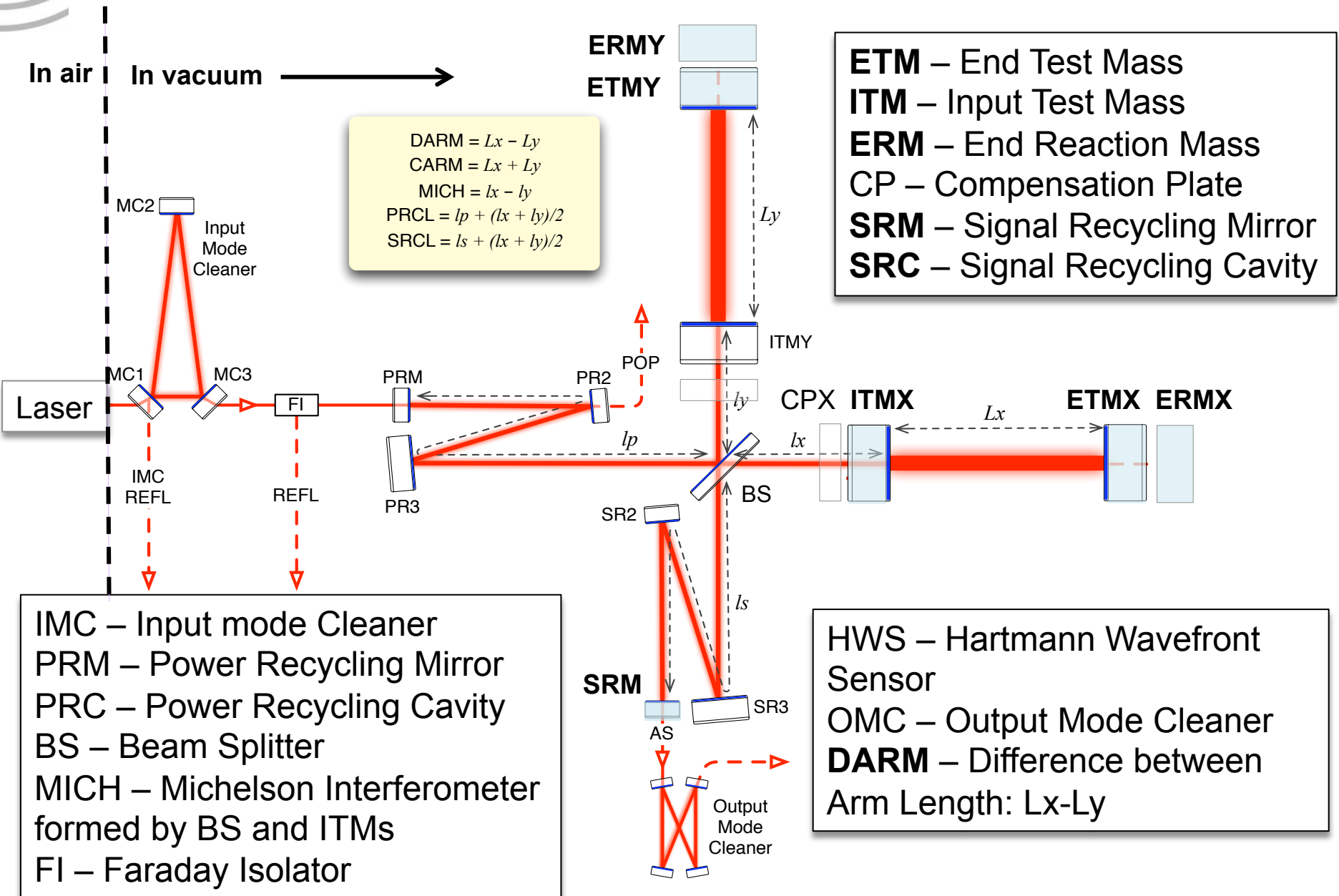
$$h(f) = \frac{\Delta L}{L}(f)$$

J. Aasi et al., (LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration), "Advanced LIGO" Classical Quantum Gravity 32, 074001 (2015).



# LIGO

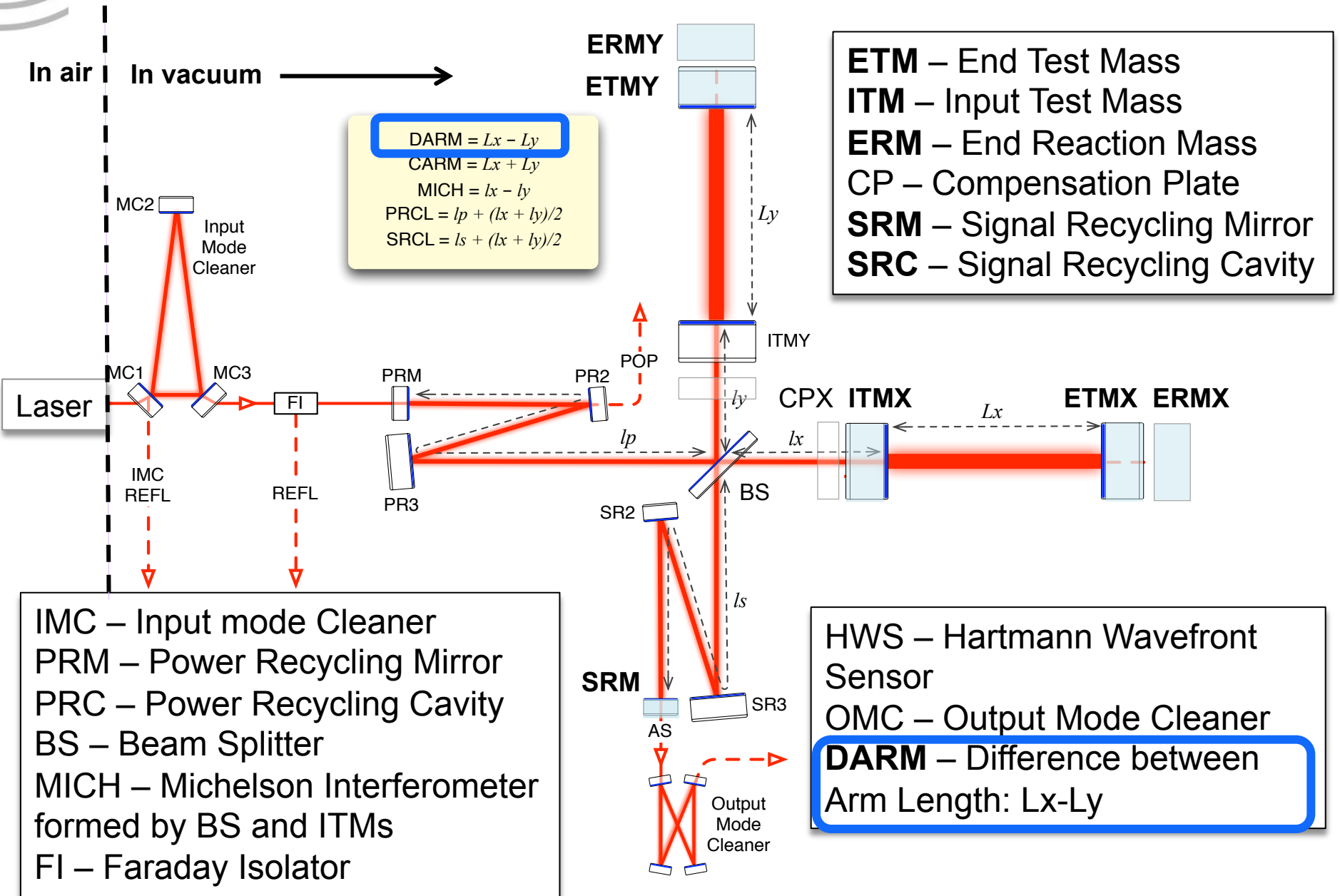
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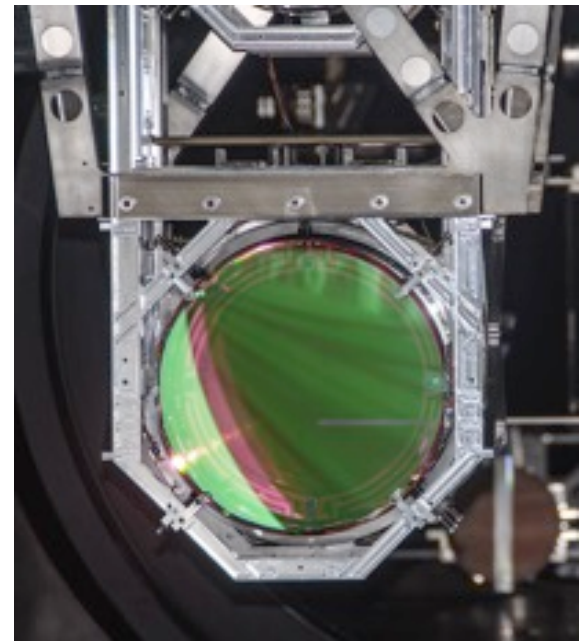
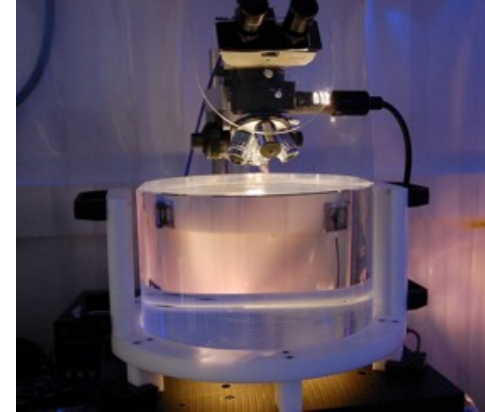
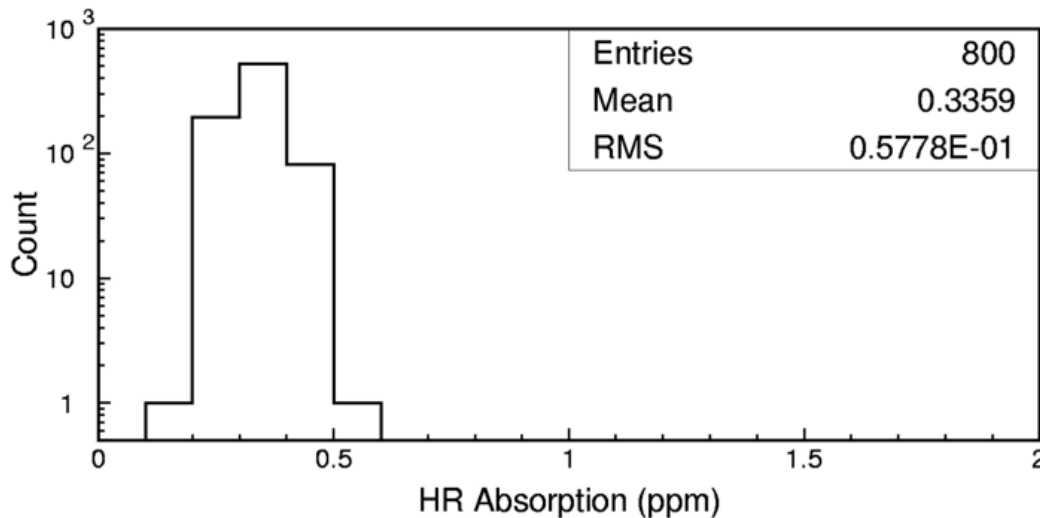
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# Advanced LIGO 'Test Mass' Mirrors

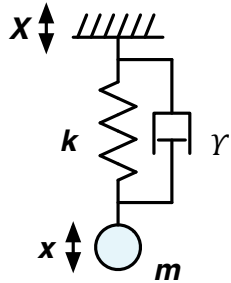
- Truly the 'crown jewels' of the detector
- Physical specifications:
  - » Ultra-pure, ultra-homogeneous fused silica
  - » 340 mm diameter, 200 mm thick, 40 kg mass
- Surface figure: super-polish followed by ion beam 'spot' polish
  - » **< 0.15 nm RMS deviation from sphere**
- Coatings:  $\text{TiO}_2$ -doped  $\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5/\text{SiO}_2$ 
  - » Reflectivity depends upon type of mirror
  - » Ultralow absorption (< 0.5 ppm)





# Advanced LIGO Suspensions: A Tour-de-Force in Engineering

## Concept:

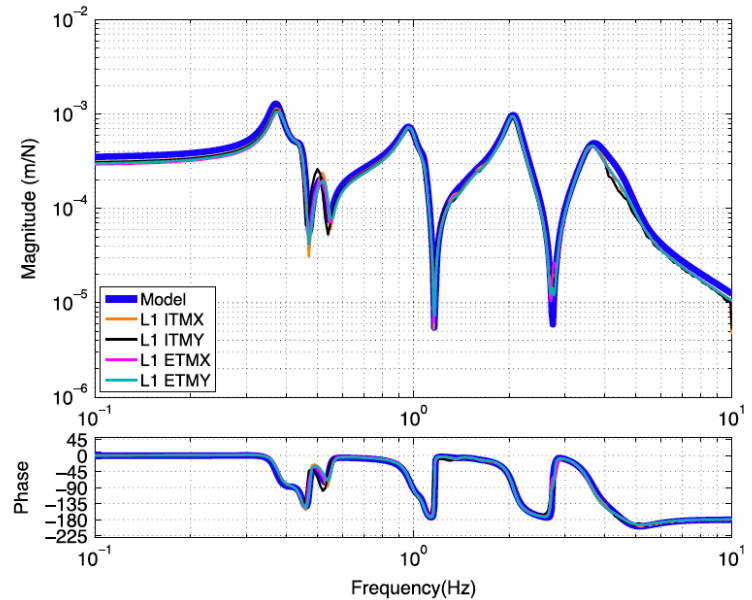


$$m\ddot{x} = -k(x - X) - \gamma(\dot{x} - \dot{X})$$

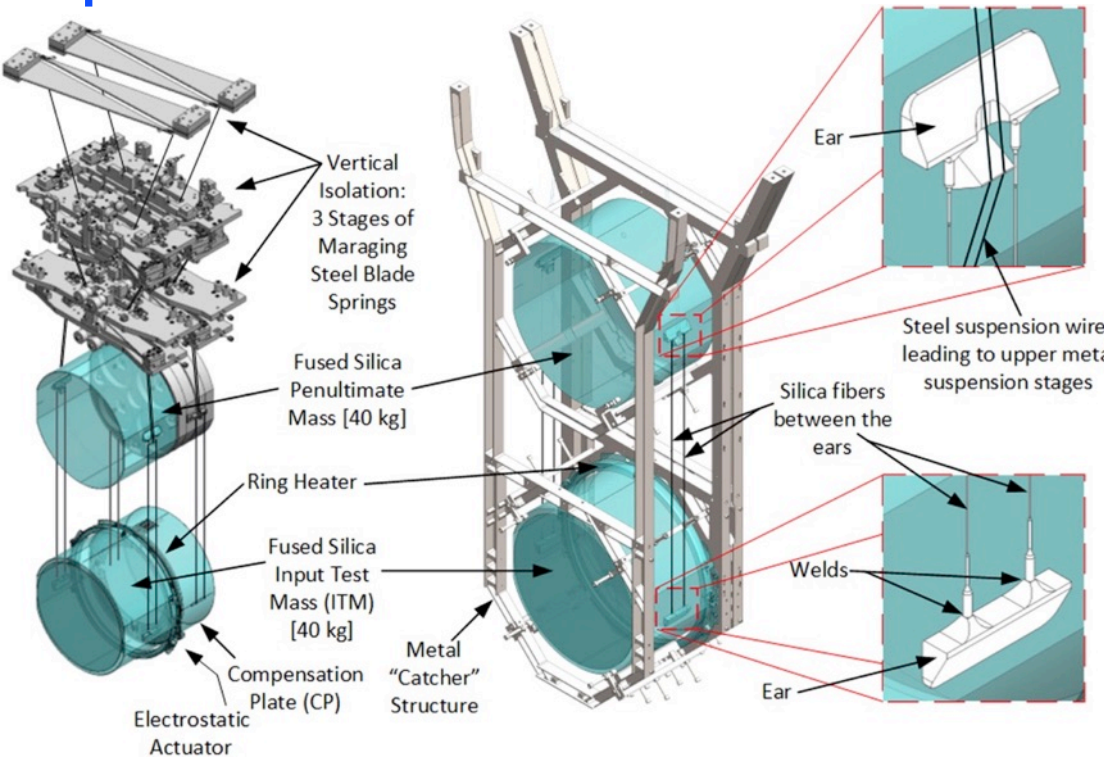
$$\left(\omega_0^2 + i\frac{\gamma}{m}\omega - \omega^2\right) \tilde{x} = \left(\omega_0^2 + i\frac{\gamma}{m}\omega\right) \tilde{X}$$

$$\frac{\tilde{x}}{\tilde{X}} = \frac{\omega_0^2 + i\frac{\gamma}{m}\omega}{\omega_0^2 + i\frac{\gamma}{m}\omega - \omega^2}$$

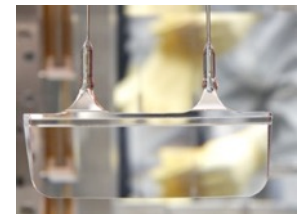
## Force → Displacement Transfer Function Model vs. Measured



## Implementation:



Upper 'ear'



Lower 'ear'

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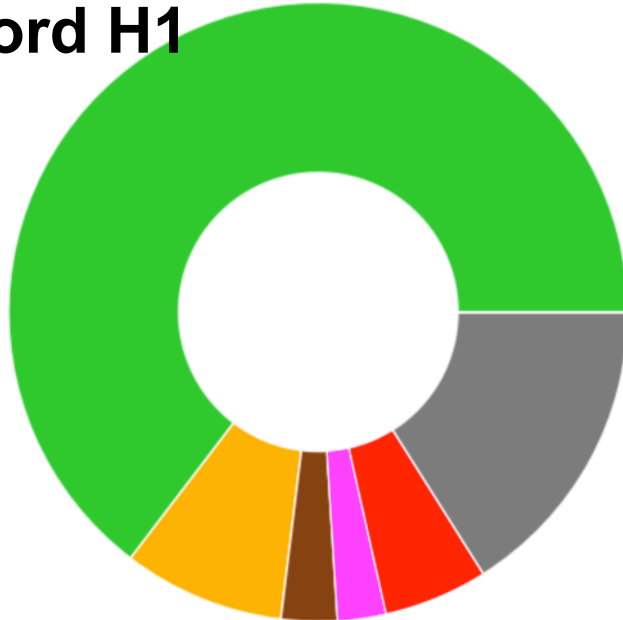
# *Advanced LIGO: Current Status*





# H1, L1 Uptime Dashboard

## Hanford H1

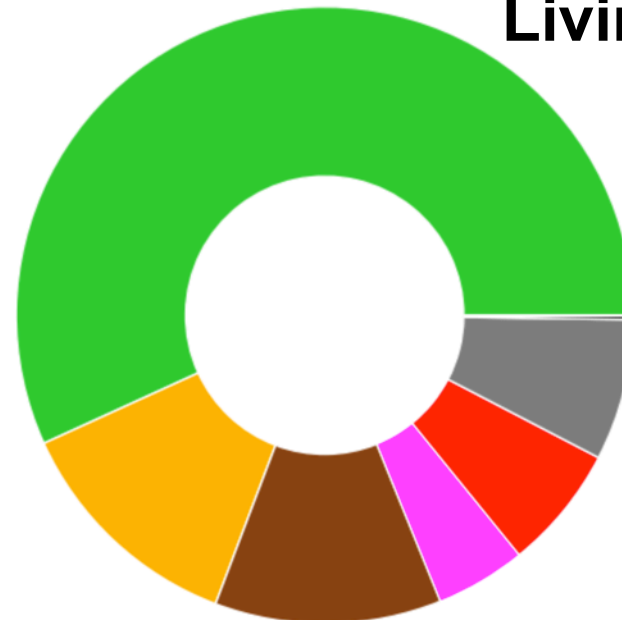


### H1 operating mode overview

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- Observing [64.6%]
- Locking [8.4%]
- Environmental [2.9%]
- Commissioning [2.5%]
- Maintenance [5.4%]
- Planned engineering [16.0%]
- Unknown [0.0%]
- Undefined [0.0%]

## Livingston L1



### L1 operating mode overview

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- Locking [12.4%]
- Environmental [11.9%]
- Commissioning [4.7%]
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- Unknown [0.2%]
- Undefined [0.0%]

# *LIGO Network Duty Factor*



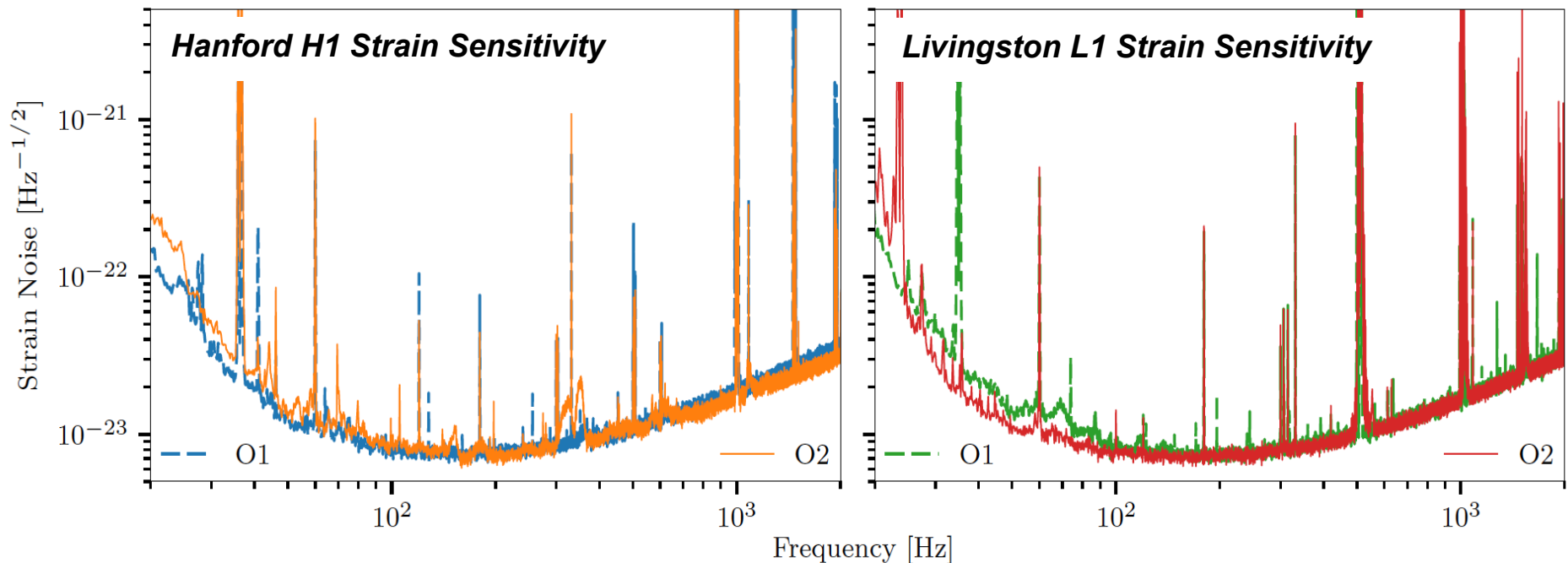
LIGO network duty factor

- Double interferometer [43.2%]
- Single interferometer [30.2%]
- No interferometer [26.6%]



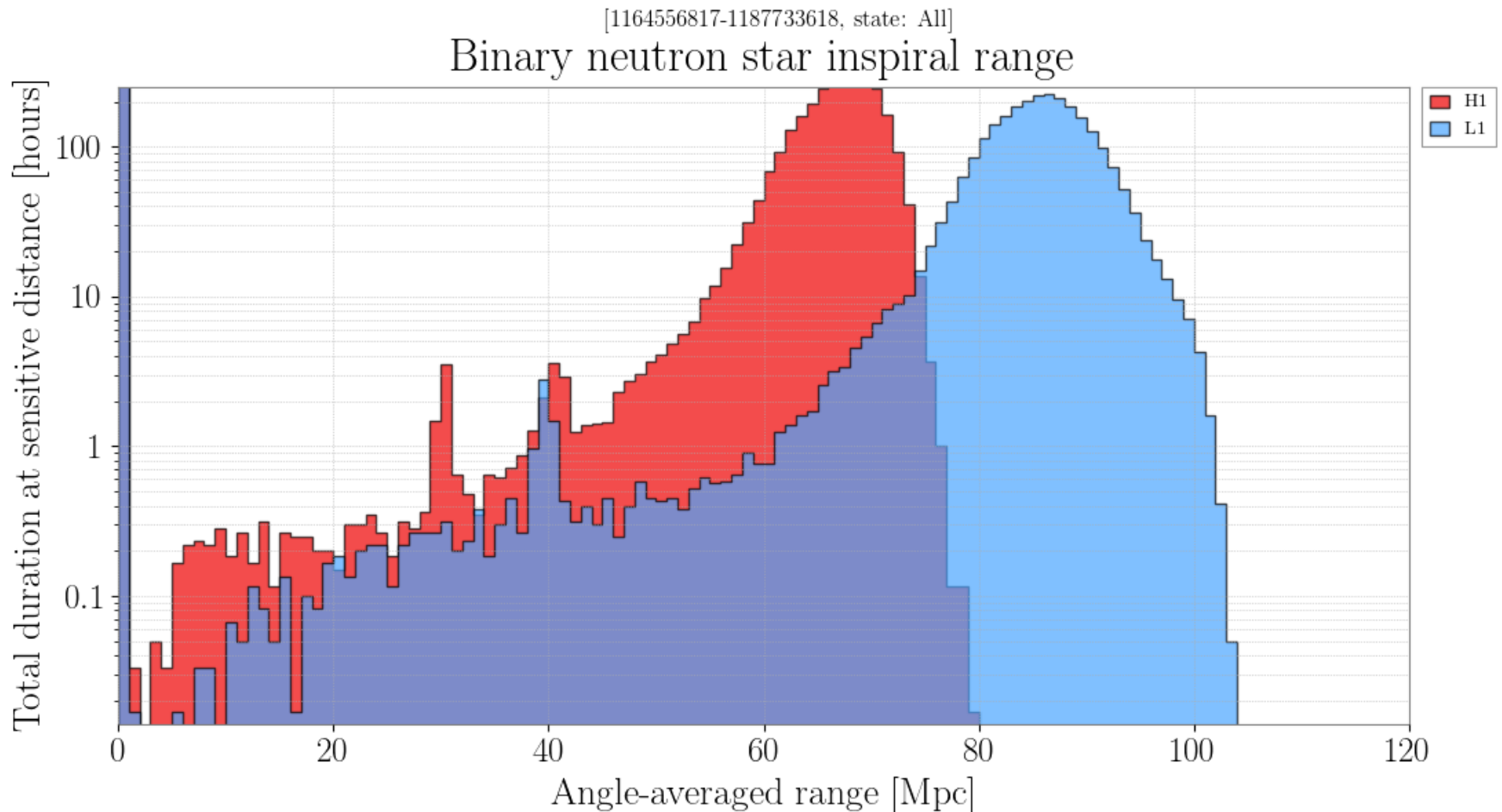
# Comparison of Strain Sensitivity: O1 vs. O2

- L1 detector is 30 – 40% more sensitive than in O1
  - 25 W laser power into the interferometer
    - Limited by high power amplifier stage failure at LLO prior to O1
- H1 is slightly  $\sim 5 - 10\%$  less sensitive
  - 30 W laser power; noise penalty at higher power related to input beam jitter



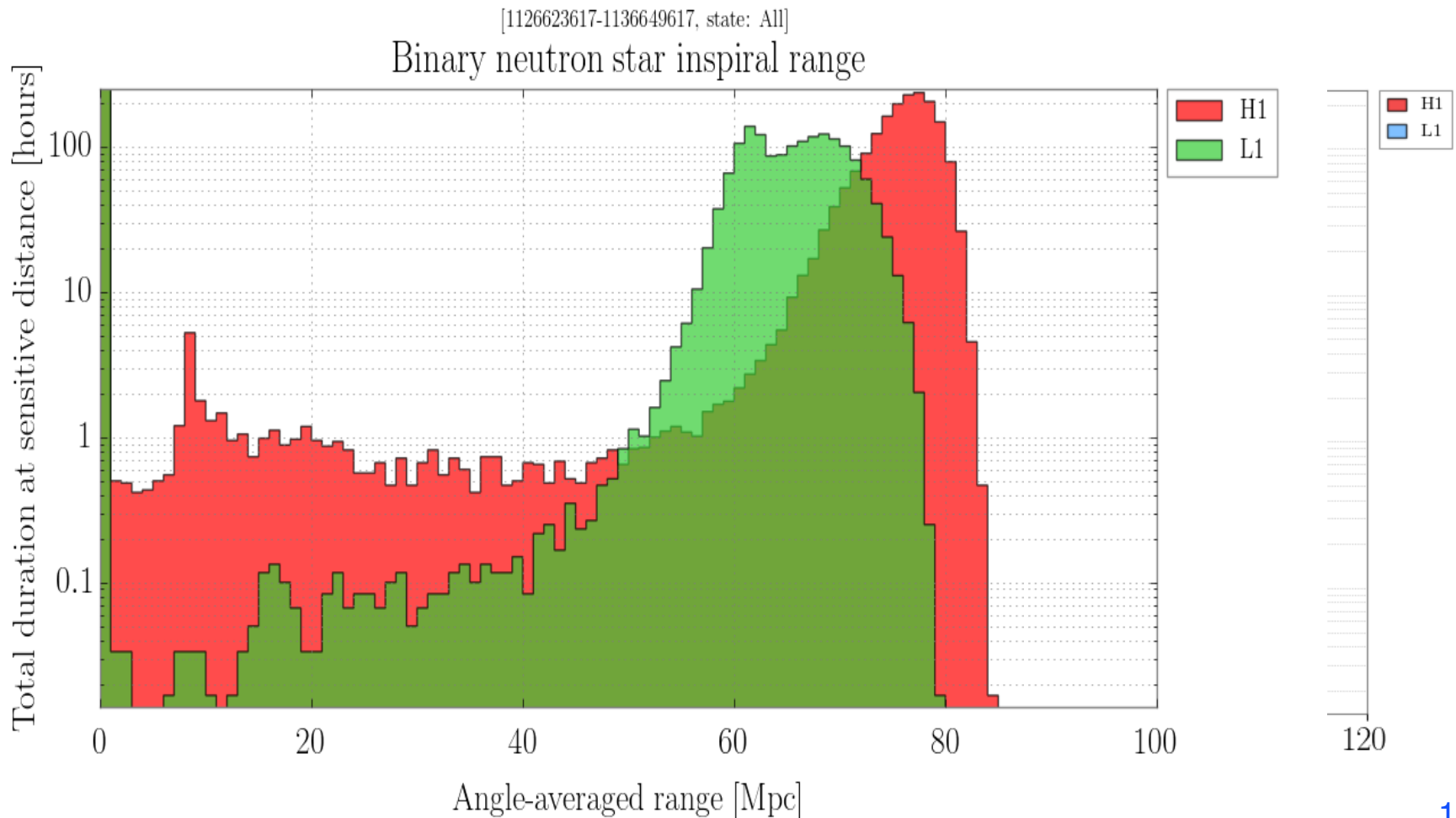
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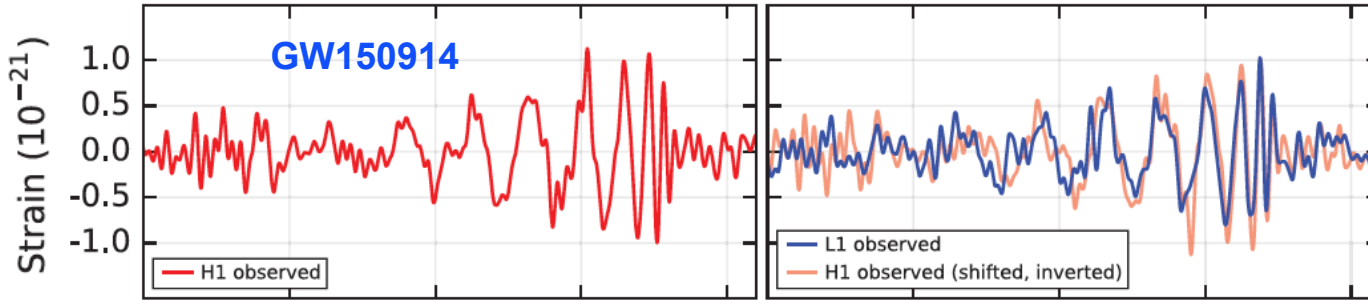
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# Nonetheless, LIGO is an Observatory!



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Selected for a **Viewpoint** in *Physics*



## Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Black Hole Merger

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(Received 21 January 2016; published 11 February 2016)

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## GW151226: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a 22-Solar-Mass Binary Black Hole Coalescence

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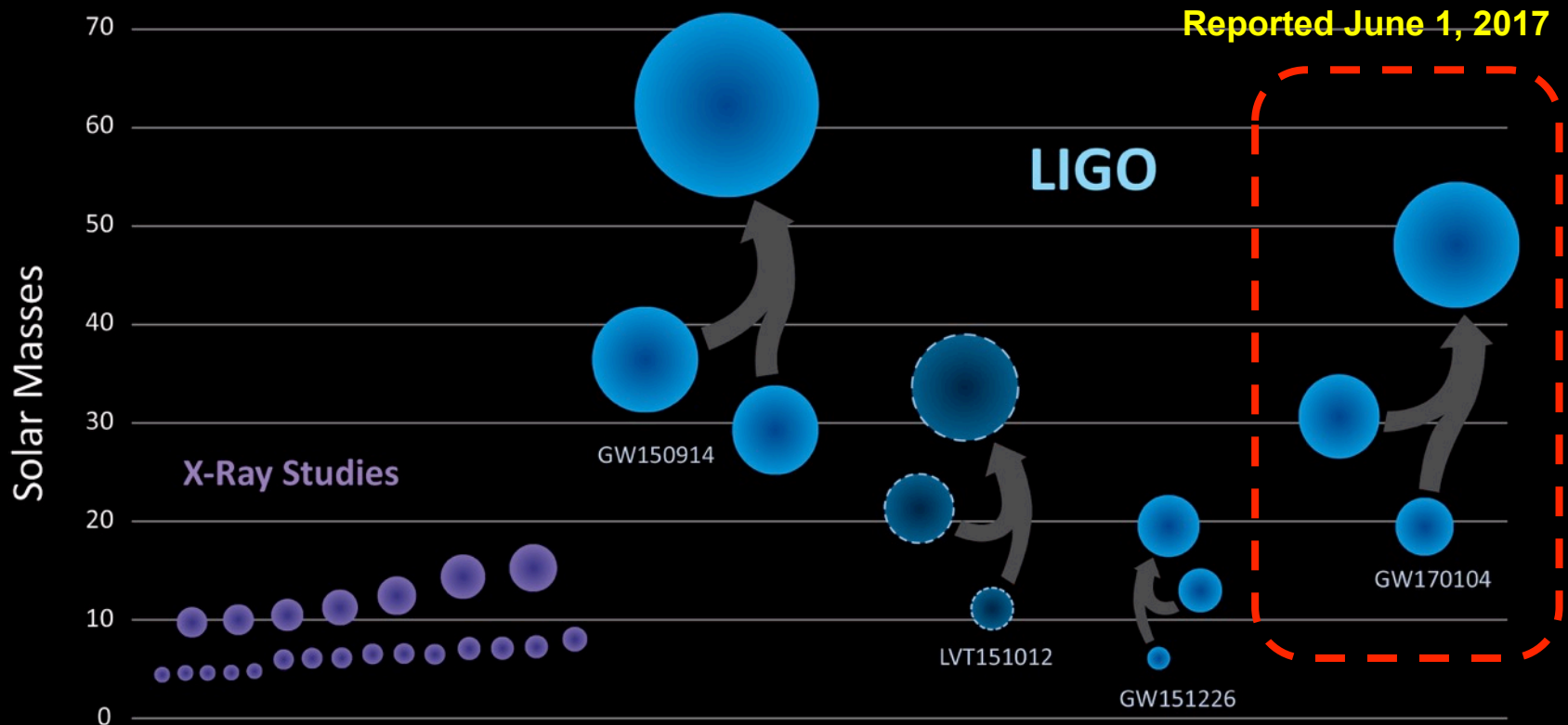
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**NEW RESULT!**



# The Newest Black Hole Merger

## Black Holes of Known Mass



Credit: Robert Hurt/Caltech, Aurore Simmonet, SSU



# ADVANCED VIRGO

6 EU countries  
20 labs, ~250 authors

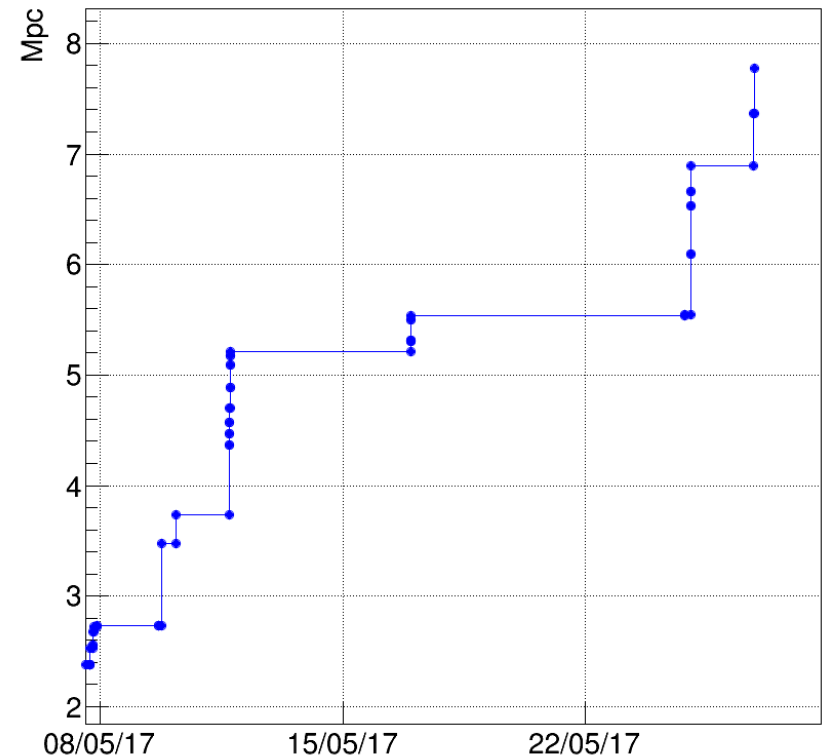
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- Path to join O2 includes:
  - » Improve power recycling cavity (PRC) stability with thermal compensation (TCS)
  - » Suspend the detection bench (includes output photodiodes)
  - » Employ low noise actuation
  - » Make use of noise subtraction techniques
  - » Initiate weekend engineering/science runs
  - » Increase interferometer input power from 13W to 25W
  - » Noise hunting!

AdV best BNS range (from May 7 to May 27)

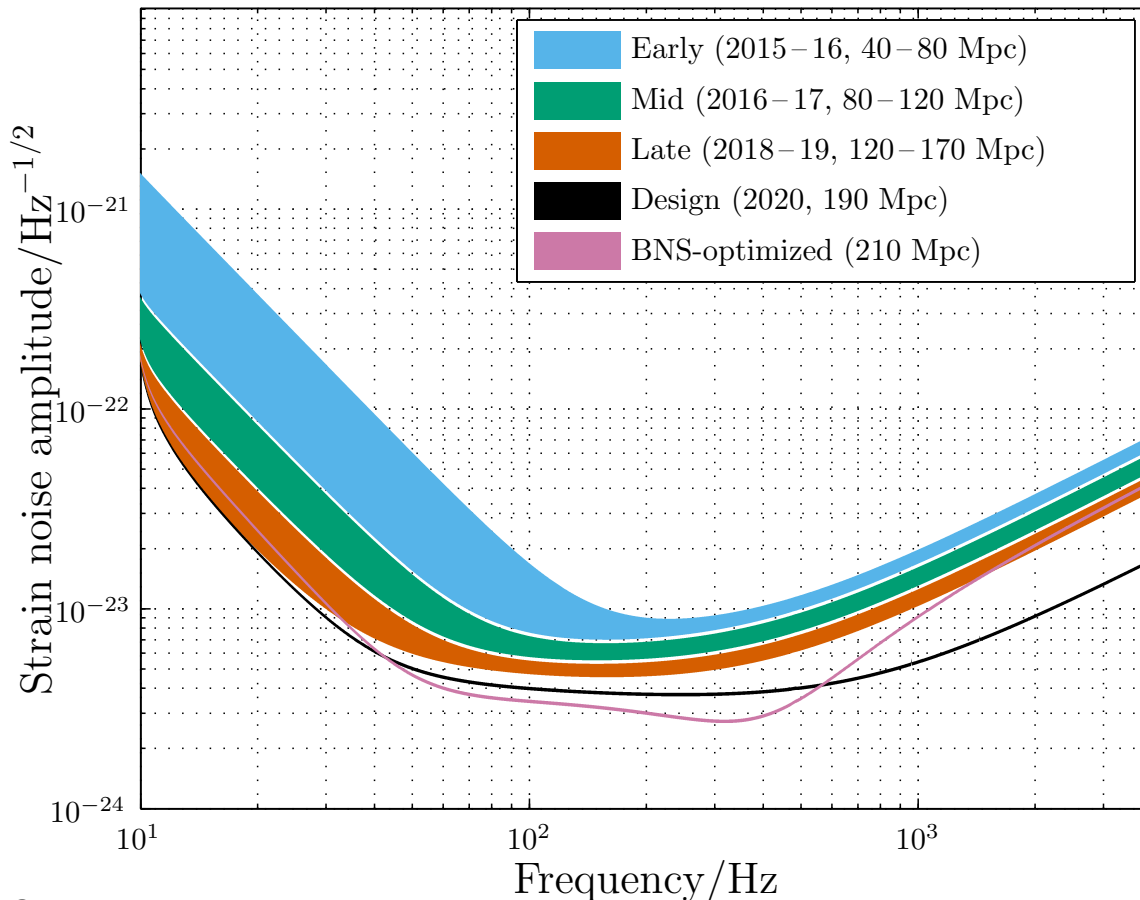


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*Advanced LIGO:  
Near Term Prospects*

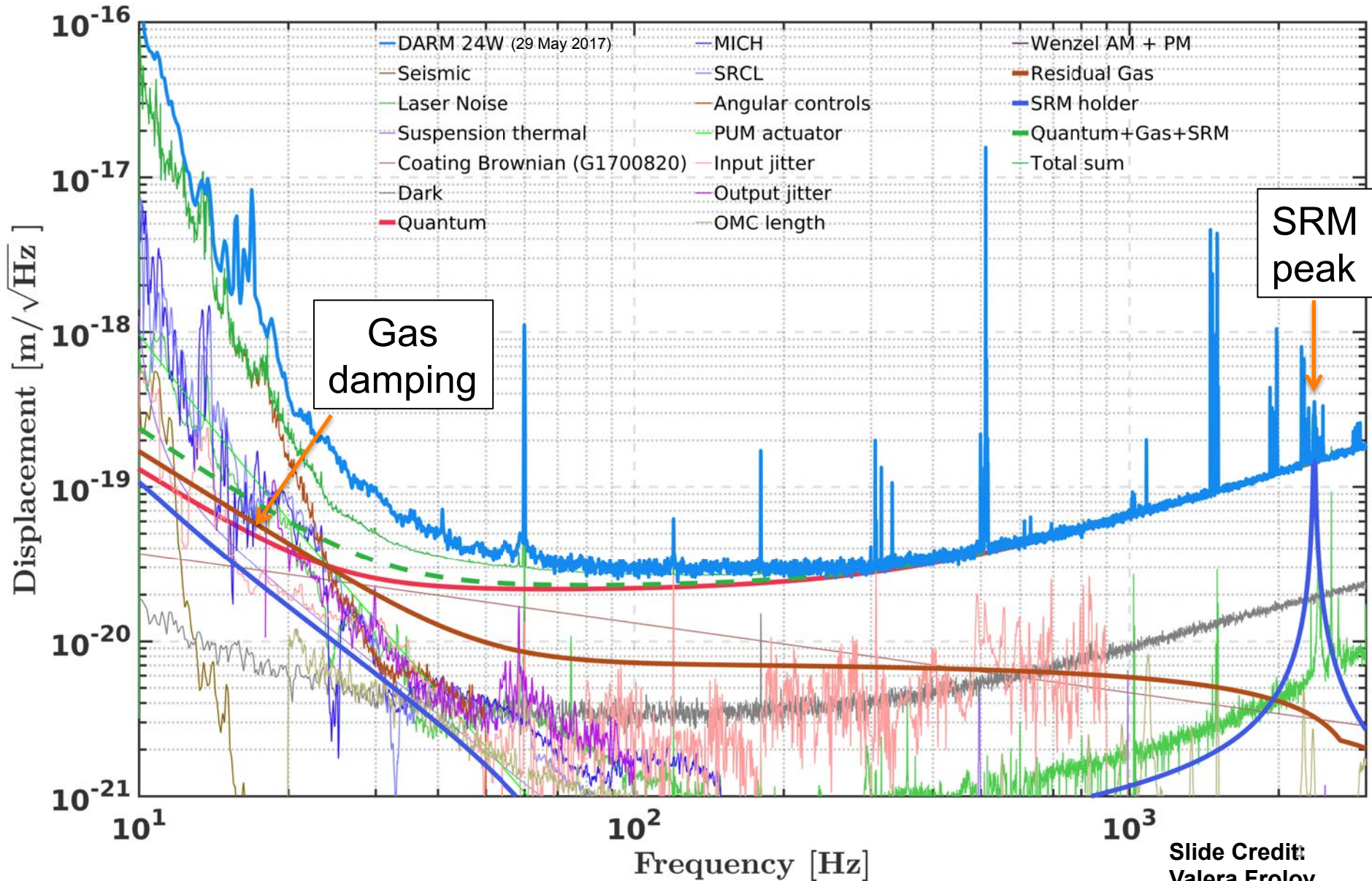
# Roadmap to Design Sensitivity for Advanced LIGO

- Roadmap developed in 2013 by the LIGO Scientific Collaboration
  - » Based on collective knowledge of LIGO's Detector Science and Engineering Team *at that time*



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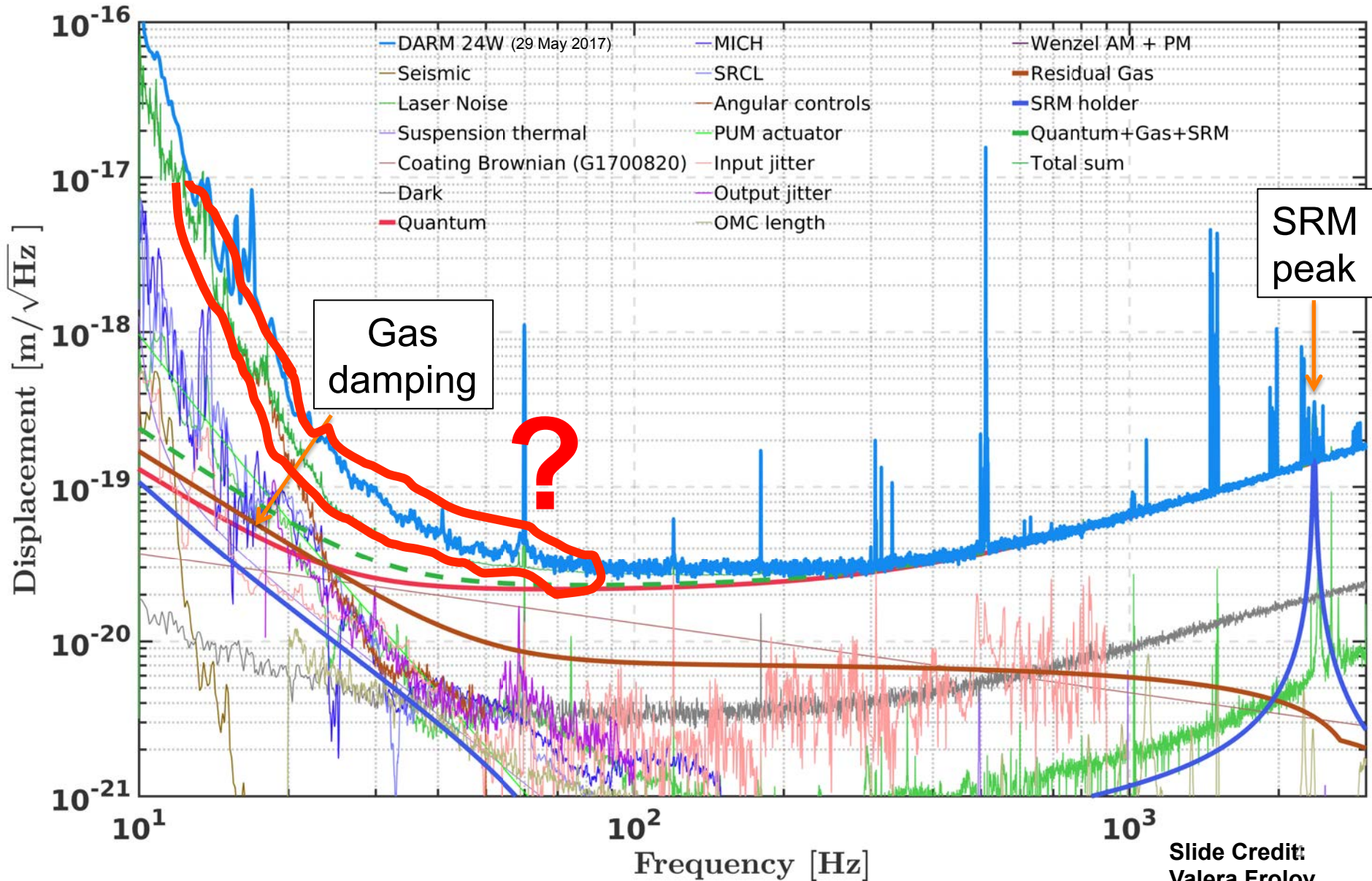
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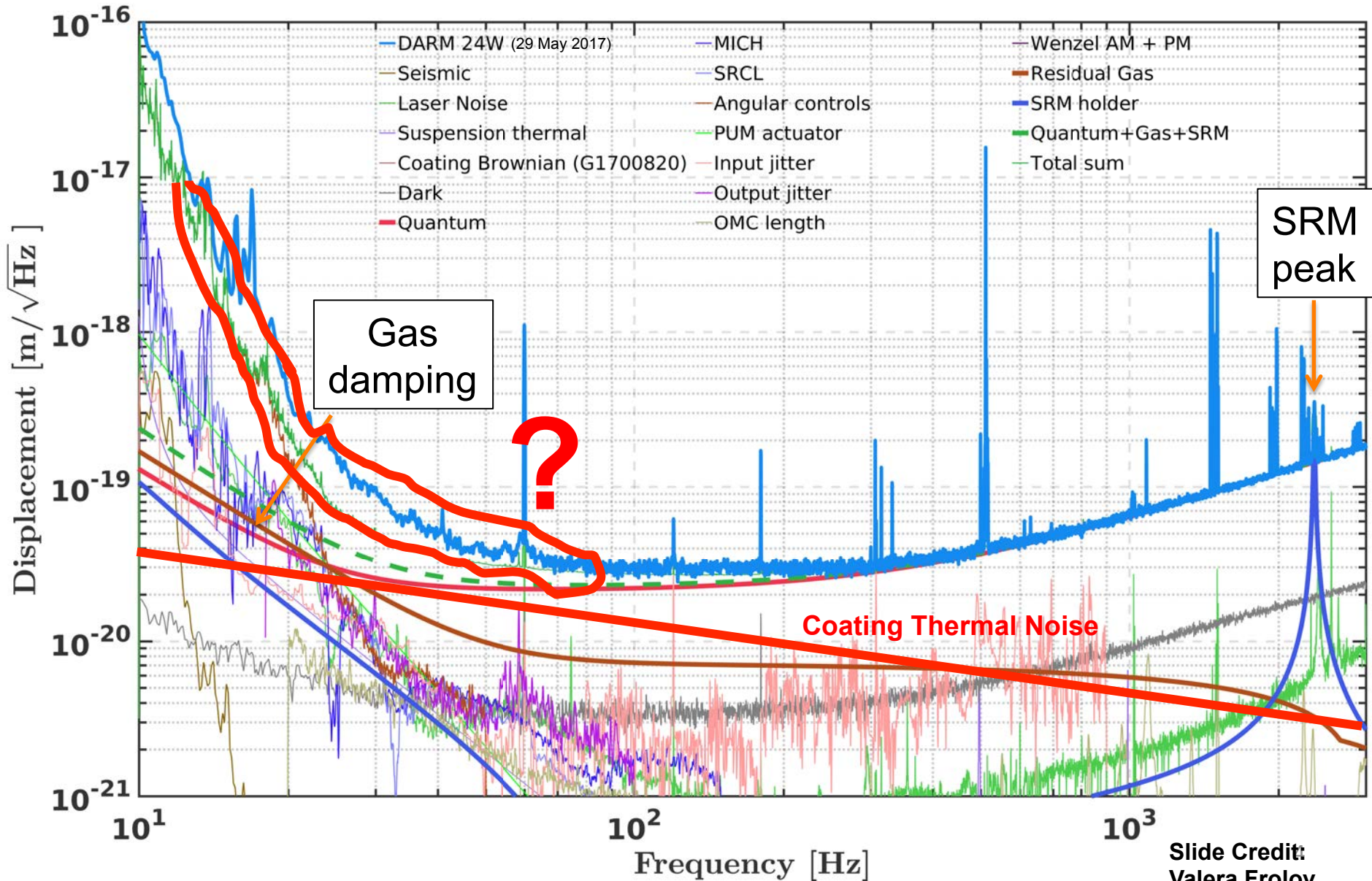


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- Bi-Linear coupling of angular sensing and control system noise ( $> 10$  Hz)
- Radiation pressure anomaly?
- Laser frequency noise ( $\sim$ bilinear)
- Laser amplitude noise ( $\sim$ bilinear)
- Audio RAM from electro-optic modulators
- Gas damping (between ERM and ETM)
- Penultimate mass coil driver electronics
- Correlated noise in output mode cleaner photodiodes
- Magnetic fields ( $\sim$ RF and baseband)
- Electric fields in main vacuum chambers
- Audio band vacuum chamber motion
- Downconversion of  $f > 100$  kHz laser noise
- 'Crackling' mechanical noise in the blades of the test mass suspensions
- Excess thermal noise in the suspension monolithic stage (ears/fibers)
- Auxiliary optics coating noise
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# Major H1, L1

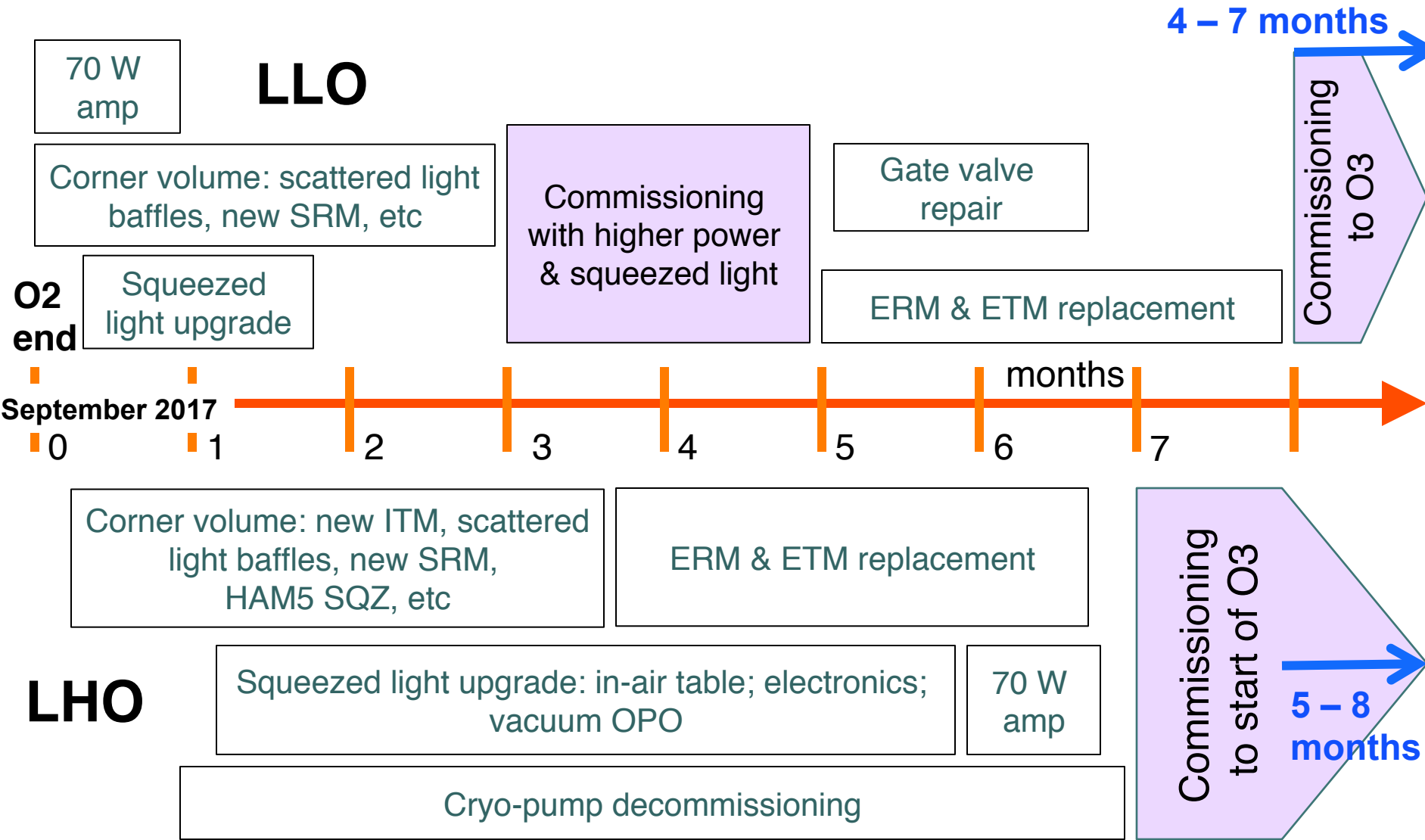
## Work Planned for post-O2

- **Replace H1's ITMX** (excess absorption)
- **Squeezed Light injection at LLO**
  - » Target is 3 dB of effective squeezing: equivalent to doubling the laser power
  - » LHO will get the hardware as well; install & commissioning TBD
- **Scattered Light Control improvements & additions**
- **70 W laser amplifier stage**
  - » LLO: allows doubling of O2 laser power
  - » LHO: plan to move from the HPO to a 70 W amplifier as well
- **Replace End Reaction Masses w/ Annular versions**
  - » Squeezed film damping; possibly electro-static charge
  - » May also replace End Test Masses
- **Monolithic Signal Recycling Mirrors**
  - » Remove several kHz peak in DARM; lower frequency impact?

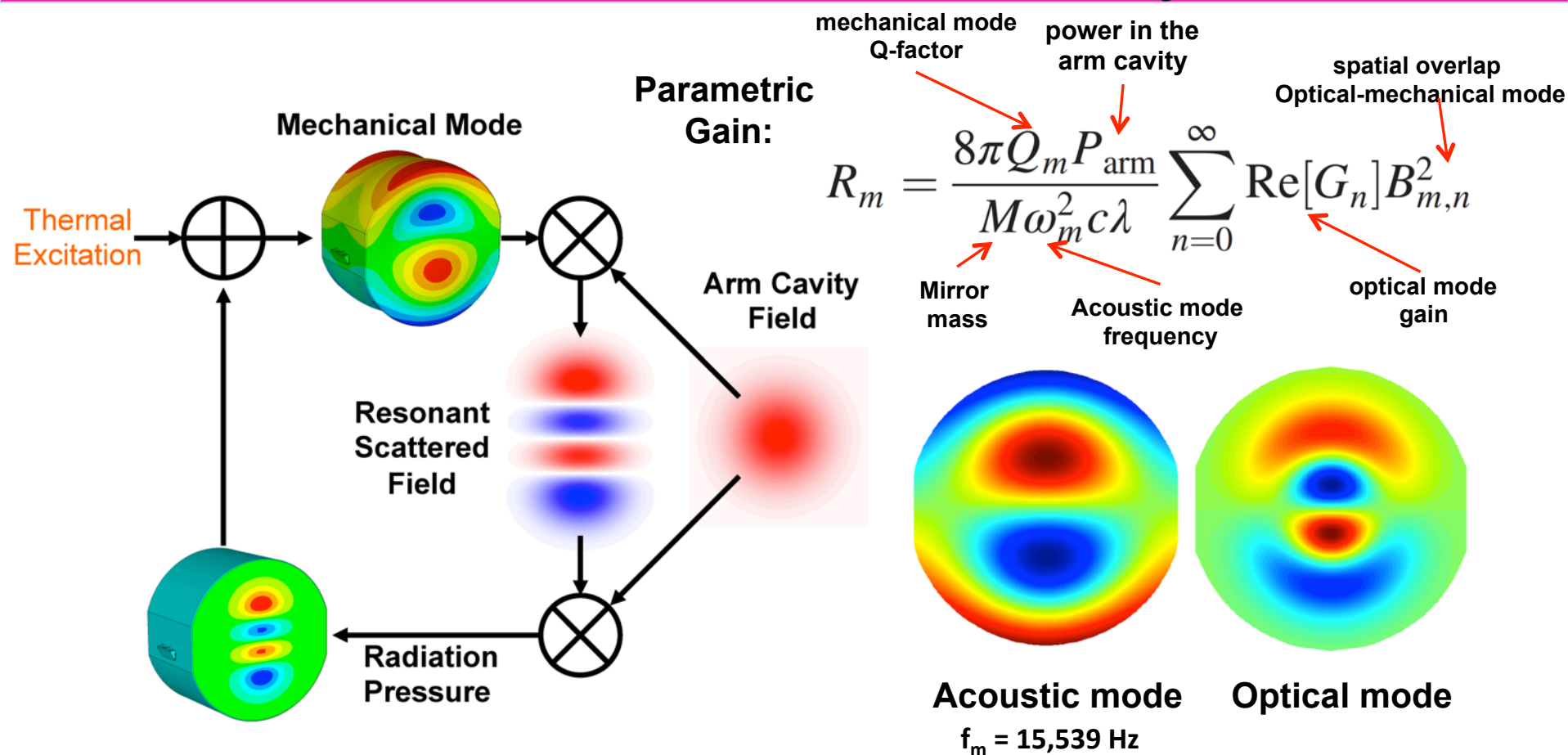




# The Road to O3 'Late aLIGO'



# Problems with High Laser Power: Parametric Instability

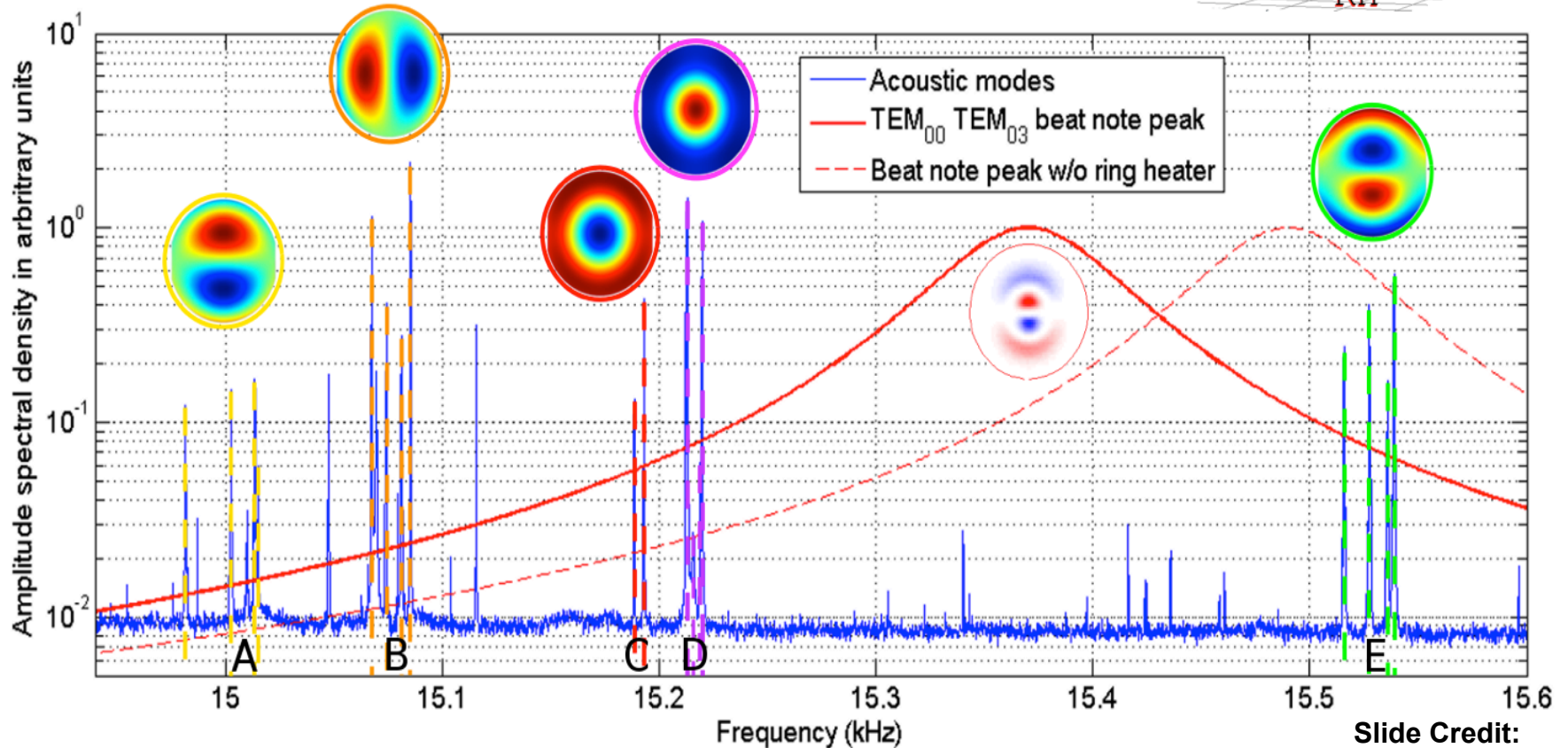
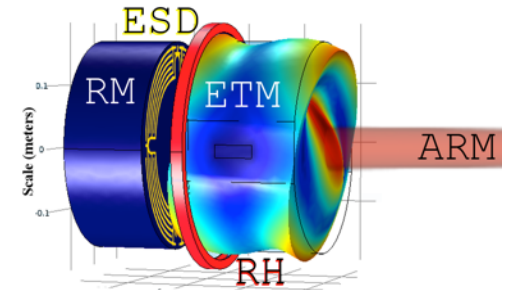


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# Passive Damping of Parametric Instabilities

## Thermal tuning of the Test Mass Radii of Curvature

**LLO:** ring heaters tuned to 'sweet spot' (low PI mode density)

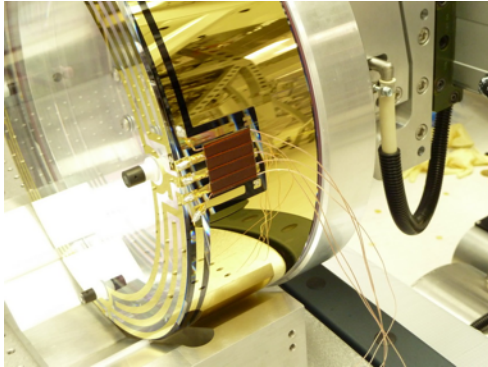


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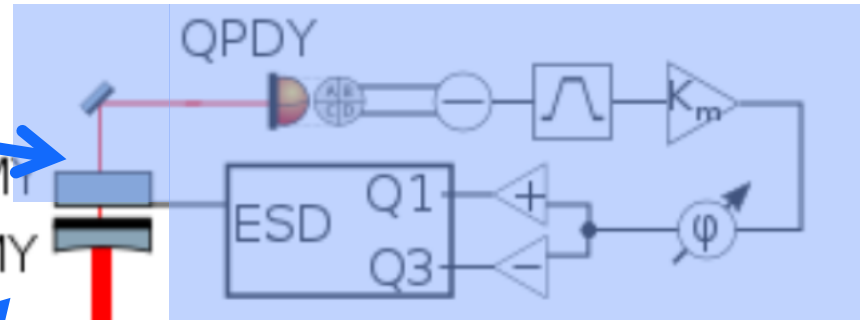
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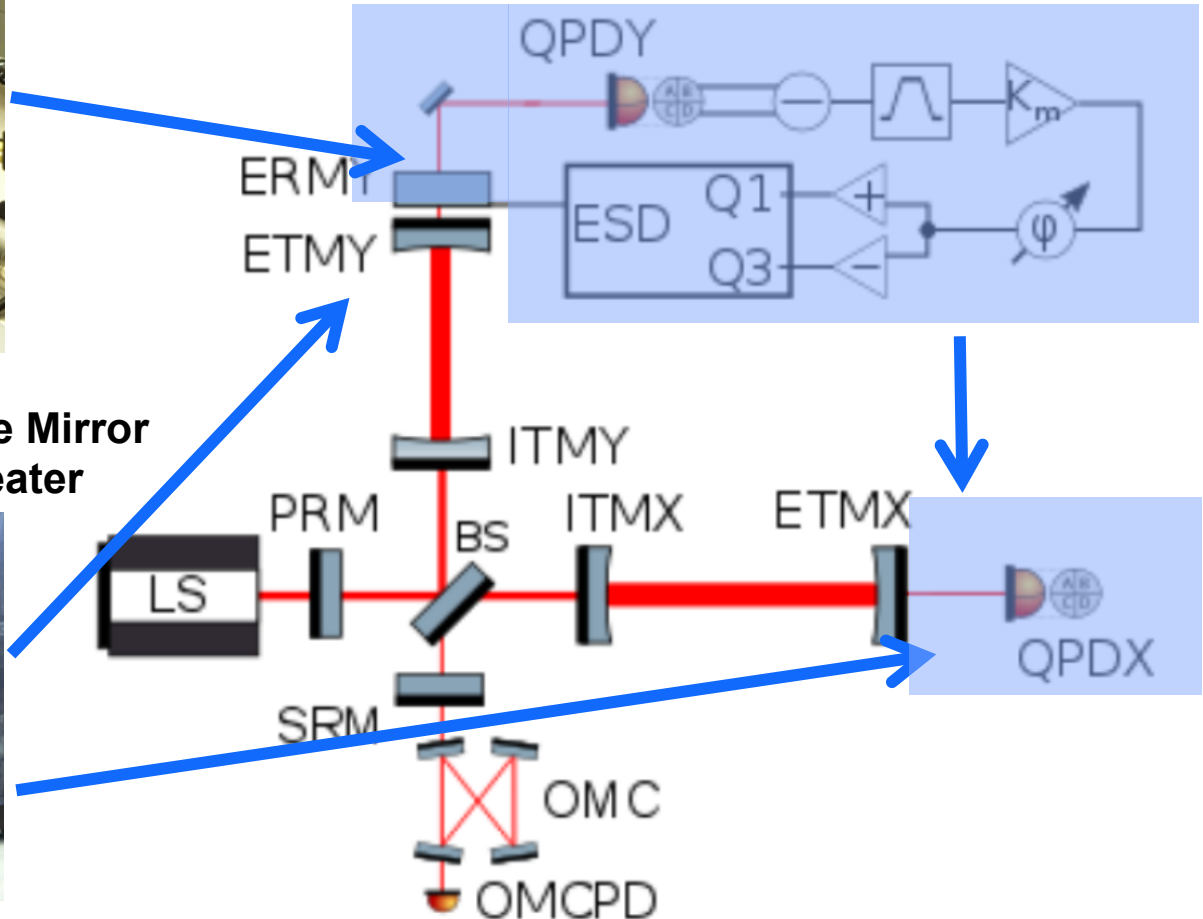
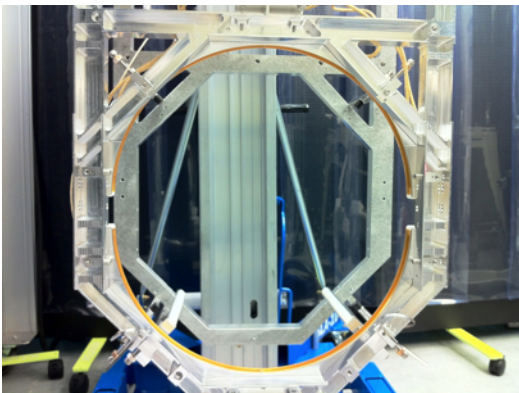
End Reaction Mass (X, Y arms)



Active Electrostatic Damping of PI modes



Passive Thermal Tuning of the Mirror Radii of curvature via Ring Heater

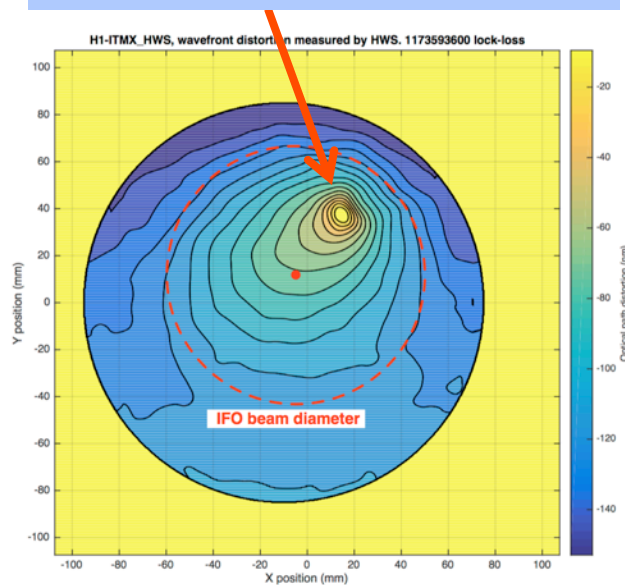


In O2, 4 modes are actively damped (130 kW in the arm cavities)  
 At 50 W, 10 modes are actively damped (200 kW in the arm cavities)  
 Challenge: Going beyond 200 kW will require new methods (passive acoustic mass dampers)

# H1's ITM-X: Excess Absorption

**March 2017:** discovered small absorber on H1's ITM-X high reflecting surface

60 nm distortion over 20 mm



**Hartman wavefront sensor image**

**Small absorber, ~ 15 mW absorbed**  
(out of 130 kW arm power)

**Results in phase front distortion negatively impacting:**

- RF sideband build-up
- Alignment sensing
- Noise couplings
- Higher-order mode jitter

Vented in May 2017 to **inspect** and **clean**

Absorber remained, so ITMX replacement is being planned for post-O2



# Quantum Engineering 'Squeezed' Light for O3

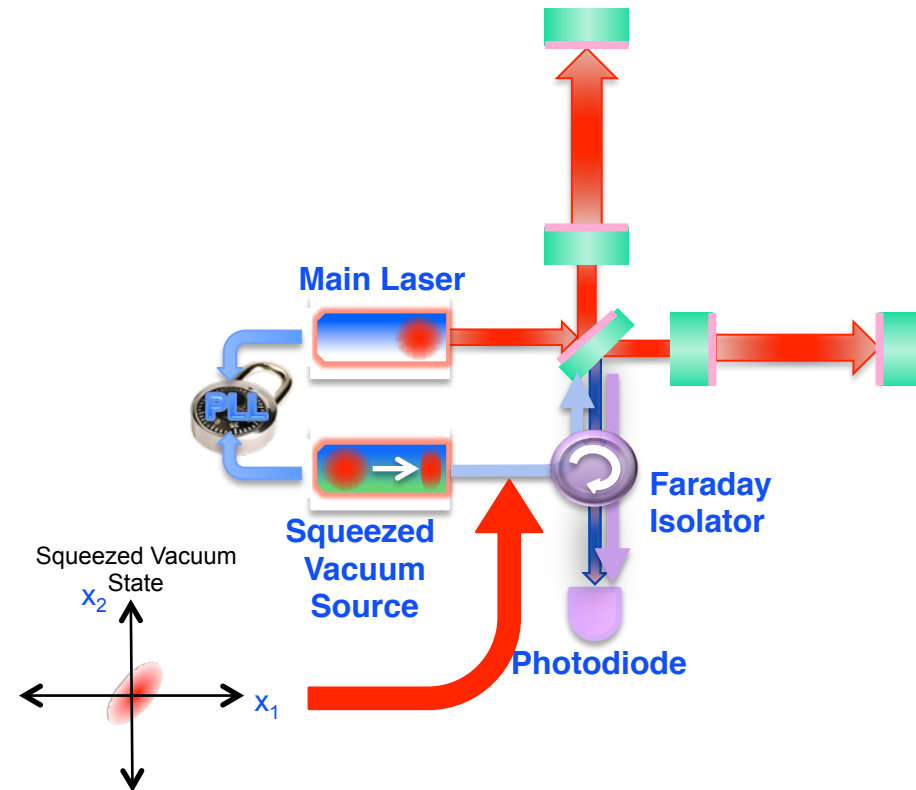
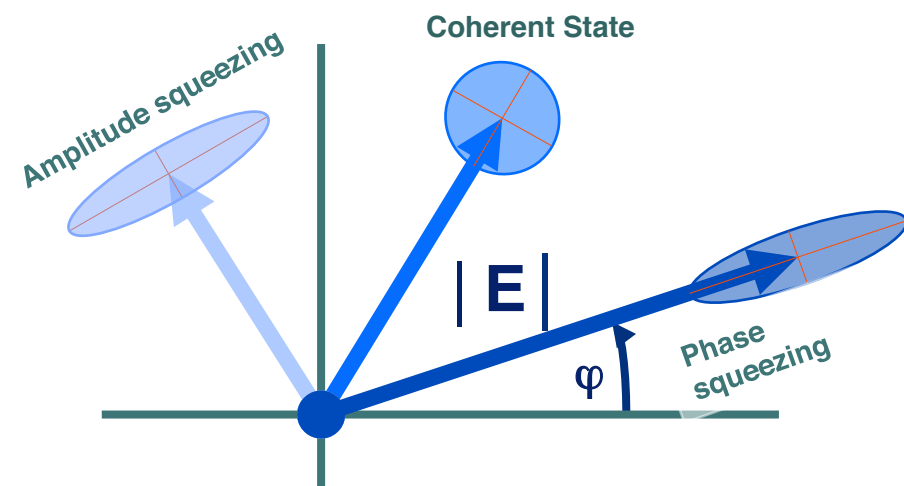
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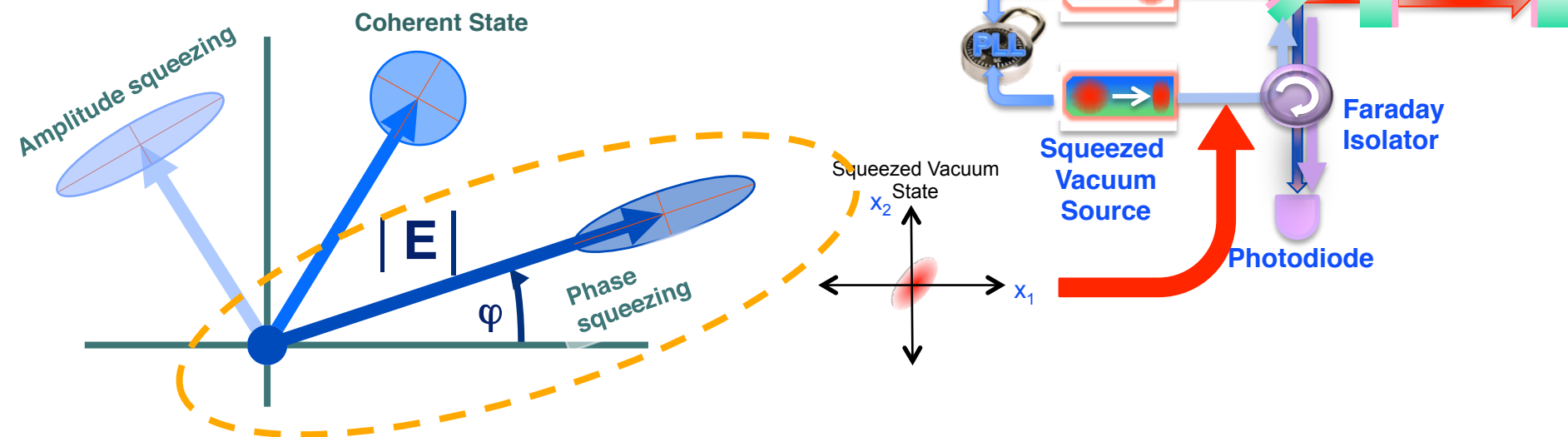
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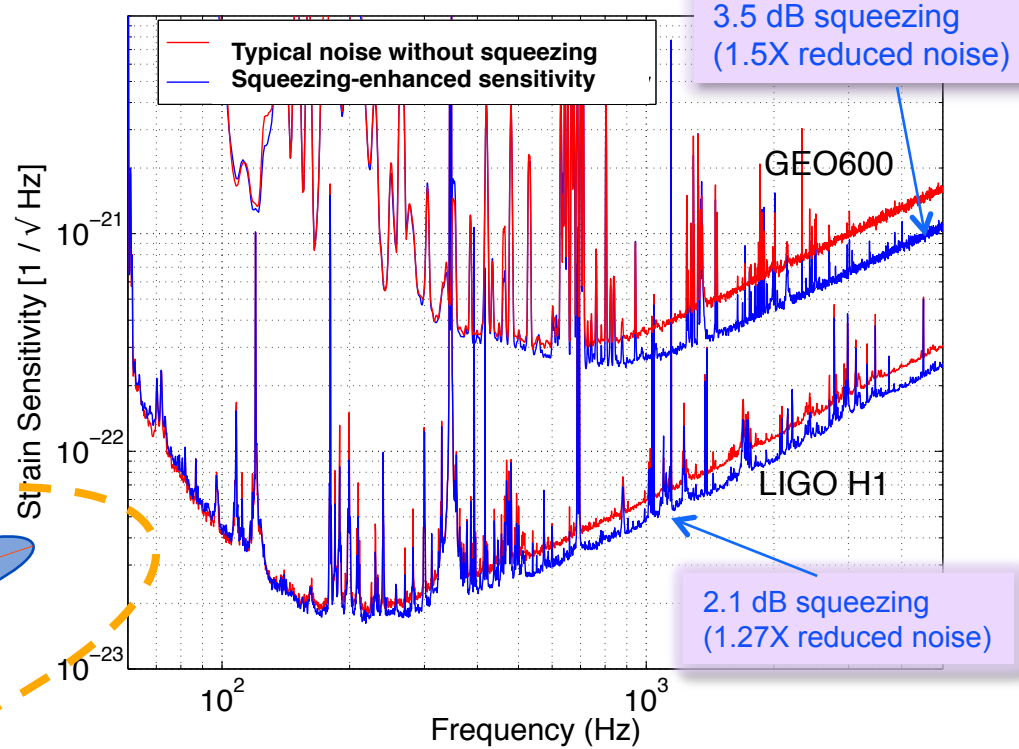
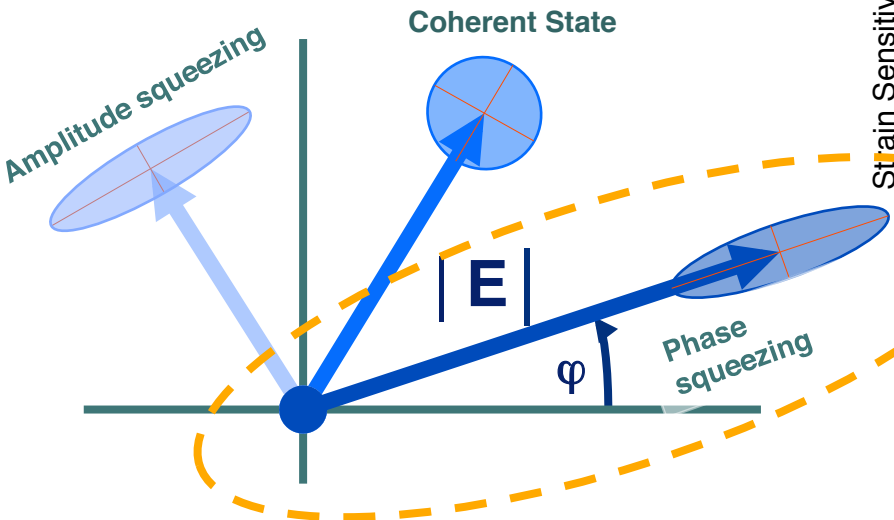
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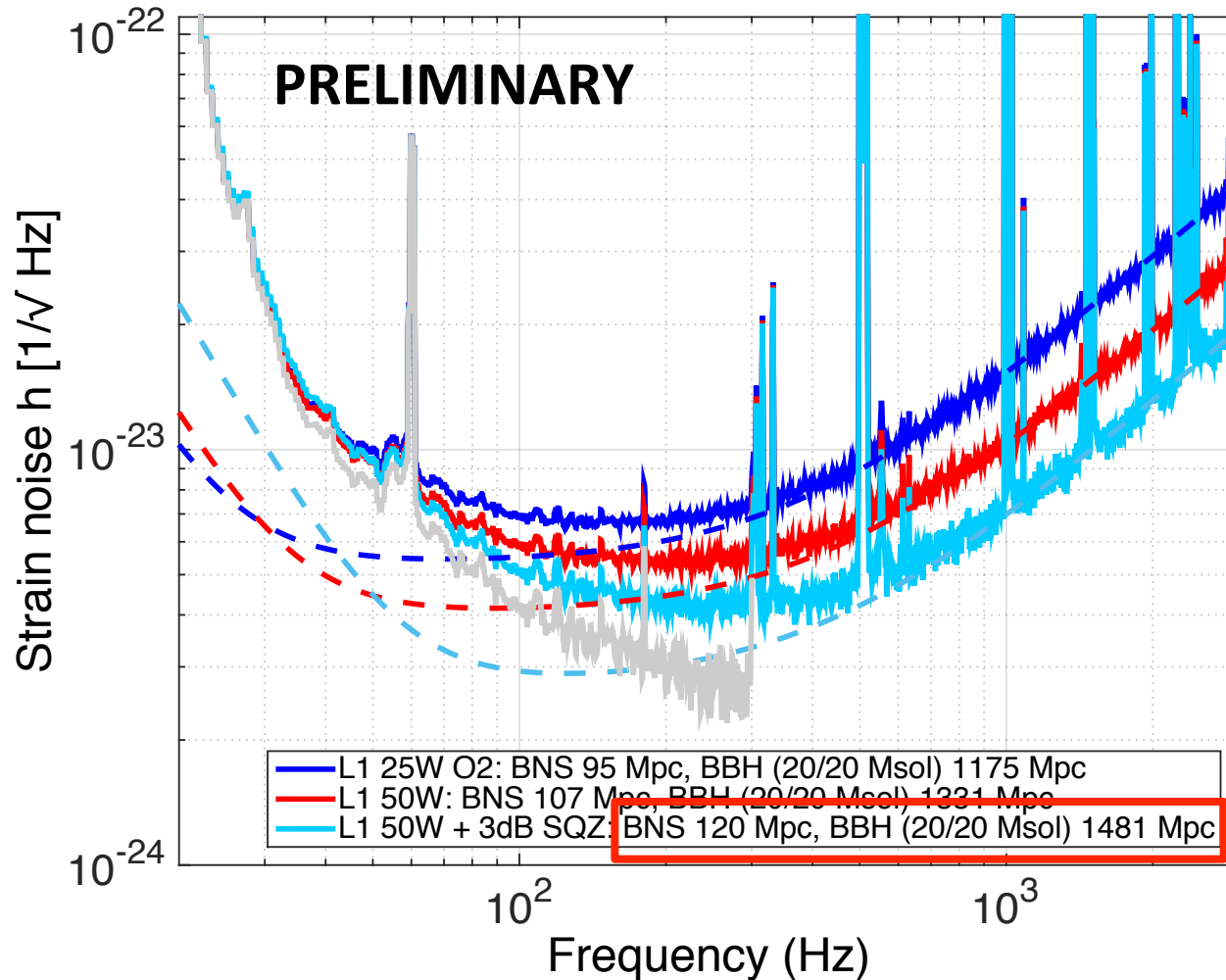


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# Squeezed Light Sensitivity Improvement

Projections for L1 strain noise



**x2 Higher power  
or  
3 dB squeezing**

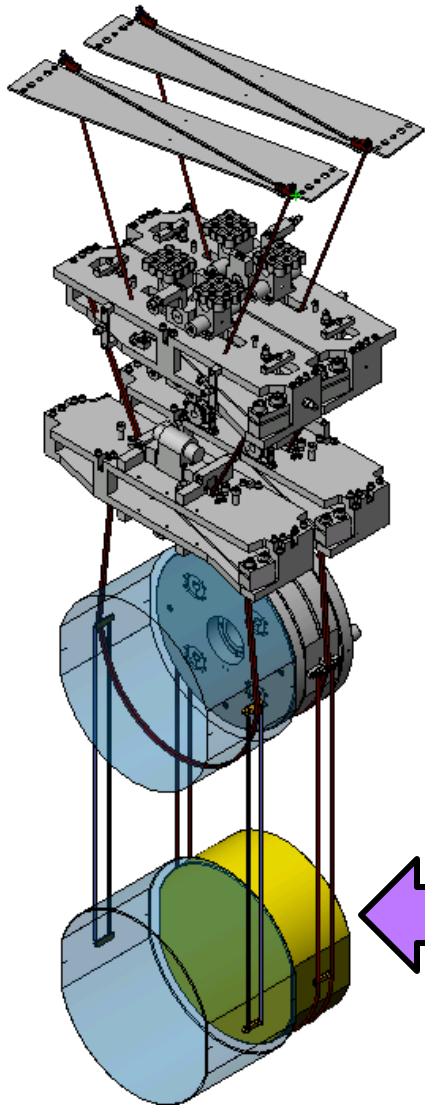
**x2 Higher power  
+ squeezing**

No further  
reduction of low  
frequency noise  
assumed in this plot

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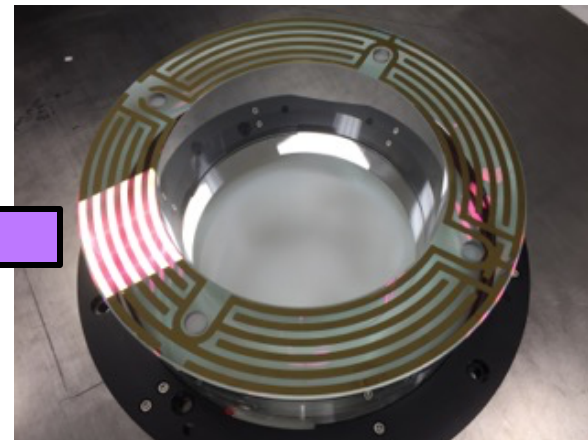
# Annular End Reaction Masses



- The current end reaction masses are solid cylinders
  - » Gap spaced 5 mm from the end test mass
- ‘Squeezed film’ gas damping is non-negligible
  - » Will be a limit assuming existing tank pressure; but could be a limiting noise source now

Annular ERM

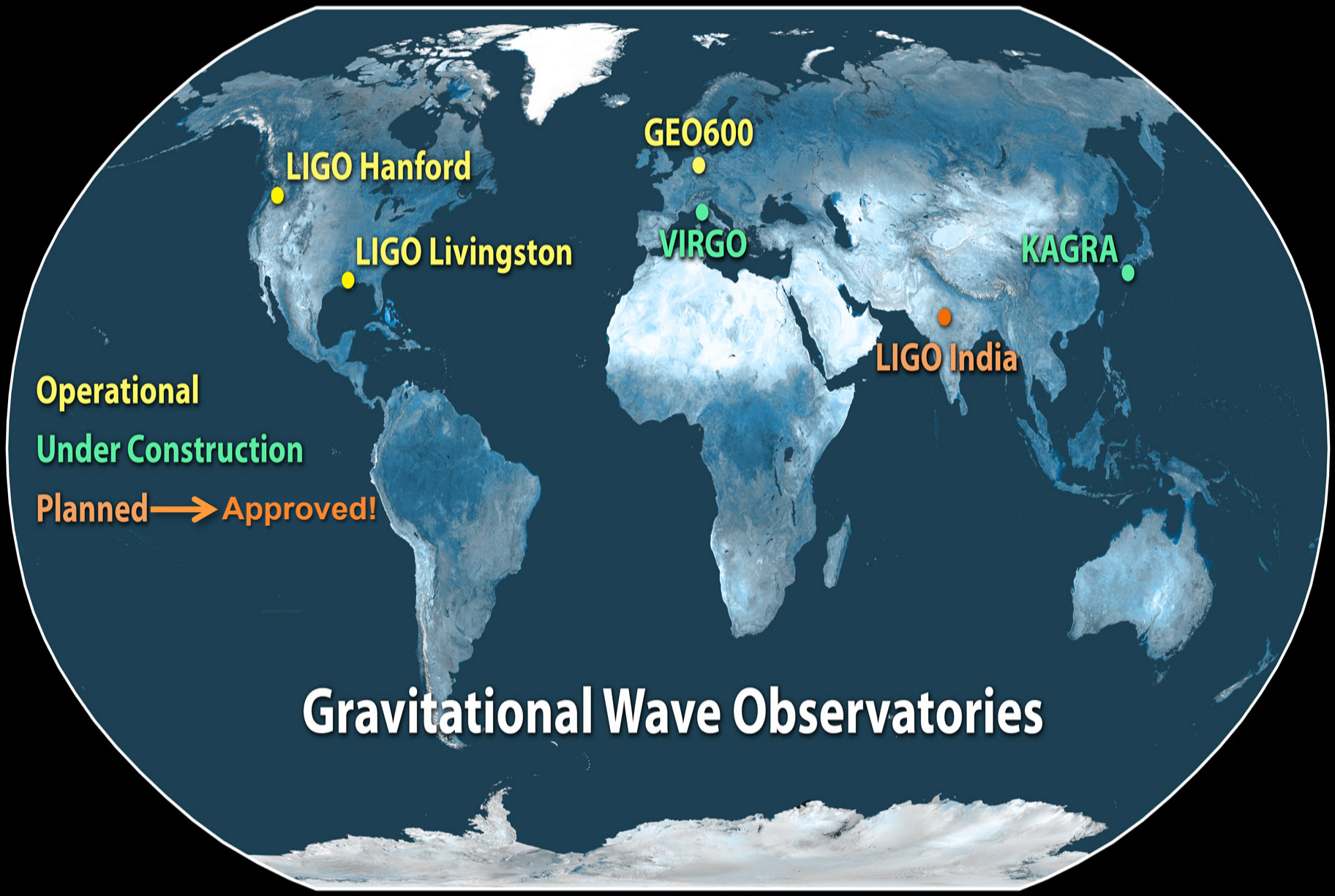
Same electro-static force as current ERM



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*Beyond Advanced LIGO:  
The A+ Upgrade  
2020-2025*



**Operational**

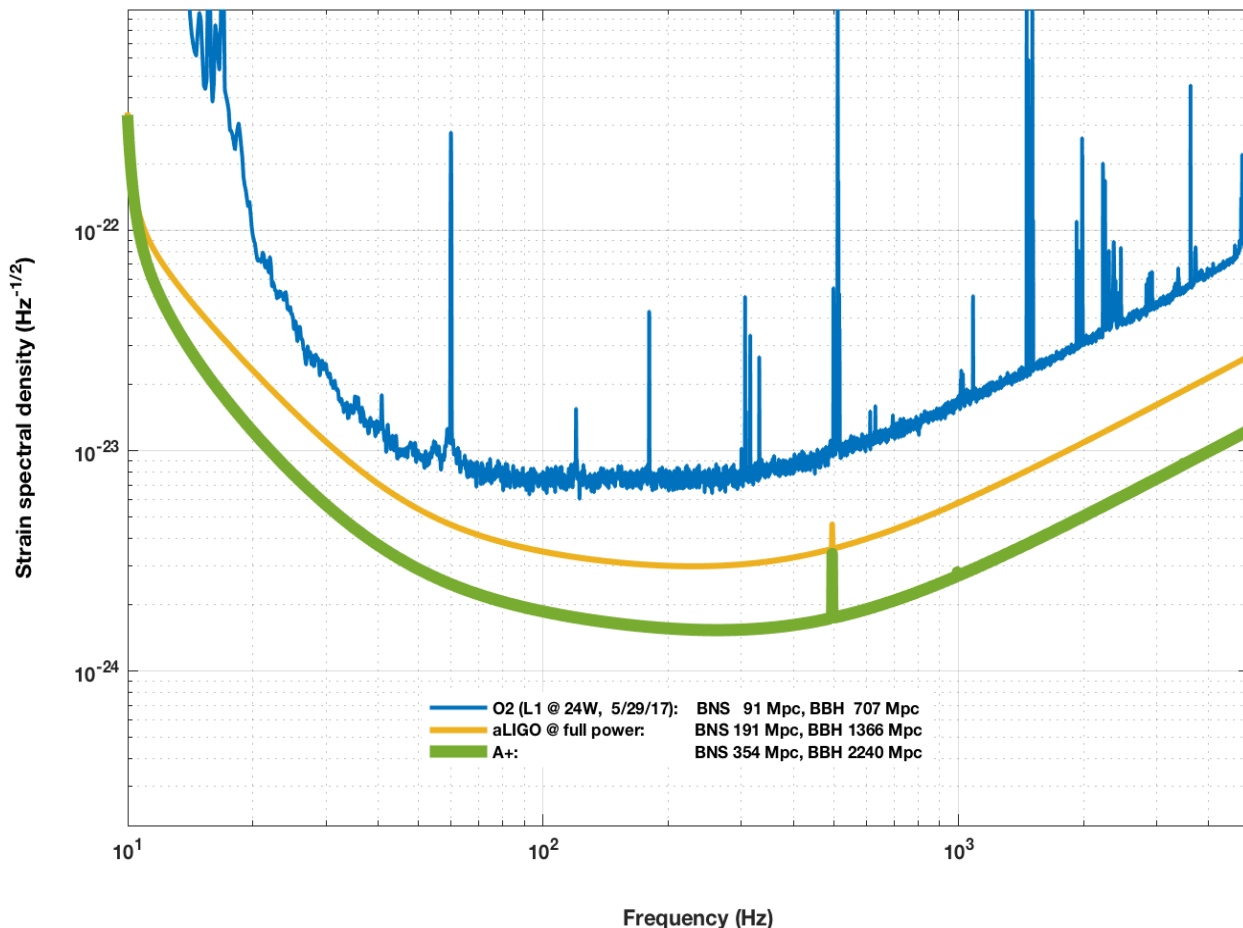
**Under Construction**

**Planned** → **Approved!**

# Gravitational Wave Observatories

# *A+ : a Mid-Life Enhancement for Advanced LIGO*

A+ strain projection vs. current O2 and aL design limit with comoving ranges for BNS (1.4/1.4  $M_{\odot}$ ) and BBH (20/20  $M_{\odot}$ )



- Near term: ‘A+’, a mid-scale upgrade of Advanced LIGO
  - » Improvements across all bands
- Projected time scale for A+ operation: 2023 - 2025



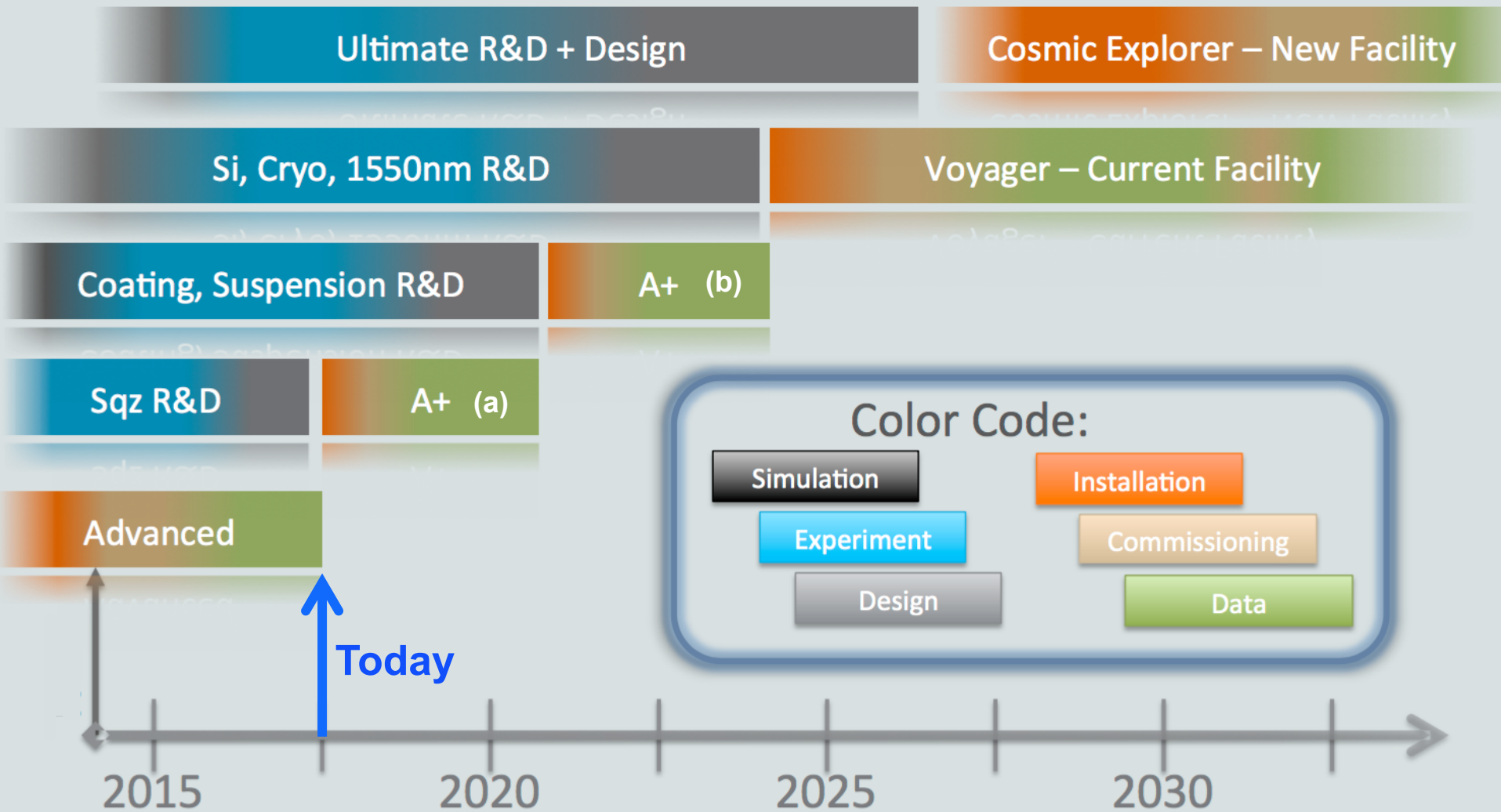
# Why A+?

- An incremental upgrade to aLIGO *that can happen in the next 5-7 years*
- A+ leverages existing technology and infrastructure, with minimal new investment, and moderate risk
- Target improvement: factor of 1.7\* increase in range over aLIGO
  - ***About a factor of 5 greater CBC event rate***
- Stepping stone to 3G detector technology
- Can be observing within 5 years (possibly late 2022)
- “Scientific breakeven” within 1/2 year of operation
- Incremental cost: *a small increment of the aLIGO cost*

\*BBH 20/20  $M_{\odot}$ : 1.64x  
\*BNS 1.4/1.4  $M_{\odot}$ : 1.85x

# Conceptual LIGO Upgrade Timeline

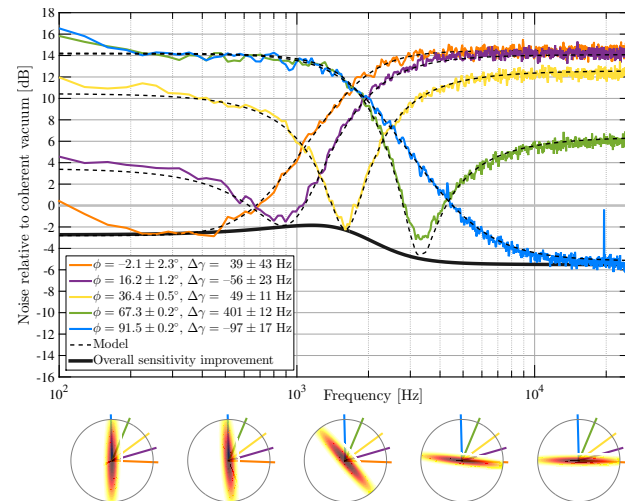
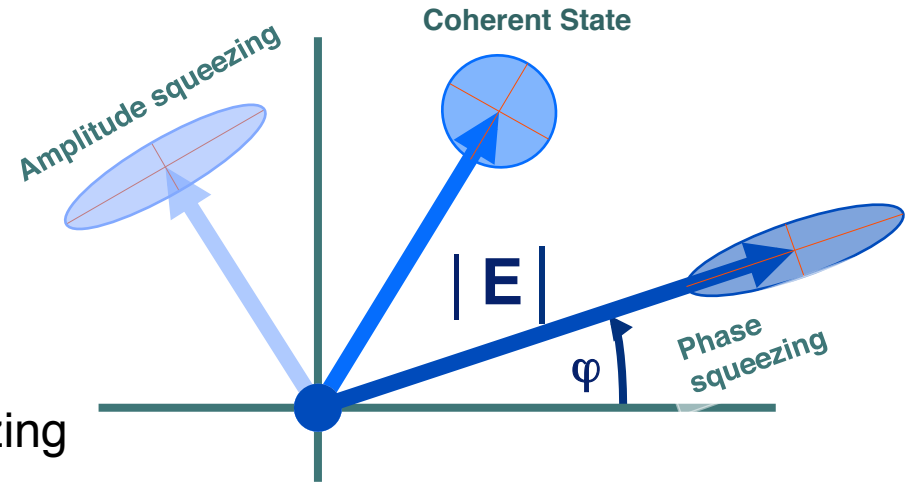
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# LIGO *Summary of Major A+ Upgrades*

## Key A+ parameters:

- Frequency-dependent squeezing
  - » Phase squeezing at high frequencies; amplitude squeezing at low frequencies
- 12dB injected squeezing
  - » 15% readout loss
- 100 m filter cavity
  - » 20 ppm round trip filter cavity loss
- Coating thermal noise half of aLIGO

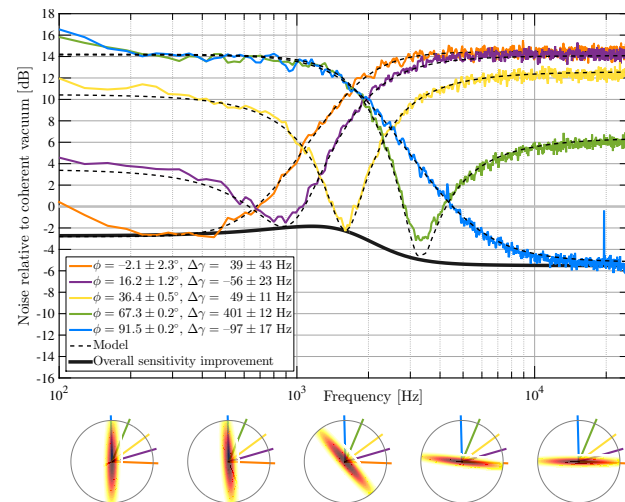
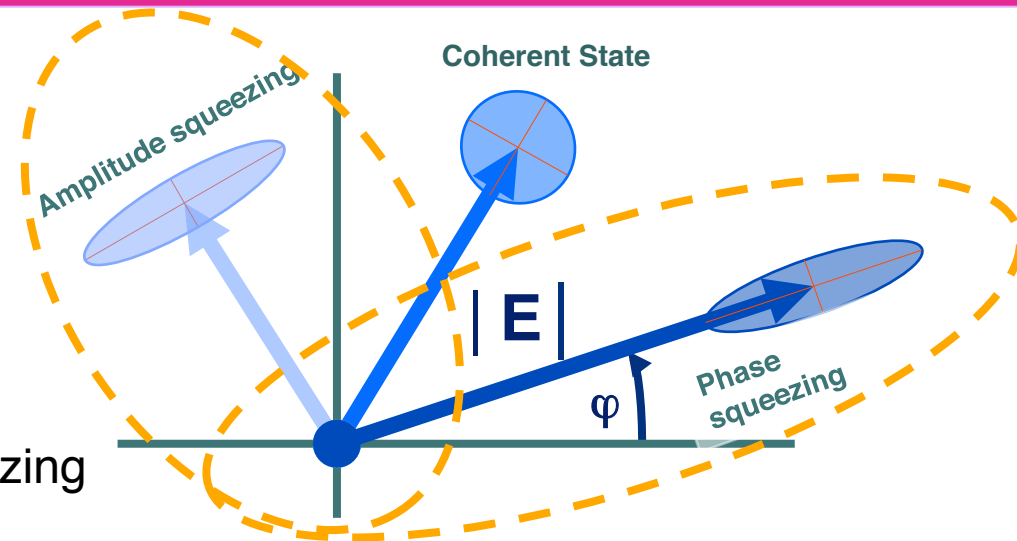


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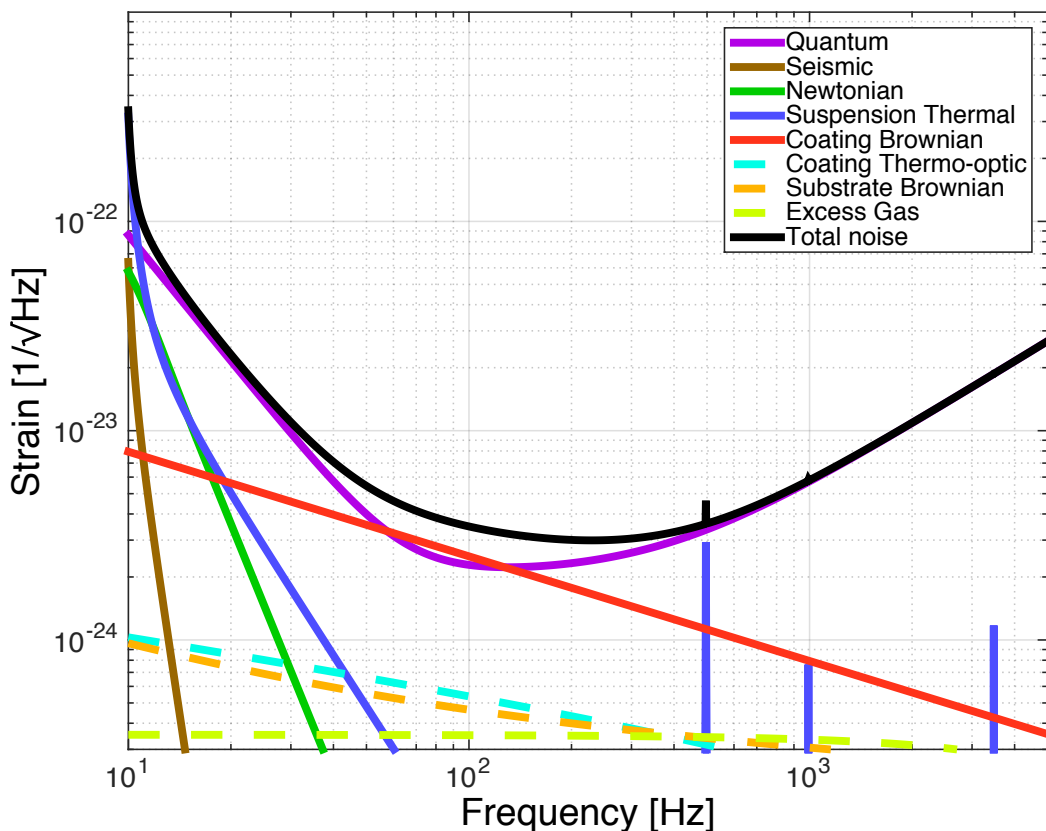
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# What can be improved?

## aLIGO limiting noise at full power

aLIGO Noise Curve:  $P_{in} = 125.0$  W



### ALIGO Parameters:

**Laser Power:** 125.00 Watt  
**SRM Detuning:** 0.00 degree  
**SRM transmission:** 0.3500  
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**PRM transmission:** 0.0300  
**Finesse:** 446.41  
**Power Recycling Factor:** 40.54  
**Arm power:** 710.81 kW  
**Power on beam splitter:** 5.07 kW  
**Thermal load on ITM:** 0.385 W  
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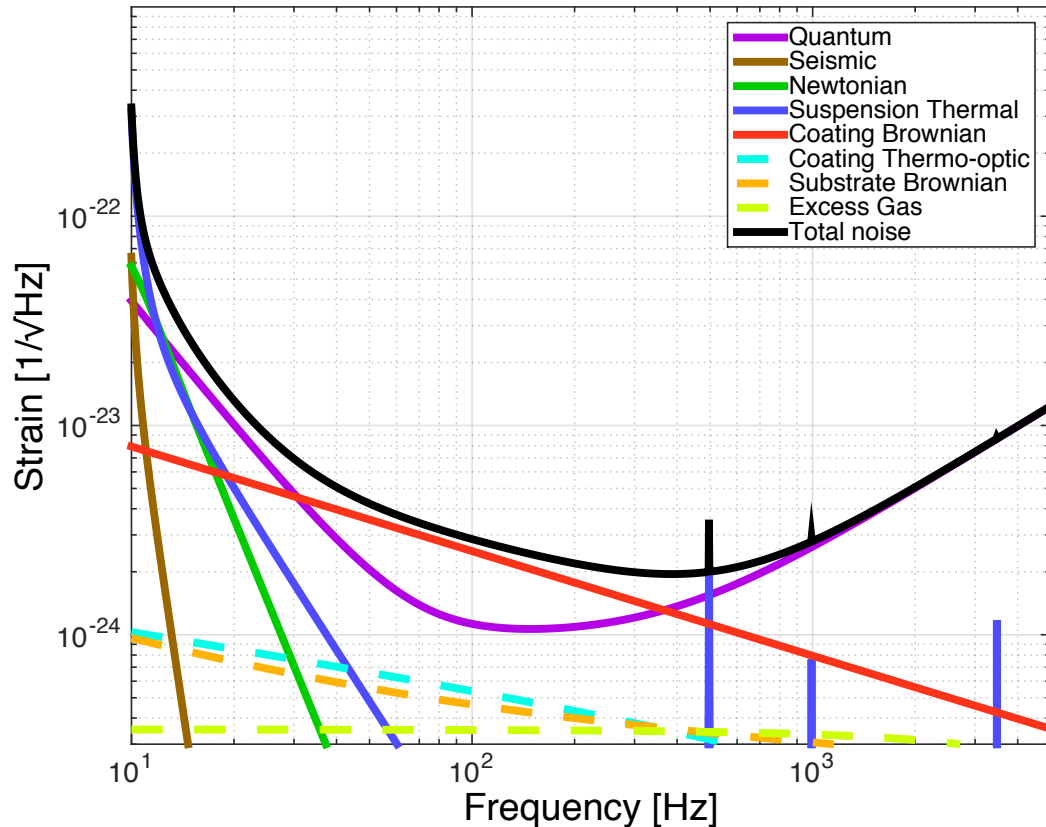
### ALIGO Astrophysics:

**BNS range:** 191.04 Mpc (comoving)  
**BNS horizon:** 436.32 Mpc (comoving)  
**BNS reach:** 272.08 Mpc (comoving)  
**BBH range:** 1.37 Gpc (comoving,  $z = 0.3$ )  
**BBH horizon:** 3.24 Gpc (comoving,  $z = 0.9$ )  
**BBH reach:** 2.12 Gpc (comoving,  $z = 0.5$ )  
**Stochastic Omega:** 2.42e-09

Slide Credit:  
Mike Zucker



# ..plus squeezing with ~100m scale filter cavity

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## A+ Astrophysics with Squeezing:

BNS range:	258.72 Mpc (comoving)
BNS horizon:	592.49 Mpc (comoving)
BNS reach:	370.29 Mpc (comoving)
BBH range:	1.74 Gpc (comoving, $z = 0.4$ )
BBH horizon:	4.14 Gpc (comoving, $z = 1.3$ )
BBH reach:	2.77 Gpc (comoving, $z = 0.5$ )
Stochastic Omega:	9.32e-10

LIGO-G1701020

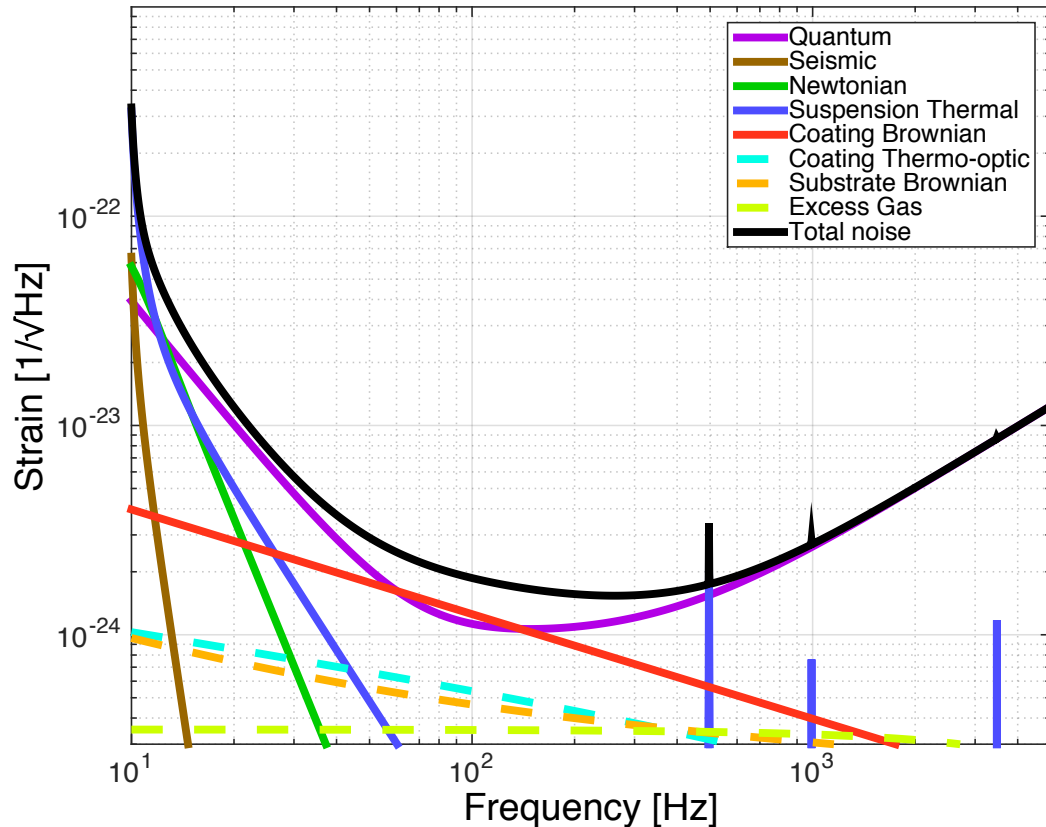
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LIGO-G1701183



# ..plus coating thermal noise reduction

aLIGO Noise Curve:  $P_{in} = 125.0$  W



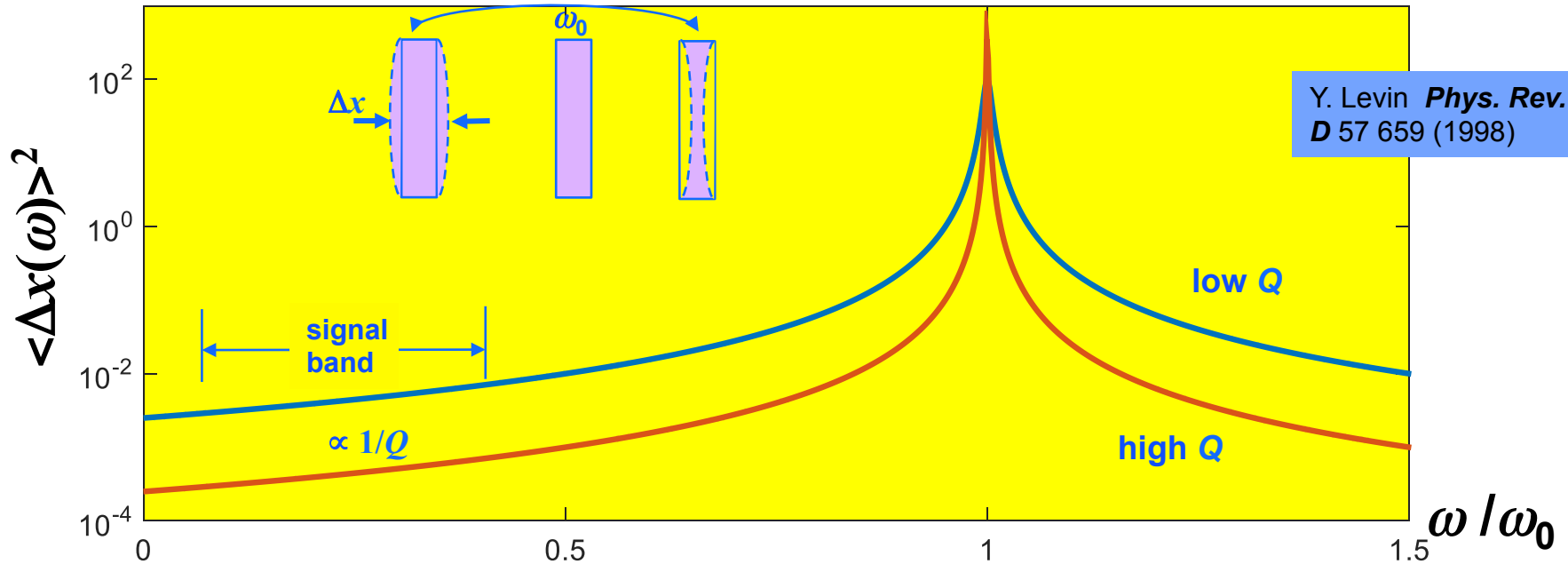
## A+ Parameters with Squeezing/CTN:

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## A+ Astrophysics with Squeezing/CTN:

BNS range:	354.06 Mpc (comoving)
BNS horizon:	814.04 Mpc (comoving)
BNS reach:	510.28 Mpc (comoving)
BBH range:	2.24 Gpc (comoving, $z = 0.6$ )
BBH horizon:	4.14 Gpc (comoving, $z = 2.1$ )
BBH reach:	2.77 Gpc (comoving, $z = 1.1$ )
Stochastic Omega:	$6.78e-10$

# Challenge: Thermal Noise in Optical Coatings



- Simple picture:  $kT$  of energy per mechanical mode, viscous damping
- For coating dominated noise and structural damping:

$$S_x(f, T) \approx \frac{2k_B T}{\pi^2 f} \frac{d}{w^2 Y} \phi \left( \frac{Y'}{Y} + \frac{Y}{Y'} \right)$$

coating thickness  $d$   
 coating elastic loss  $\phi$   
 beam radius  $w$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\text{TiO}_2:\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5} &= 2 \times 10^{-4} \\ \phi_{\text{SiO}_2} &= 4 \times 10^{-5} \end{aligned}$$

Compare: Bulk Silica  $\phi \sim 10^{-6}-10^{-8}$

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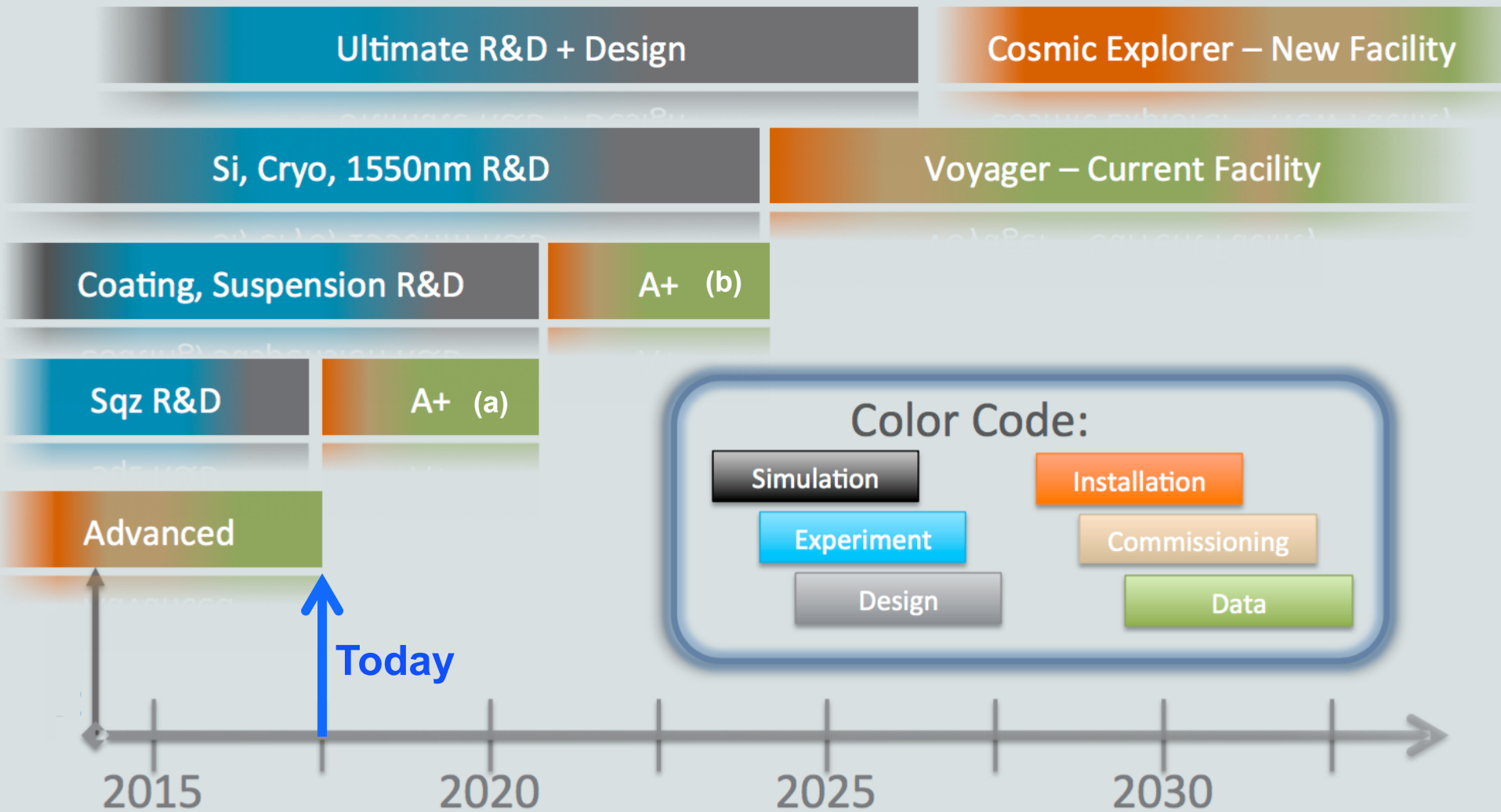
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*Probing the Horizons of the  
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Voyager & Cosmic Explorer  
2025 - 2035+*



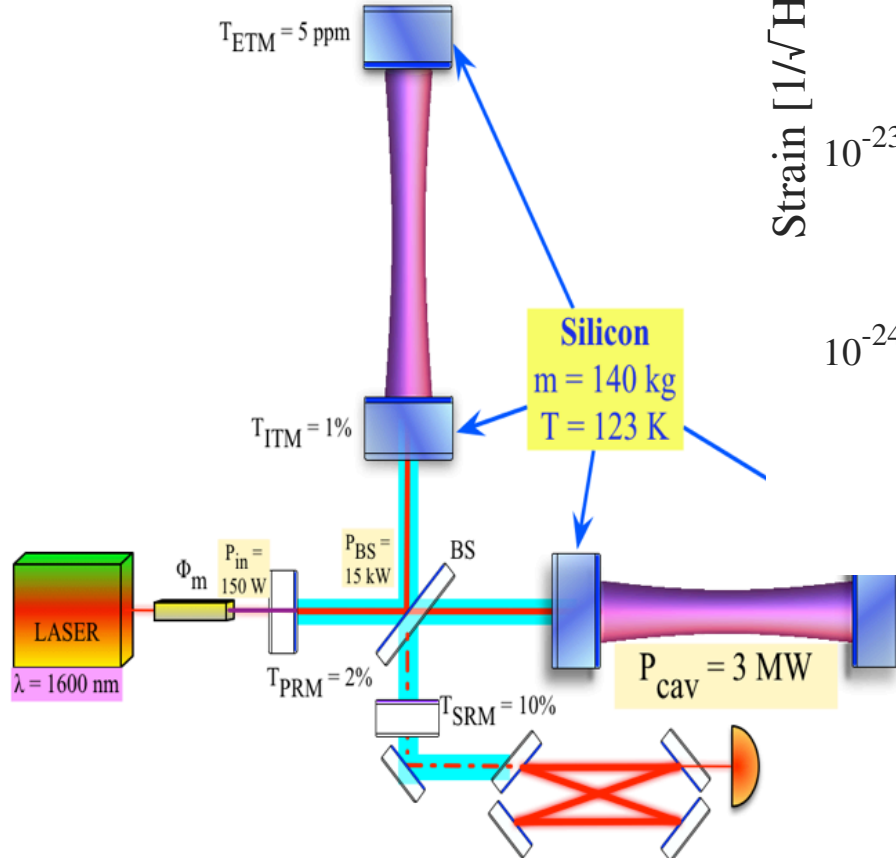
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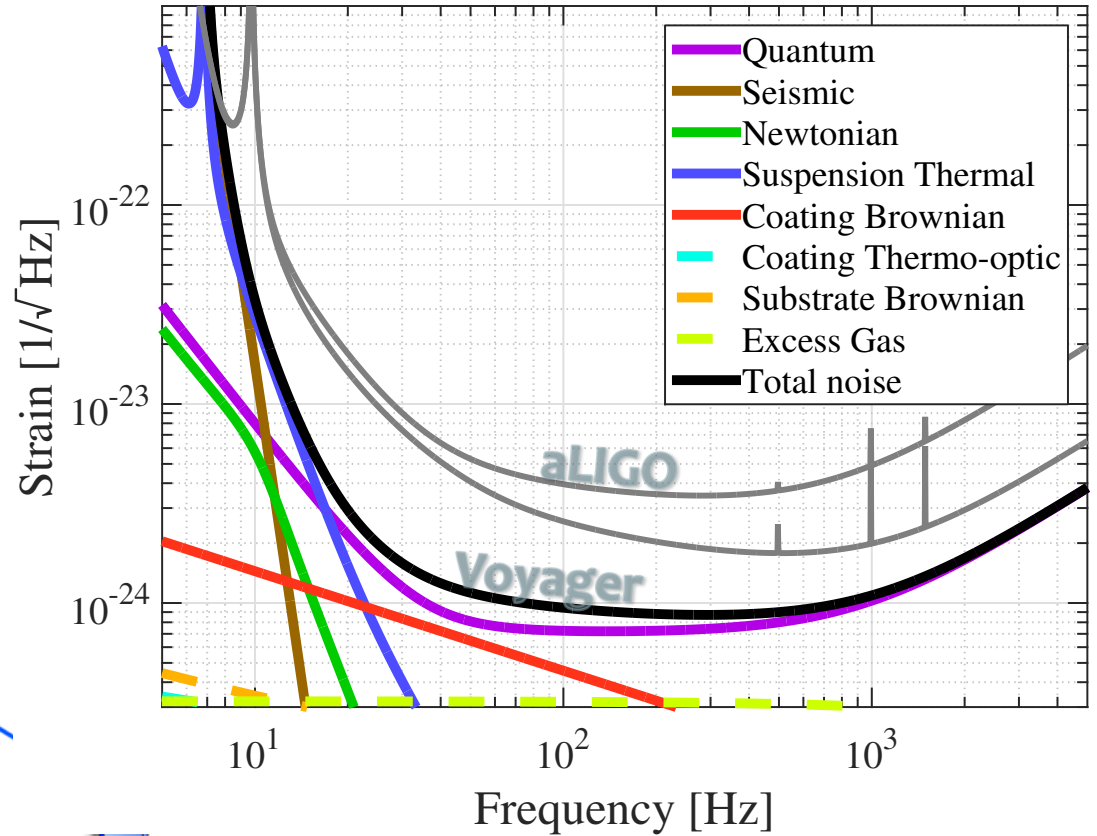


# LIGO Voyager: Fully Exploiting the Current LIGO Facilities

Si optics, > 100 kg  
Si or AlGaAs coatings  
(Mildly) Cryogenic  
 $\lambda \sim 2 \mu\text{m}$ , 300 W



Voyager Noise Curve:  $P_{in} = 300.0 \text{ W}$



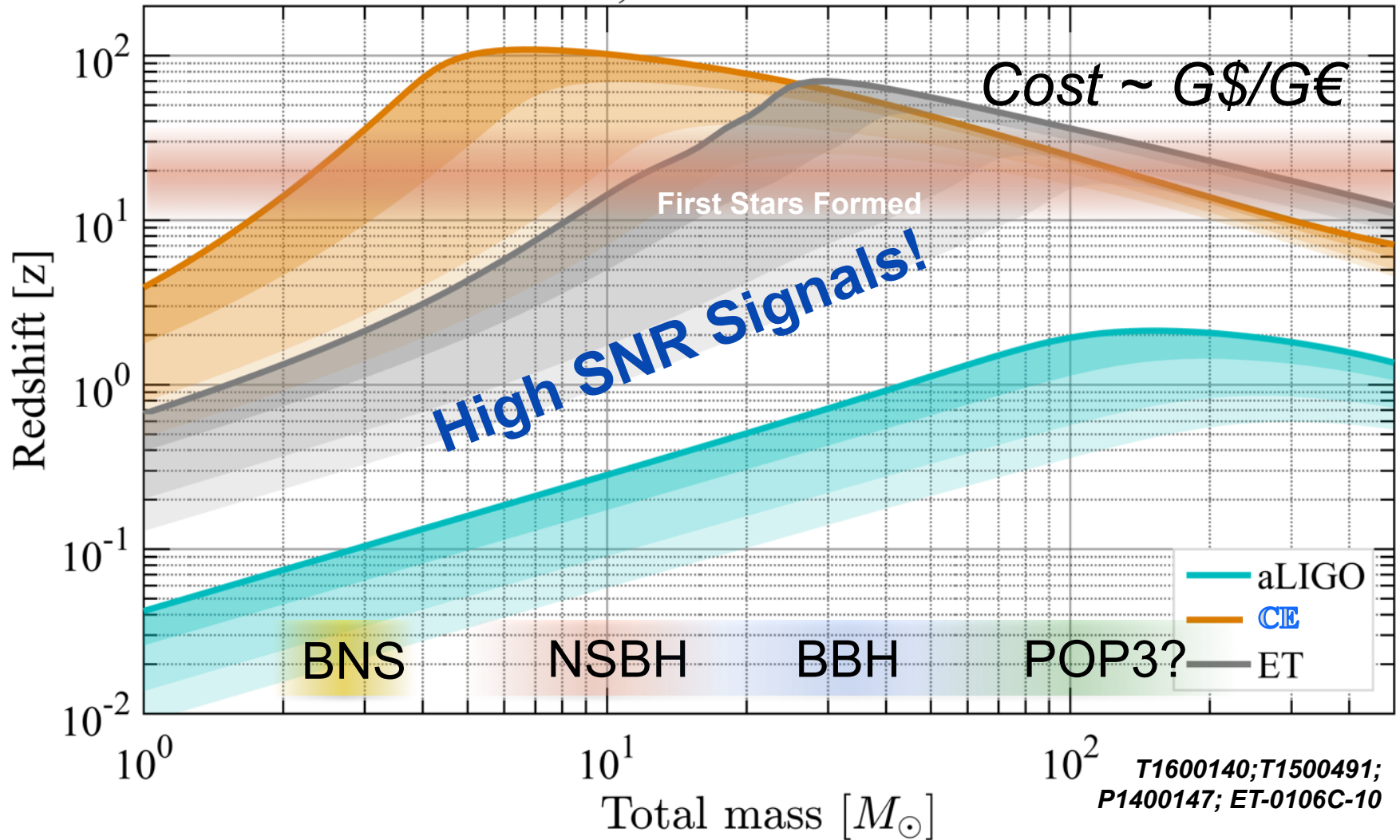
**BNS  $R < 800 \text{ Mpc}$**   
**BBH  $z < 5$  (@10  $M_{\odot}$ )**  
**~100M\$**

- <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-T1400226>,
- <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-T1200031>,
- <https://dcc.ligo.org/LIGO-T1200099>
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# Einstein Telescope, Cosmic Explorer: New Observatories

Horizon and 10, 50 and 75 % confidence levels





## *How to Get From Here to There?*

### *GWIC (Gravitational Wave International Committee)*

***Body formed in 1997 to facilitate international collaboration and cooperation in the construction, operation and use of the major gravitational wave detection facilities world-wide***

- Affiliated with the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics
  - » From 1999 until 2011, GWIC was recognized as a subpanel of PaNAGIC (IUPAP WG.4).
  - » In 2011, GWIC was accepted by IUPAP as a separate Working Group (WG.11).

Links to the:

International Astronomical Union (IAU)

International Society for General Relativity and Gravitation (ISGRG)



# GWIC

Gravitational Wave International Committee

## *Who is GWIC?*

The membership of GWIC represents all of the world's active gravitational wave projects\*, as well as other relevant communities, covering gravitational wave frequencies from nanohertz to kilohertz. Each project has either one or two members on GWIC depending on size.

**ACIGA** Bram Slagmolen

**AURIGA** Massimo Cerdonio

**Einstein Telescope** Michele Punturo

**European Pulsar Timing Array** Michael Kramer

**GEO 600** Karsten Danzmann, *Sheila Rowan (Chair)*

**IndIGO** Bala Iyer

**KAGRA** Yoshio Saito, Takaaki Kajita

**LIGO** Dave Reitze, David Shoemaker

**LISA** Neil Cornish, Bernard Schutz,  
Ira Thorpe, Stefano Vitale,

**NANOGrav** Xavier Siemens

**NAUTILUS** Eugenio Coccia

**Parkes Pulsar Timing Array** George Hobbs

**Spherical Acoustic detectors** Odylio Aguiar

**Theory Community** Clifford Will

**Virgo** Fulvio Ricci, Jean-Yves Vinet

**IUPAP AC2 (ISGRG)** Beverly Berger

**IAU D1** Vacant

**Executive secretary** : David Shoemaker  
**Co- secretary**: Stan Whitcomb

\*no CMB community membership





## ***GWIC's role in coordinating 3G detector development***

### ***GWIC Subcommittee on Third Generation Ground-based Detectors***

#### GWIC subcommittee purpose and charge:

With the recent first detections of gravitational waves by LIGO and Virgo, it is **both timely and appropriate to begin seriously planning for a network of future gravitational-wave observatories**, capable of extending the reach of detections well beyond that currently achievable with second generation instruments.

The GWIC Subcommittee on Third Generation Ground-based Detectors is tasked with **examining the path to a future network of observatories/facilities**



GWIC

Gravitational Wave International Committee

## *Membership*

Co-Chairs: Michele Punturo – ET/David Reitze - LIGO

Federico Ferrini – European Gravitational Observatory

Takaaki Kajita - KAGRA

Vicky Kalogera – Northwestern (co-opted)

Harald Lueck, AEI (co-opted)

Jay Marx, LIGO (co-opted)

David McClelland, ACIGA (co-opted)

Sheila Rowan - GWIC Chair

Bangalore Sathyaprakash – Penn State (co-opted)

David Shoemaker – Executive Secretary



## Goals

1) *Science Drivers for 3G detectors:* (Kalogera, Sathyaprakash + subcommittee)  
commission a study of ground-based gravitational wave science from the global scientific community, investigating potential science vs architecture vs. network configuration vs. cost trade-offs, recognizing and taking into account existing studies for 3G projects (such as ET) as well as science overlap with the larger gravitational-wave spectrum.

2) *Coordination of the Ground-based GW Community:* (Lueck, McClelland + subcommittee)

develop and facilitate coordination mechanisms among the current and future planned and anticipated ground-based GW projects, including identification of common technologies and R&D activities as well as comparison of the specific technical approaches to 3G detectors. Possible support for coordination of 2G observing and 3G construction schedules.

3) *Networking among Ground-based GW Community:* (Punturo, Reitze)

**organize and facilitate links between planned global 3G projects and other relevant scientific communities, including organizing:**

- **town hall meetings to survey the community**
- **dedicated sessions in scientific conferences dedicated to GW physics and astronomy**
- **focused topical workshops within the relevant communities**



## Goals (cont'd)

### 4) *Agency interfacing and advocacy*: (Rowan)

identify and establish a communication channel with funding agencies who currently or may in the future support ground-based GW detectors; communicate as needed to those agencies officially through GWIC on the scientific needs, desires, and constraints from the communities and 3G projects (collected via 1) – 3) above) structured in a coherent framework; serve as an advocacy group for the communities and 3G projects with the funding agencies.

### 5) *Investigate governance schemes*: (Ferrini, Marx + subcommittee)

by applying knowledge of the diverse structures of the global GW community, propose a sustainable governance model for the management of detector construction and joint working, to support planning of 3rd generation observatories.

*The subcommittee should provide a preliminary report and set of proposed actions recommendations to GWIC no later than the 2017 GWIC meeting.*

*Subsequent reports should be delivered future GWIC meetings.*



**GWIC**

Gravitational Wave International Committee

## *Upcoming Near Term Meetings of Interest*

**6-7 July, 2017**

**Syracuse, NY**

**What's Next for Gravitational Wave Astronomy?**

Marriott Syracuse Downtown, 100 E Onondaga St, Syracuse, NY 13202

**9-14 July, 2017**

**Pasadena, CA**

**12th Edoardo Amaldi Conference on Gravitational Waves**

Hilton Pasadena, 168 S Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101

**28 Aug-1 Sep, 2017**

**Geneva, Switzerland**

**LIGO-Virgo Collaboration Meeting**

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

**The committee will need your input and help to develop the proper path forward!**

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# The Dawn of Gravitational-waves Physics and Astronomy

Caltech

LIGO's second observing run O2 is underway!

- Began November 30, 2016, slated to end on August 25, 2017
- L1 detector is more sensitive than in O1; H1 is slightly less sensitive
- One more confirmed black hole merger: GW170104!

12- 15 month break planned for Fall 2017

- Sensitivity goal for O3: H1, L1 > 120 Mpc binary neutron star inspiral range
- Substantial work planned at both Hanford and Livingston

Planning and R&D underway to upgrade Advanced LIGO detectors

The next few years will be very interesting ones for the field of gravitational-wave science!

## Stay Tuned...



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# LIGO Scientific Collaboration





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