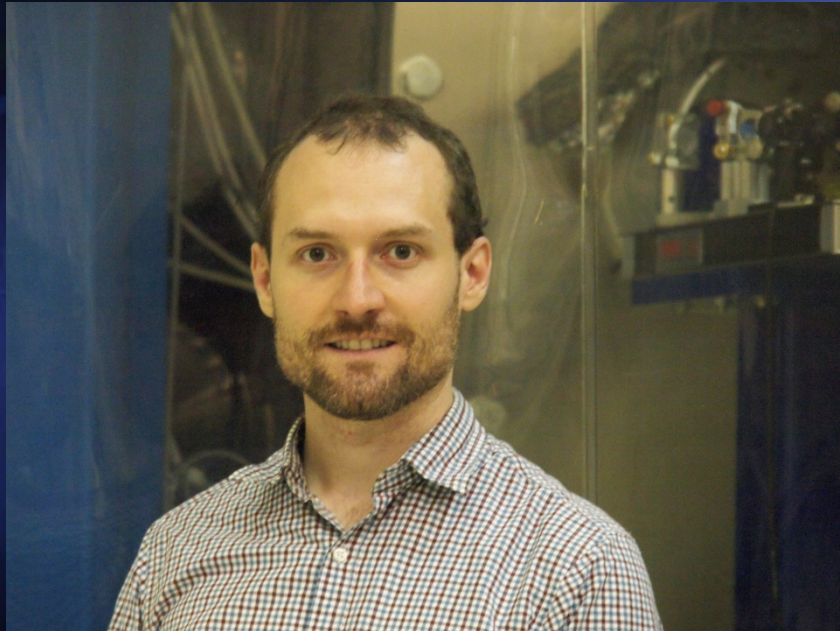


# Interferometer Sensing and Control in Gravitational Wave Detectors

**Speaker: Dr. Lee McCuller**  
**MIT LIGO**

**OSA Webinar**  
Photonic Detection Group  
15 October 2019  
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM



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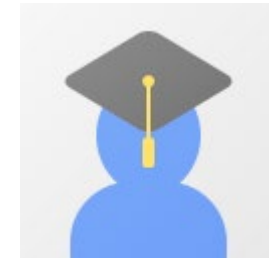
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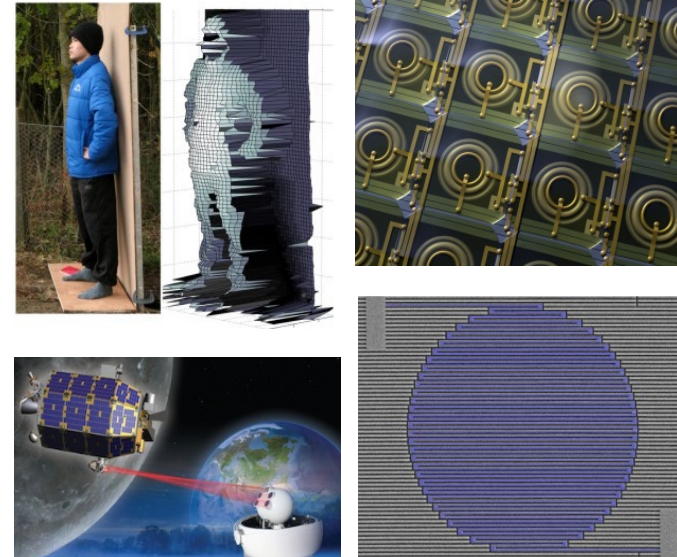
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The Photonic Detection technical group is part of the Photonics and Opto-Electronics Division of the Optical Society. This group focuses on the detection of photons as received from images, data links, and experimental spectroscopic studies to mention a few. Within its scope, the PD technical group is involved in the design, fabrication, and testing of single and arrayed detectors.

This group focuses on materials, architectures, and readout circuitry needed to transduce photons into electrical signals and further processing. This group's interests include: (1) the integration of lens, cold shields, and readout electronics into cameras, (2) research into higher efficiency, lower noise, and/or wavelength tunability, (3) techniques to mitigate noise and clutter sources that degrade detector performance, and (4) camera design, components, and circuitry.



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This group involves the detection of photons as received from images, data links, and experimental spectroscopic studies to mention a few. Within its scope, it is involved in the design, fabrication, testing of single and arrayed detectors. Detector materials, structures, and readout circuitry needed to translate photons into electrical signals are considered by this group. Also included in this group is the integration of components such as lens, cold shields, and readout electronics into cameras. Research into higher efficiency, lower noise, and/or wavelength tunability is included here. Additionally, techniques to mitigate noise and clutter sources that degrade detector performance are within the purview of this group. In the imaging area, camera design, componentry, and circuitry are considered.

### Announcer

Join the Photonic D Group for their ina Wednesday, 27 Apr

In this webinar, Dr. describe his recent speed quantum ke photonic integrate scalable quantum i processors based c networks.

[Register for the W](#)

## Technical Group Activities

- **Special Sessions** at OSA conferences such as CLEO and OFC.
- **~4 Webinars** for this year!
- Interactions with local sections and student chapters.
- Interactive community for bringing together researchers across interdisciplinary fields for tackling advances in photonic detection technologies.
- Example: Panel discussion on ***Silicon Photonics for LiDAR and Other Applications*** at OFC 2019 which had great turn-out and a lot of interest!



The LIGO logo features the word "LIGO" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the text are several concentric, light gray circles that resemble ripples or a signal waveform.

**LIGO**



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Lee McCuller, MIT  
for the LIGO Laboratory  
OSA Webinar

# *LIGO Livingston Observatory*

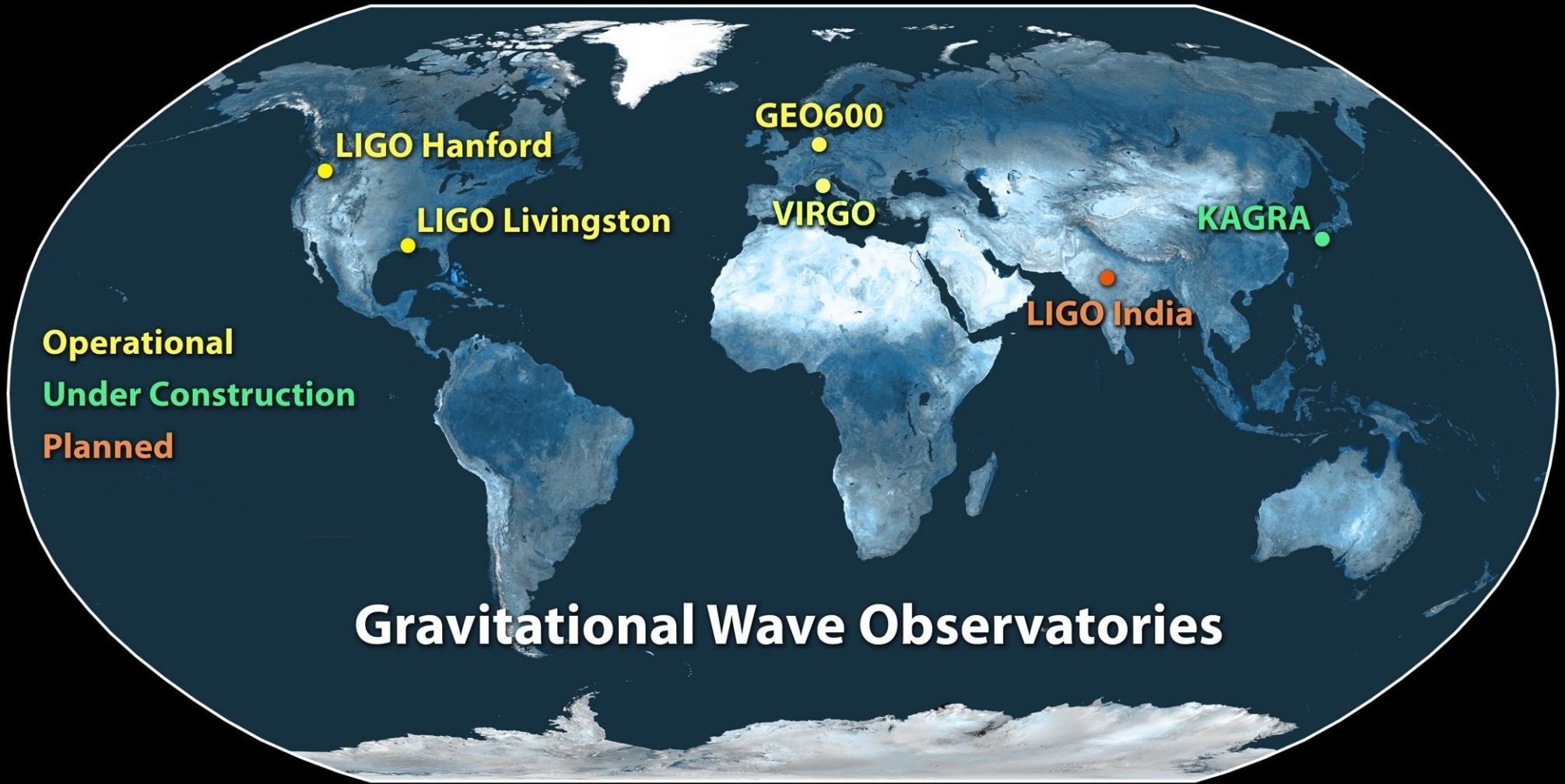


# *LIGO Hanford Observatory*





# Observatory Network



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# Roadmap

- Gravitational Wave Astronomy
- Advanced LIGO Interferometer
- Fundamental Noise Sources
- Length Sensing
- Angular Sensing
- Upgrades

# The Michelson Interferometer

Are photons particles or waves here?

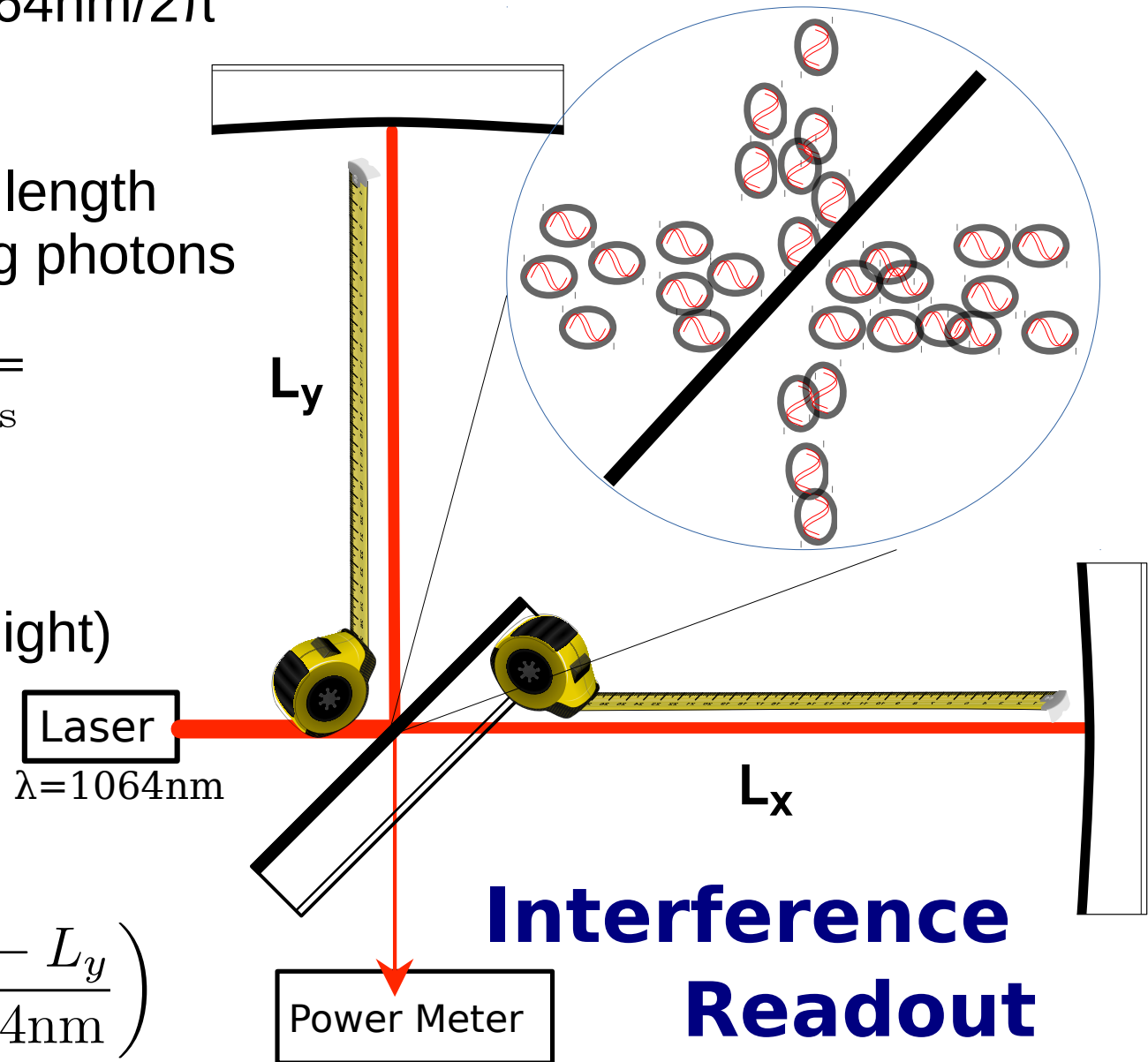
Each photon gives  $1064\text{nm}/2\pi$  measurement

minimum measurable length variance from counting photons

$$\sigma_{\Delta L} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\text{photons}}}}$$

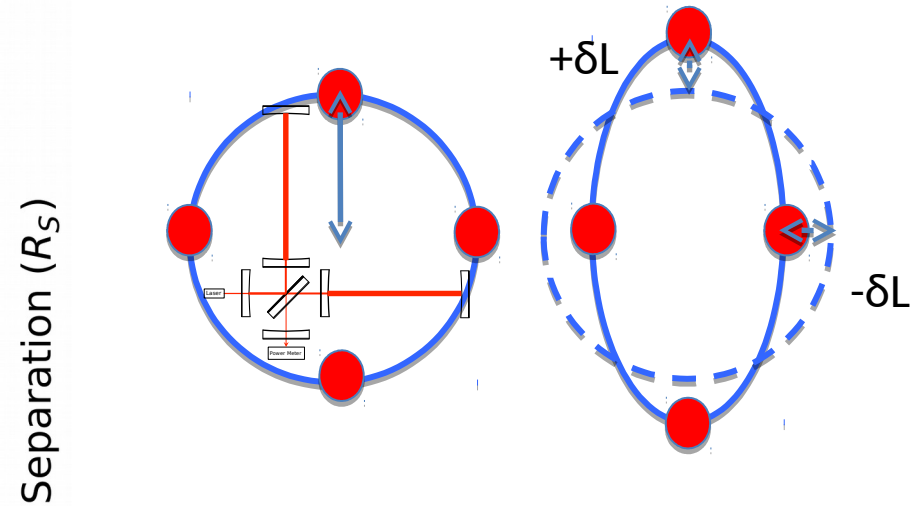
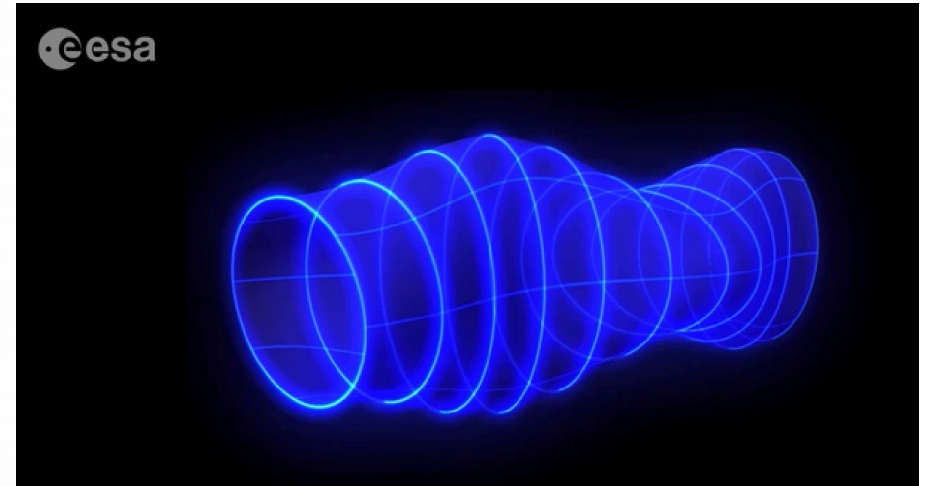
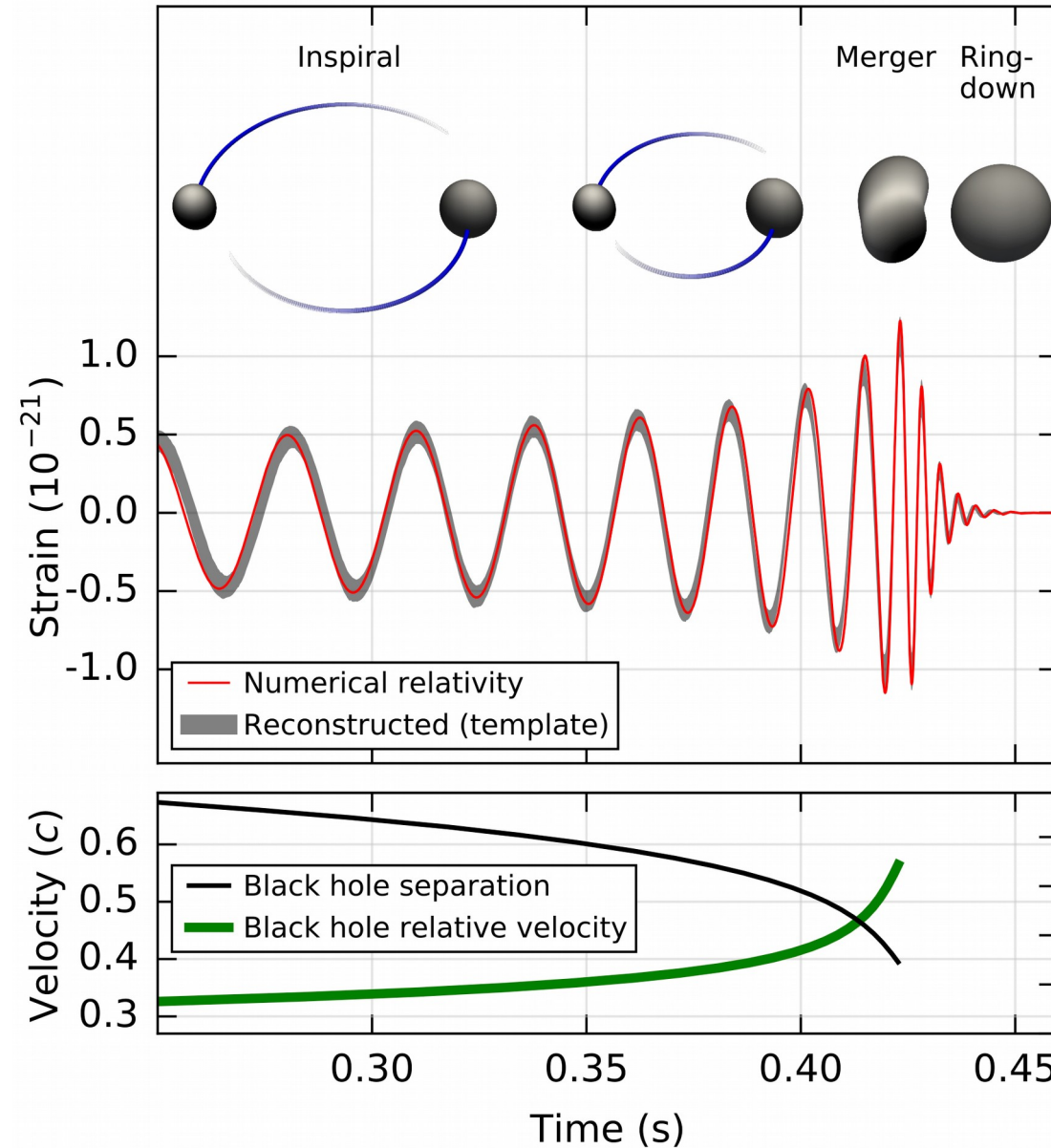
$\sim 10^{19}$  photons/s in  
1 Watt (of 1064nm light)

$$P \sin^2 \left( 2\pi \frac{L_x - L_y}{1064\text{nm}} \right)$$

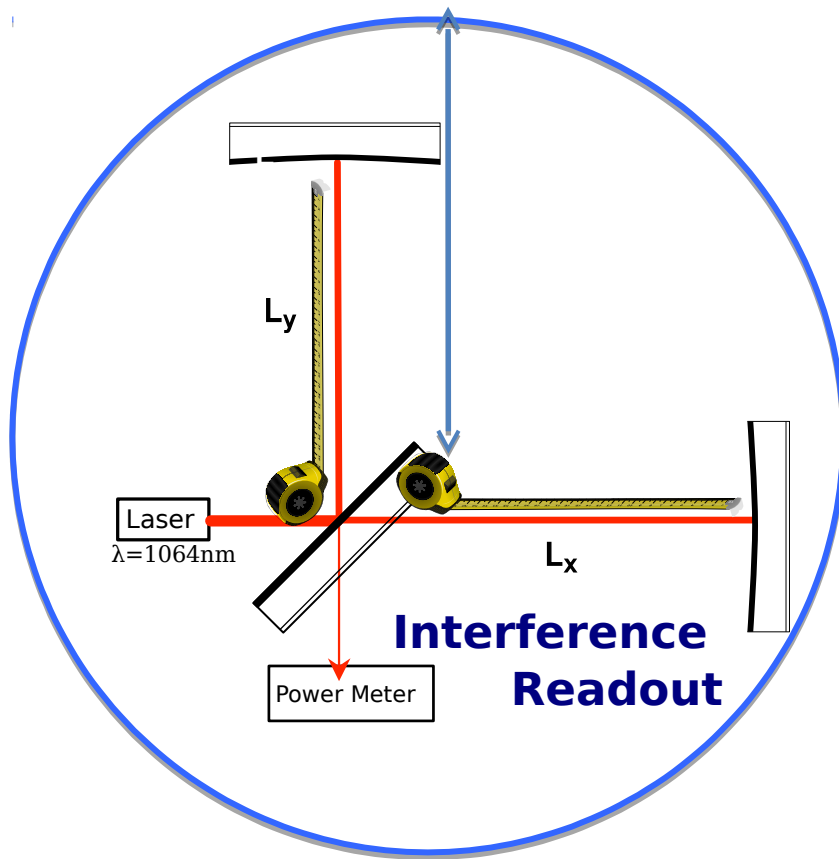


# Gravitational Strain Transducer

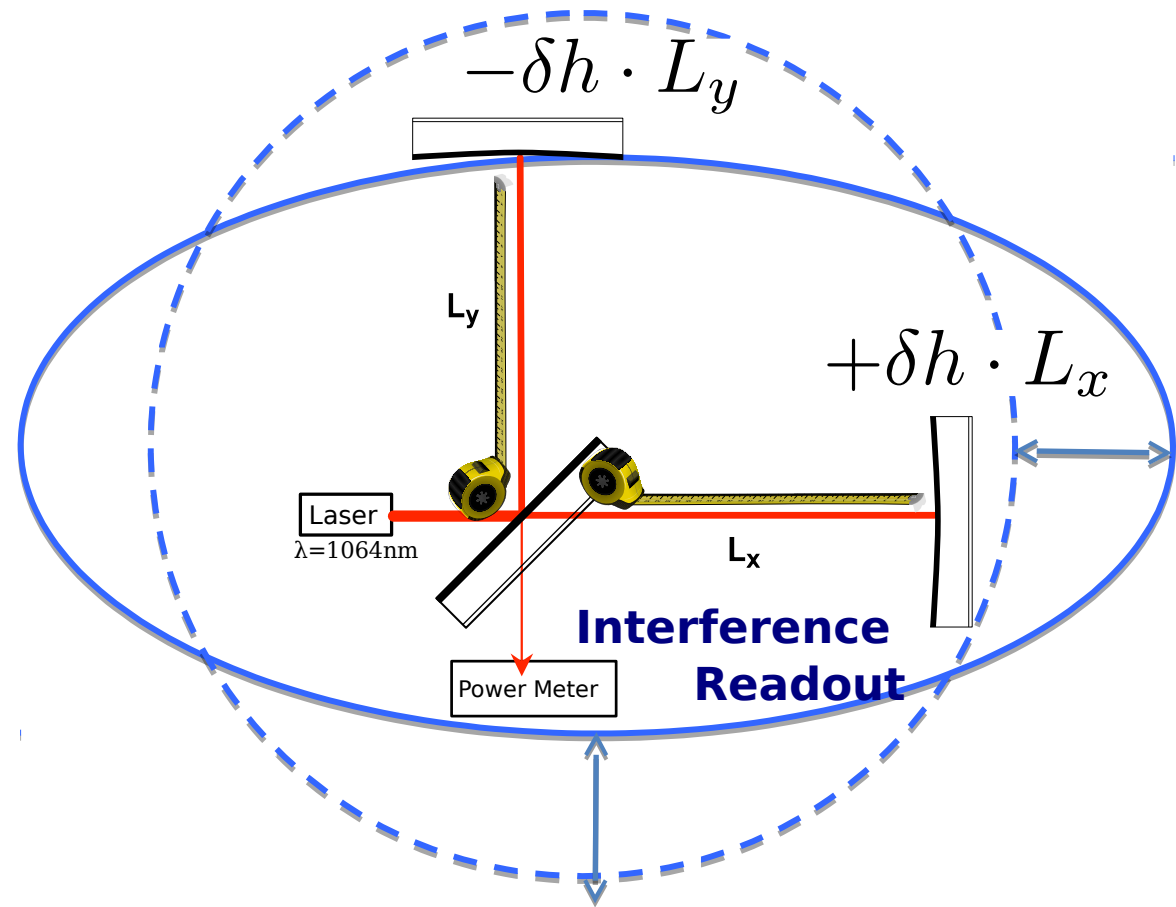
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# Spacetime Stretch



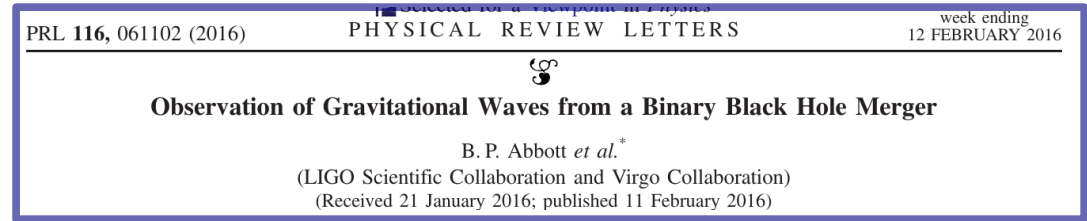
$$P \sin^2 \left( 2\pi \frac{L_x - L_y}{1064\text{nm}} \right)$$



$$P \sin^2 \left( 2\pi \frac{L_x - L_y + \delta h L}{1064\text{nm}} \right)$$

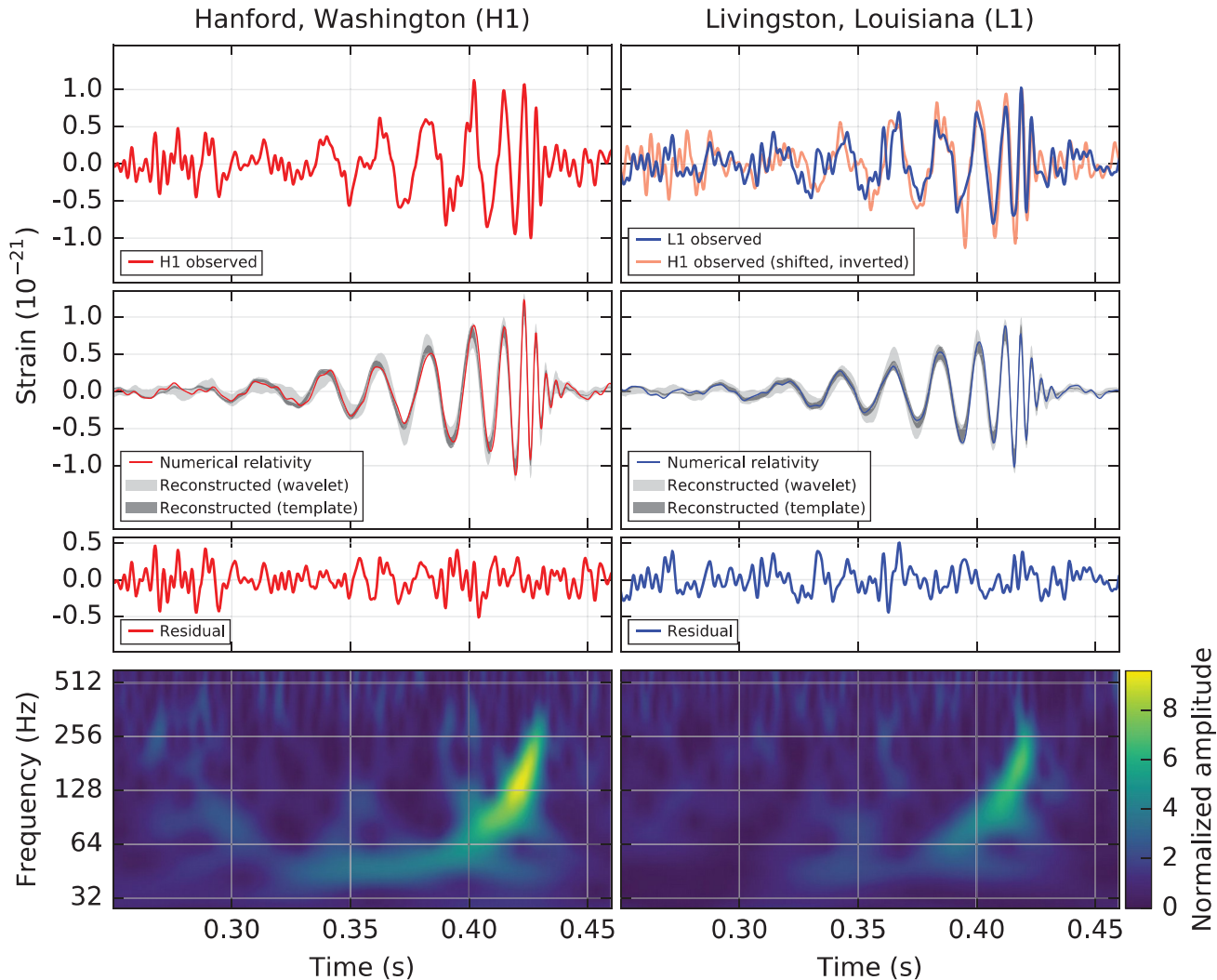
# Detection 1

- Very loud event
- Massive system (low merger freq.)



Primary black hole mass	$36_{-4}^{+5} M_{\odot}$
Secondary black hole mass	$29_{-4}^{+4} M_{\odot}$
Final black hole mass	$62_{-4}^{+4} M_{\odot}$
Final black hole spin	$0.67_{-0.07}^{+0.05}$
Luminosity distance	$410_{-180}^{+160}$ Mpc
Source redshift $z$	$0.09_{-0.04}^{+0.03}$

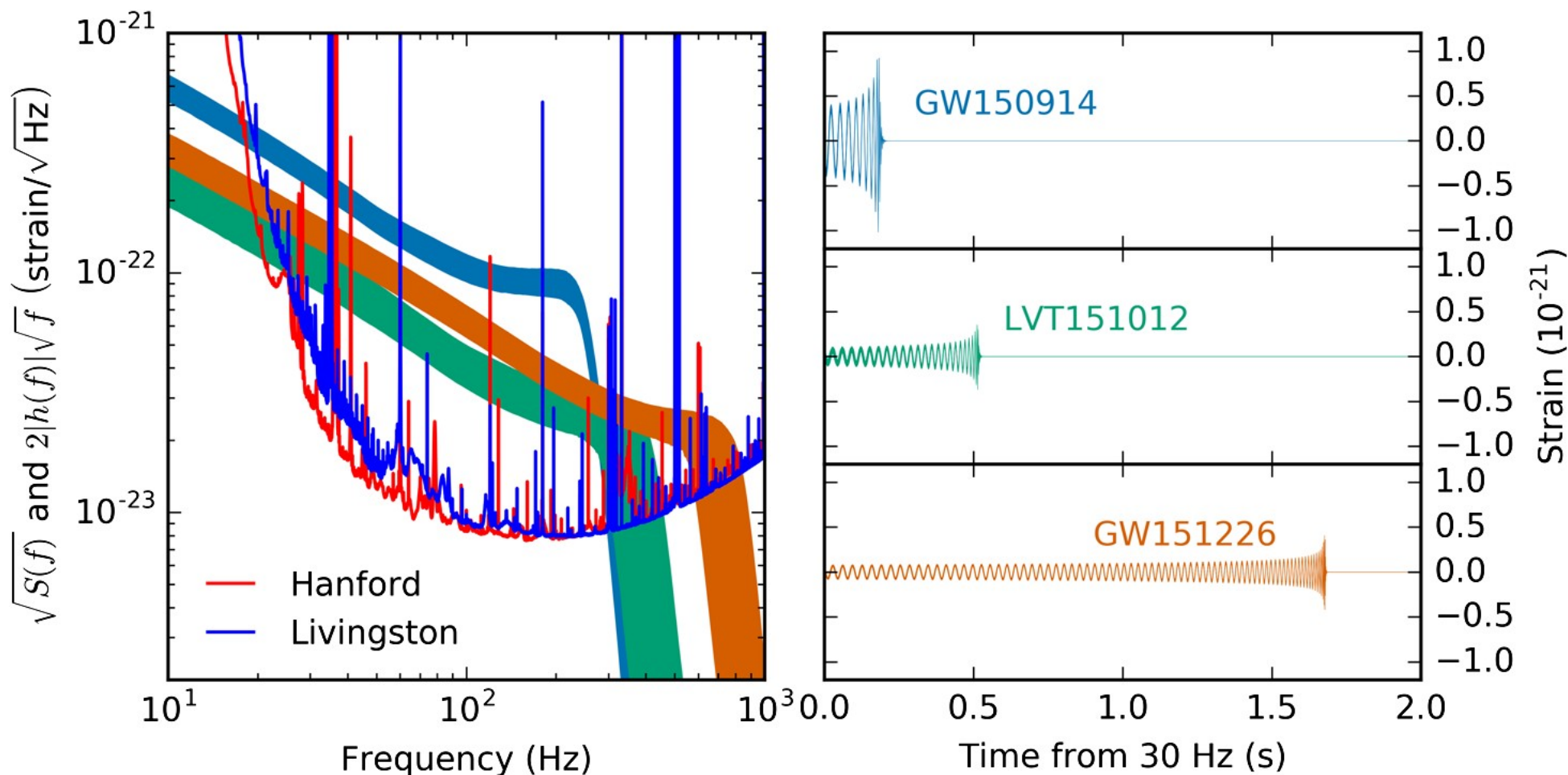
- 3 solar masses radiated!
- General Relativity in strong regime



# Template Spectrum Comparison

PHYSICAL REVIEW X 6, 041015 (2016)

## Binary Black Hole Mergers in the First Advanced LIGO Observing Run





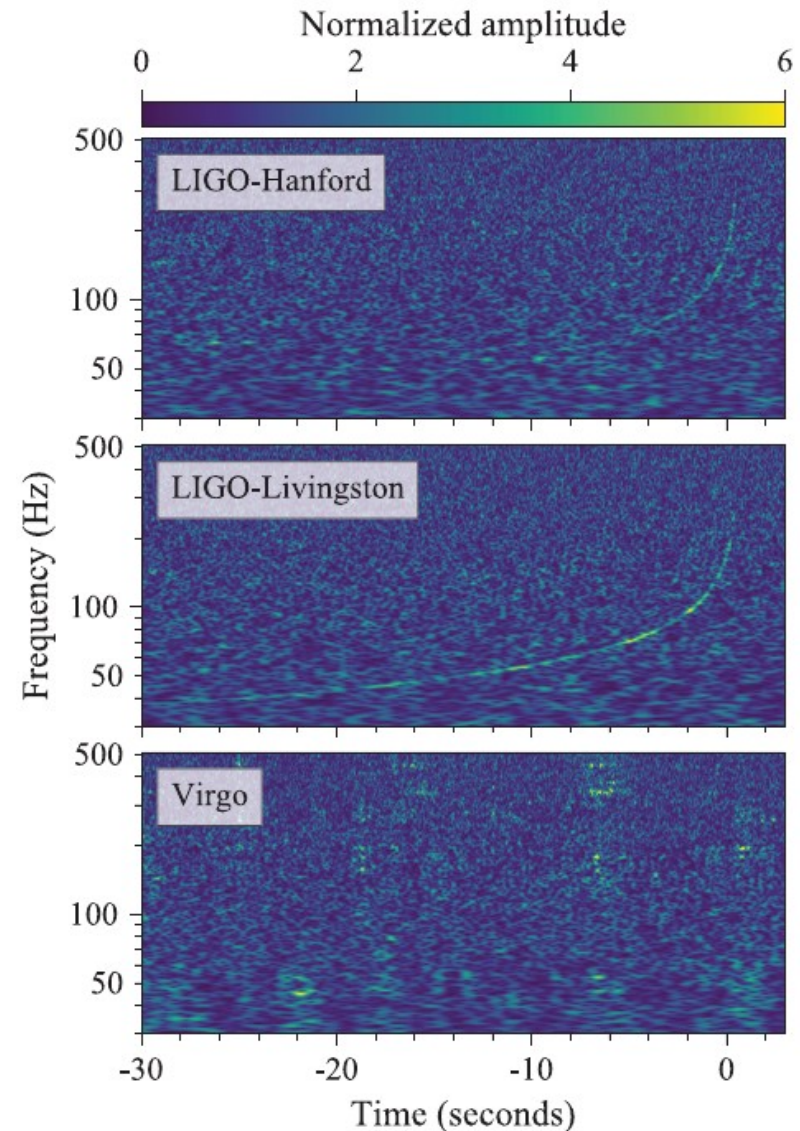


# GW170817: Observation of Gravitational Waves from a Binary Neutron Star Inspiral

B. P. Abbott *et al.*\*

(LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration)

- Neutron star binary system detected!
  - Optical followup from many observatories
- Most signals not readily observable in timeseries
  - Freq-time plots show the characteristic chirp



# Enabling New Astrophysics

- Populations
  - Why so many heavy black-holes?
  - How do compact binary systems form
    - Dissipation mechanisms are very important in astronomy
  - What can we learn about neutron stars
    - Optical + gravitational data
    - Equation of state of dense nuclear matter
- Testing GR
  - System dynamics + general relativity → waveform characteristics
- Burst sources
  - Inner dynamics of supernova
    - GW emission
      - No matched templates
- Continuous Wave sources
- Stochastic Background
- Parameter estimation
  - Spin distributions
    - Useful for formation theories
  - Sky-localization, viewing angle
    - Degenerate with emission power (distance) due to antenna pattern
    - Helps observe Hubble Constant
      - New standard sirens!

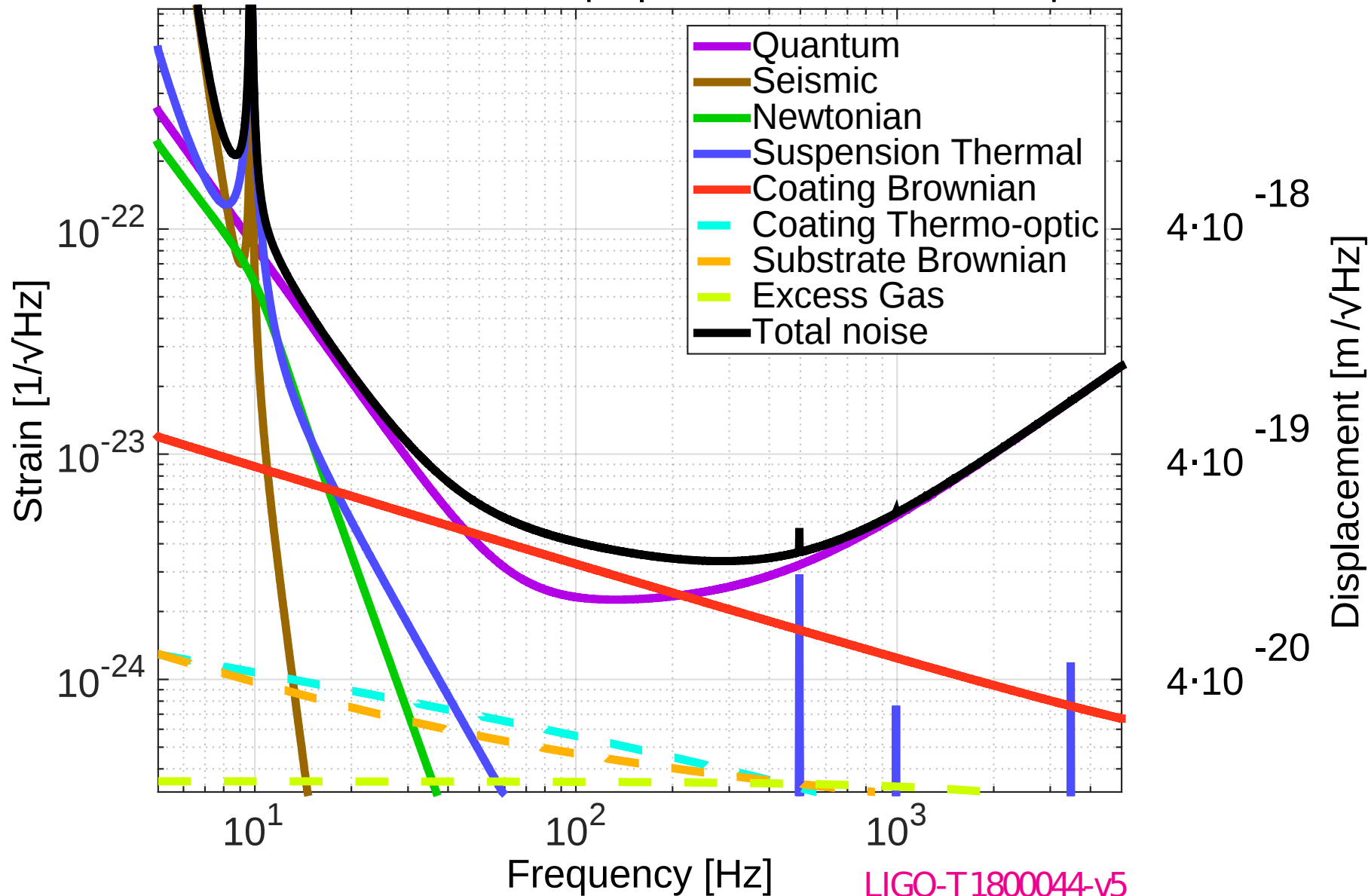
# Design Drivers

- Two factors of  $10^{12}$  must be overcome
  - **Optical**, need  $<10^{-18}$  m sensitivity vs  $10^{-6}$  m wavelength
    - Need a lot of photons, optical cavities, power handling
    - Need laser stability
  - **Mechanical**, need  $<10^{-18}$  m sensitivity vs  $10^{-6} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}}$  seismic/acoustic noise
    - Need active and passive isolation from environment
    - Need to control many degrees of freedom
    - Couplings to and from interferometer also sensitive to mechanical noise (input-output optics)
  - *Optomechanical*
    - Radiation pressure both alters mechanical plant and increases *quantum noise*

# Fundamental Noises

aLIGO Design Curve

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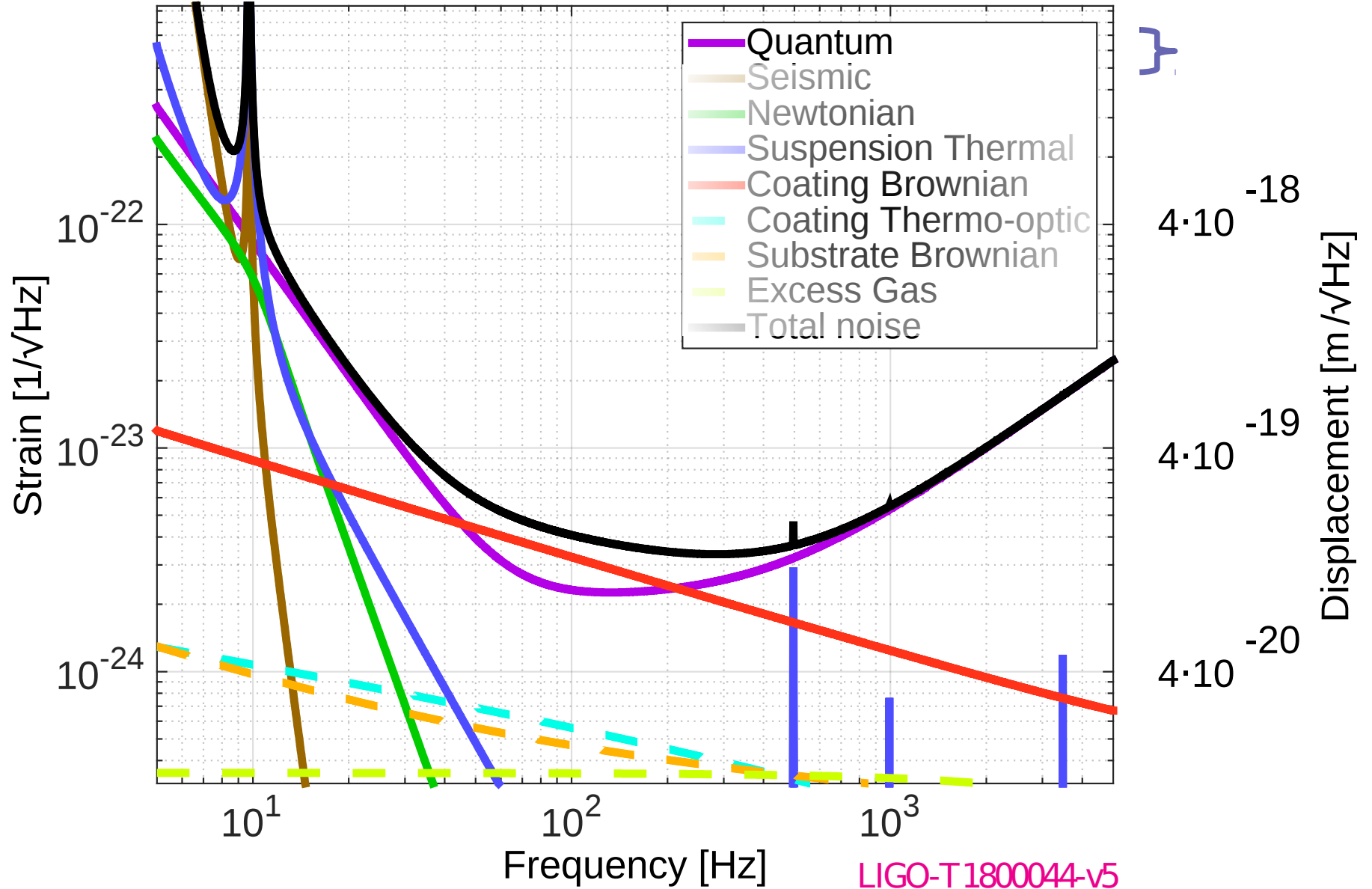


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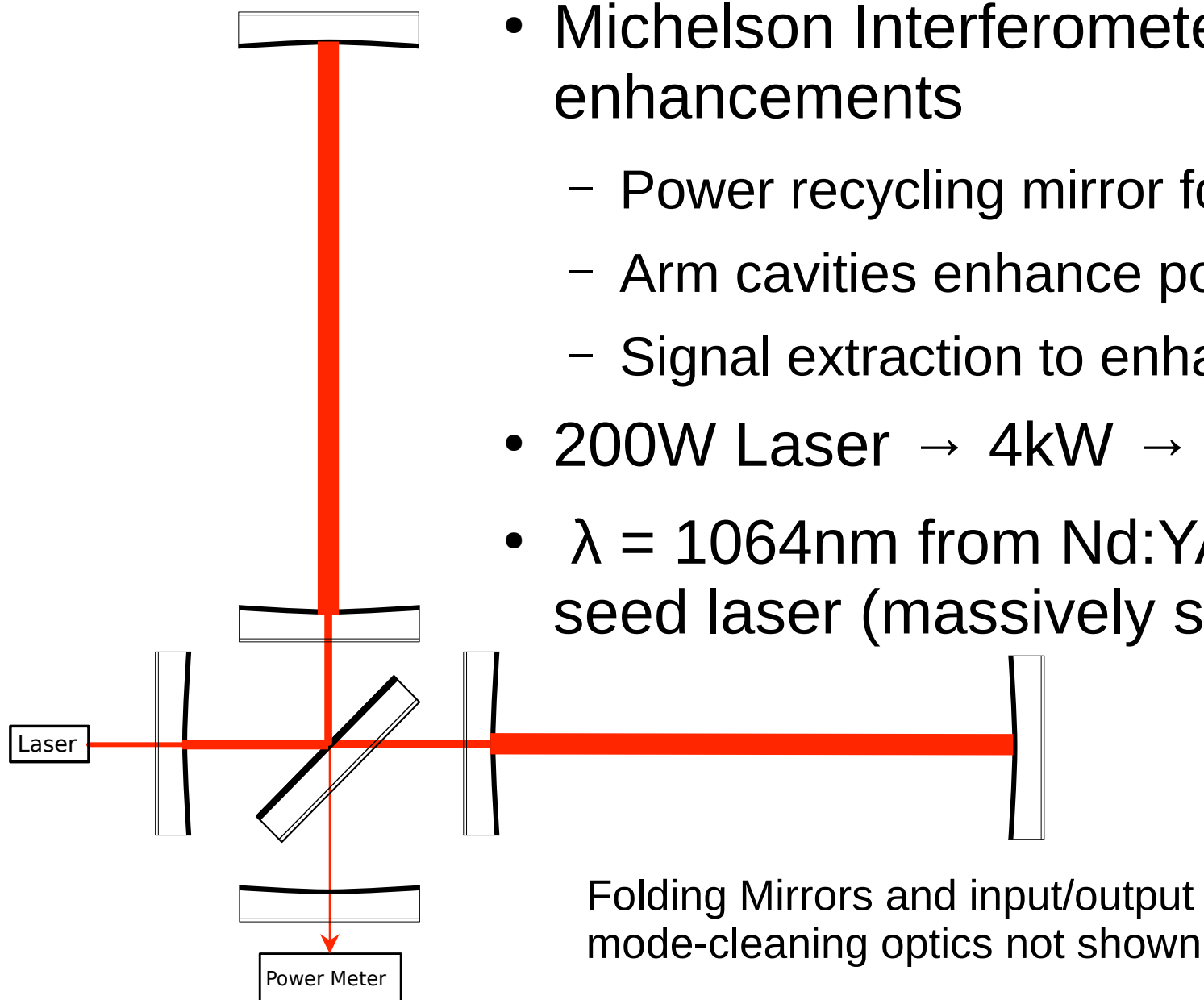
# Optical Layout

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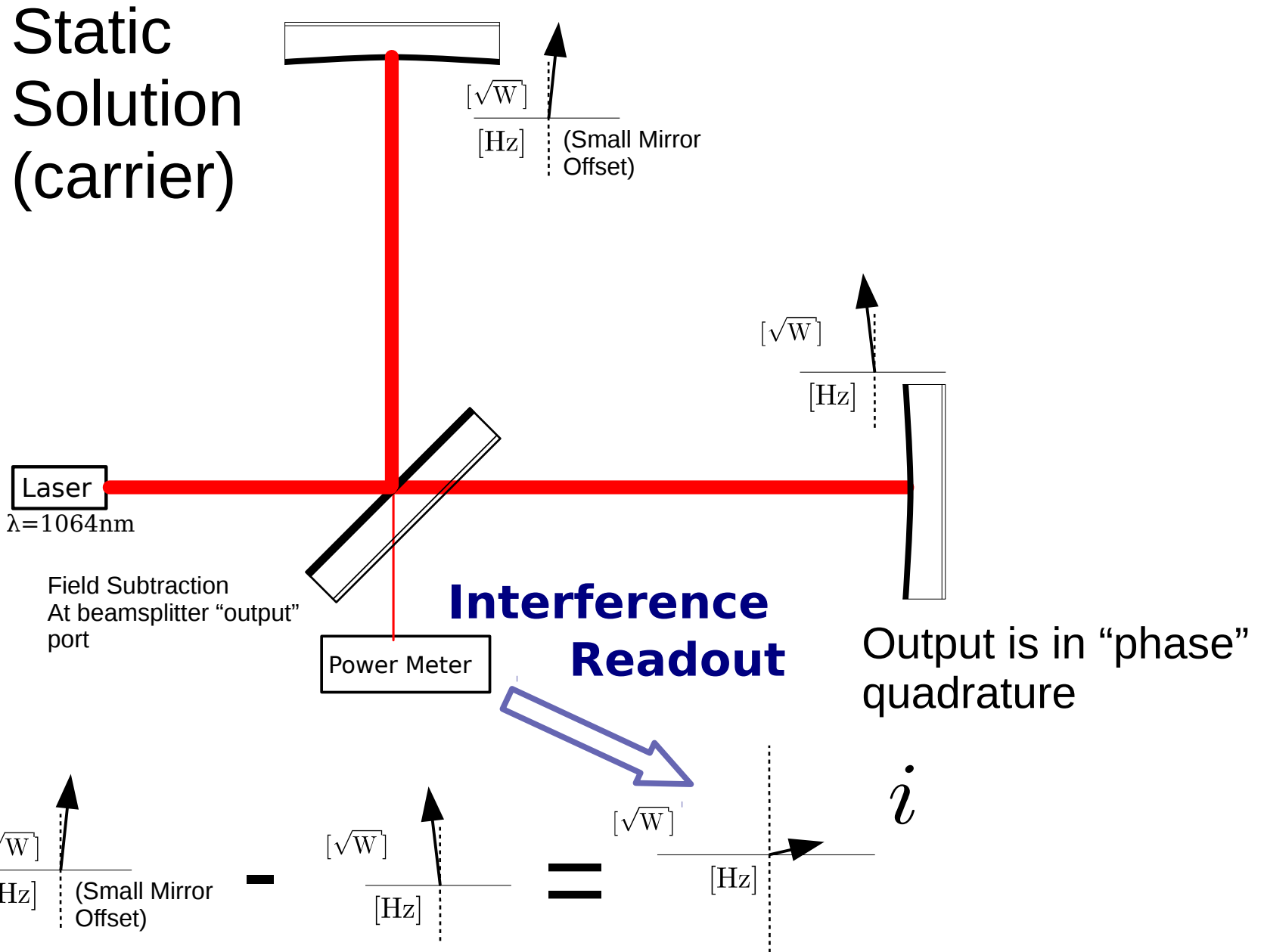
# Beyond the Michelson Interferometer



- Michelson Interferometer with cavity enhancements
  - Power recycling mirror for higher power
  - Arm cavities enhance power and signal
  - Signal extraction to enhance bandwidth
- 200W Laser  $\rightarrow$  4kW  $\rightarrow$  800kW
- $\lambda = 1064\text{nm}$  from Nd:YAG NPRO seed laser (massively stabilized)

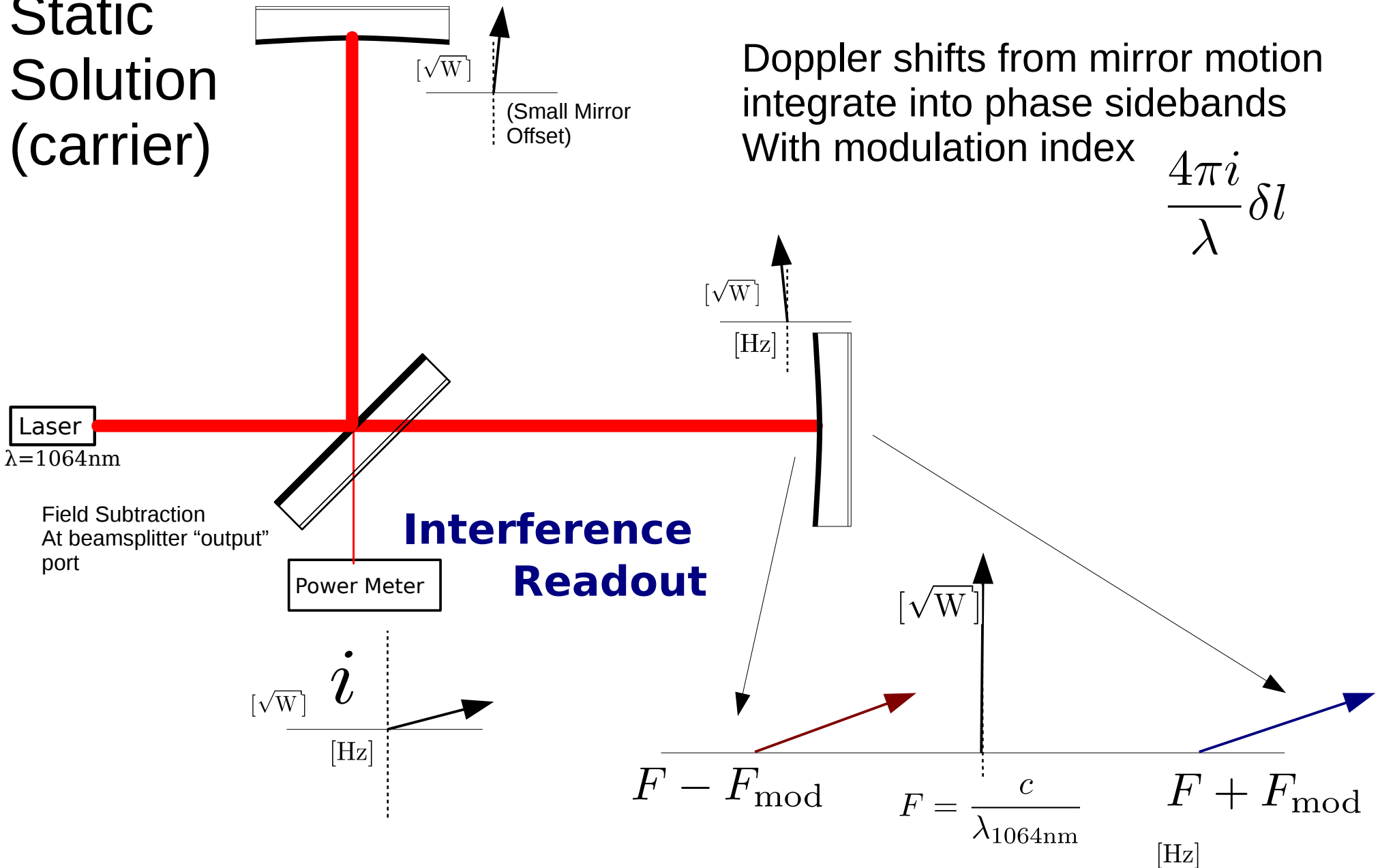
Folding Mirrors and input/output mode-cleaning optics not shown

# Field Picture of the Michelson



# Field Picture With Modulations

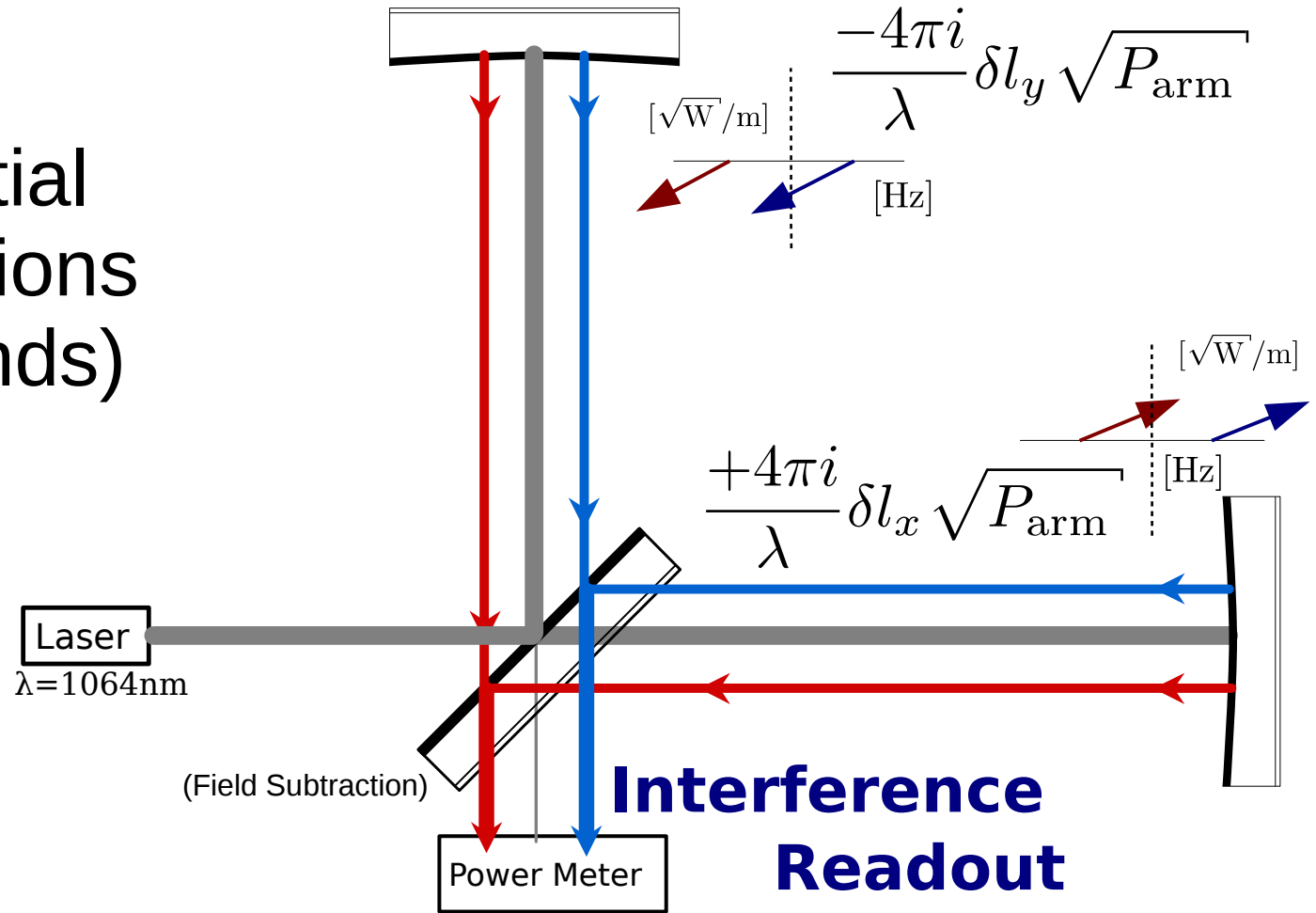
Static Solution (carrier)





# Sideband Picture

Differential  
Modulations  
(sidebands)



Output  
Carrier + sidebands

Power detection  
sees the modulation

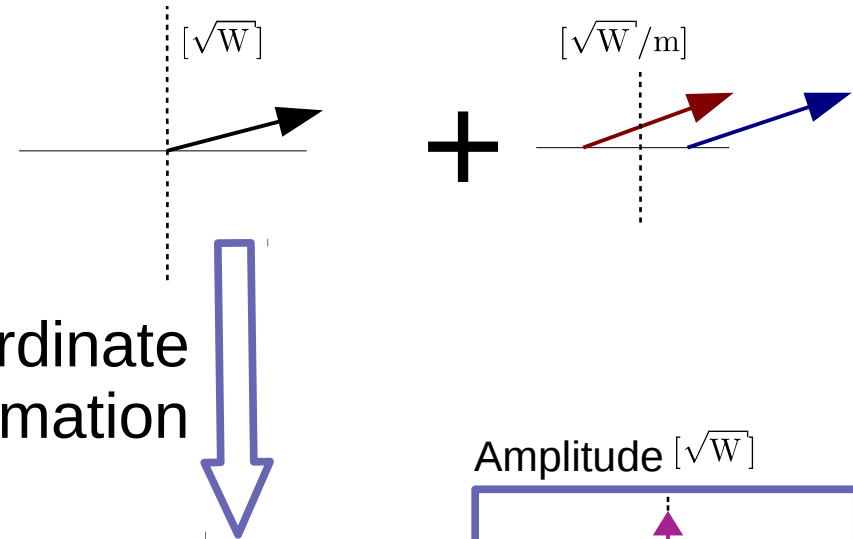
$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Carrier + sidebands} \\
 + \\
 \text{Carrier + sidebands} \\
 \hline
 \text{Power detection sees the modulation}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \frac{+4\pi i}{\lambda} \sqrt{P_{\text{arm}}} \frac{\delta l_x - \delta l_y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

# Quadrature Projections

This sideband picture  
Is useful to handle  
Frequency dependence  
Of optical cavities.  
- every frequency treated  
differently by cavities

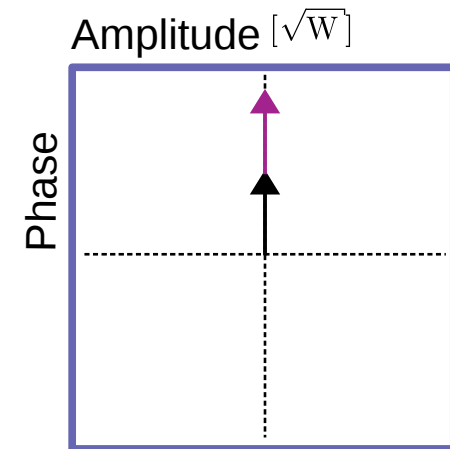
The quadrature  
(phase-space) picture  
Is useful for readouts and  
quantum-noise

Sideband  
picture



Coordinate  
Transformation

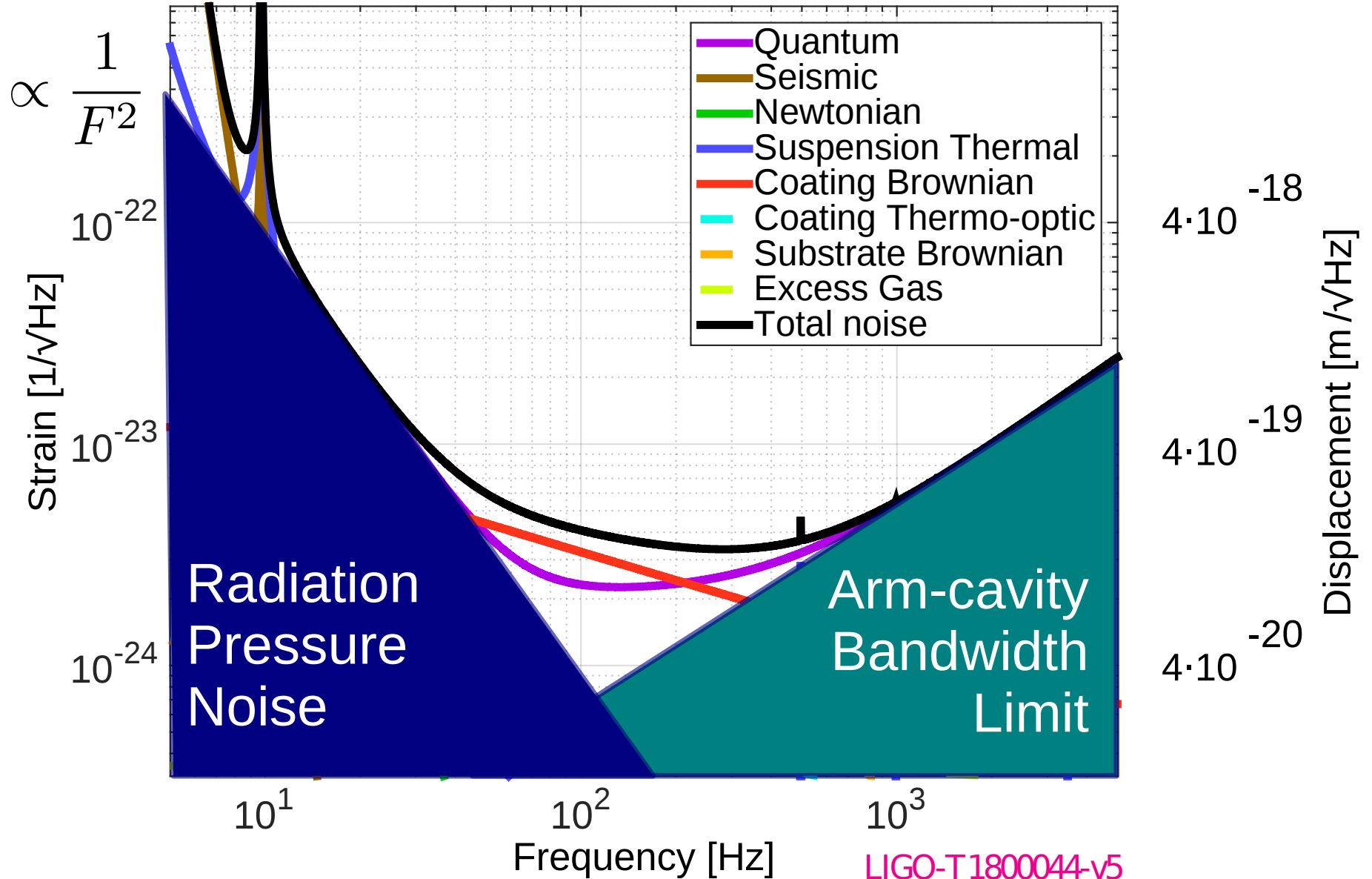
**Phase-space Picture**  
Modulation Power  $[W/m]$   
from dot-product of  
Sidebands with carrier



# Quantum Noise

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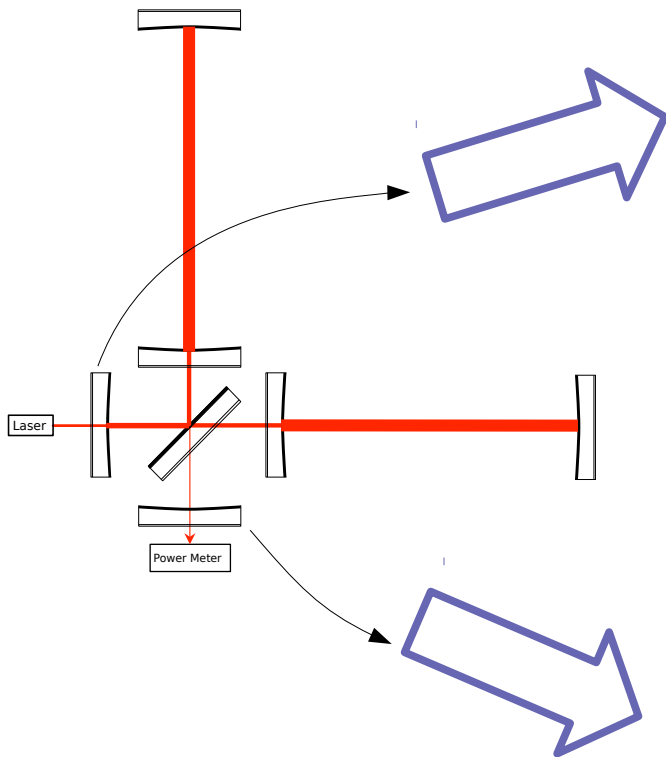


# Conceptual Cavities



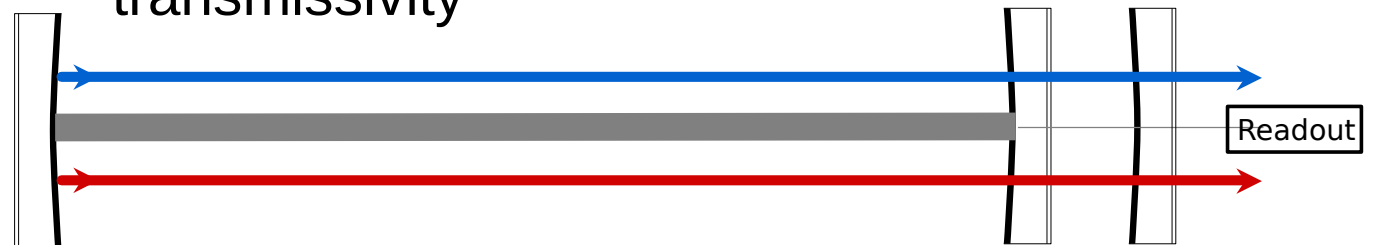
## Power (carrier) Recycling.

Testmass scattering losses of 35ppm allow a power increase of  $\sim 1/70e-6 \rightarrow 1\text{MW}$  from 160W input. Staged to put power in arms rather than optic substrates.

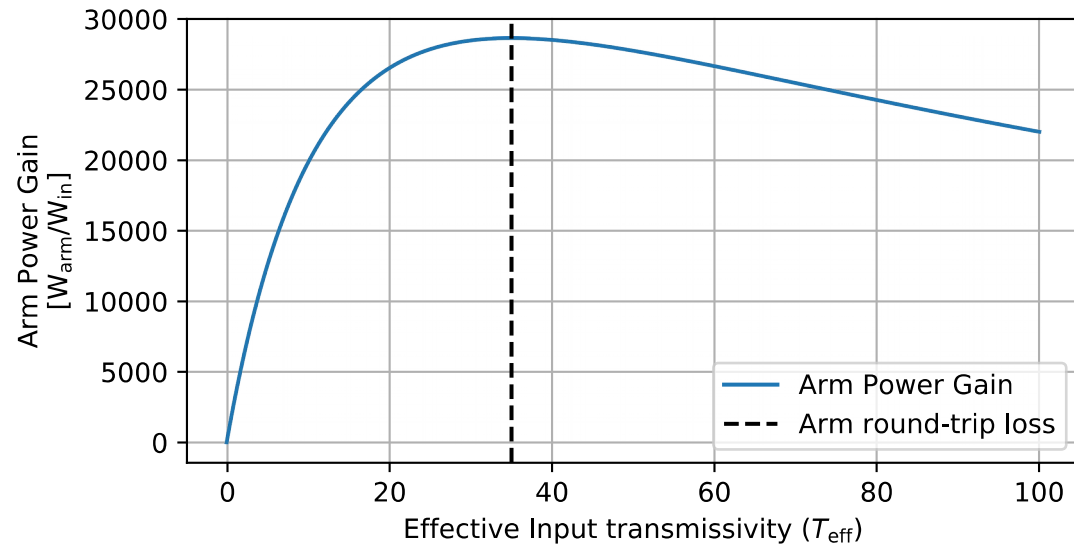
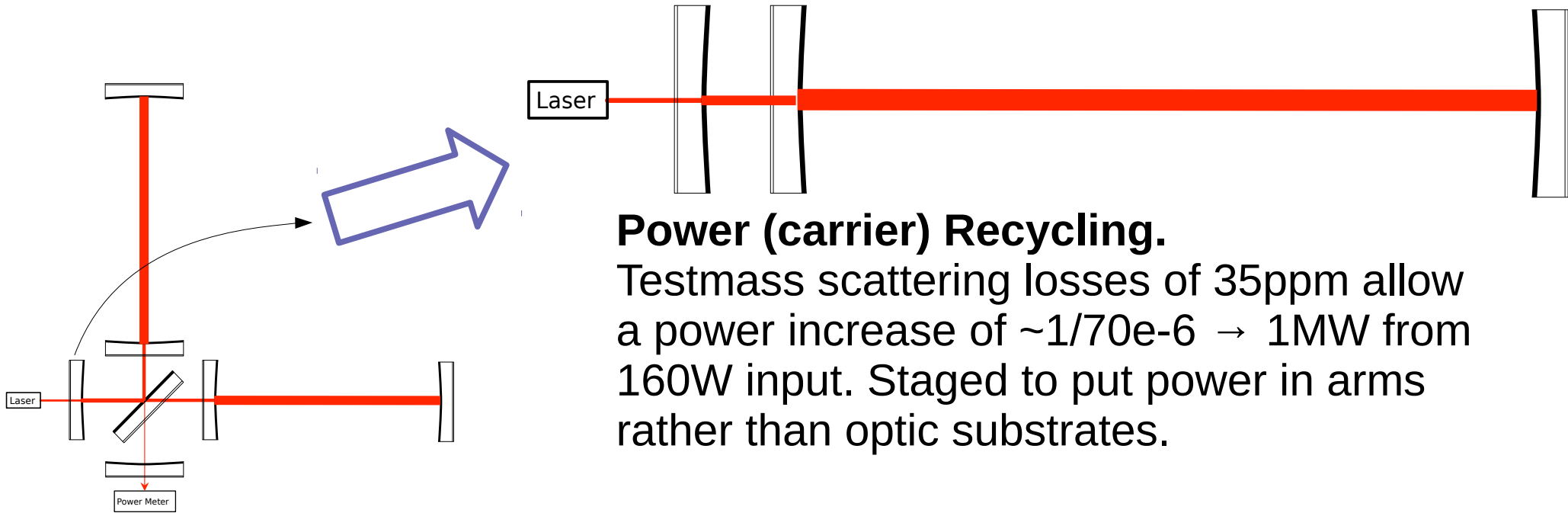


## Signal Recycling Extraction.

Sidebands experience arm cavity circulation, enhancing them *too much*, extraction adjusts signal-sideband transmissivity



# Conceptual Cavities (Power)

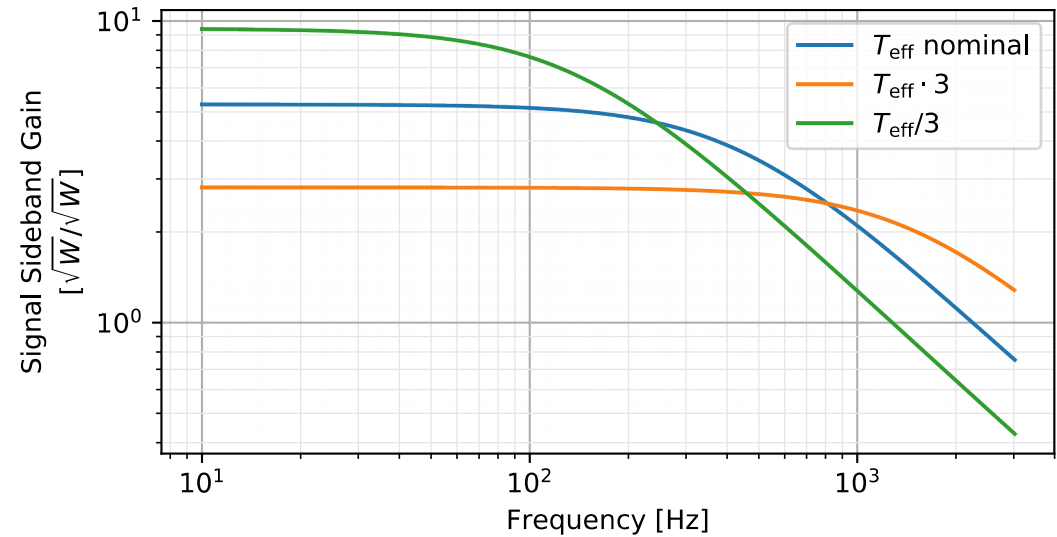


**Additional mirror adjusts effective transmissivity of the arms, by storing intermediate power in the Vertex**

$$P_{\text{arm}} = \frac{T_{\text{eff}}}{\left(1 - \sqrt{(1 - T_{\text{eff}})(1 - L_{\text{arm}})}\right)^2} P_{\text{in}}$$

# Conceptual Cavities (Signal)

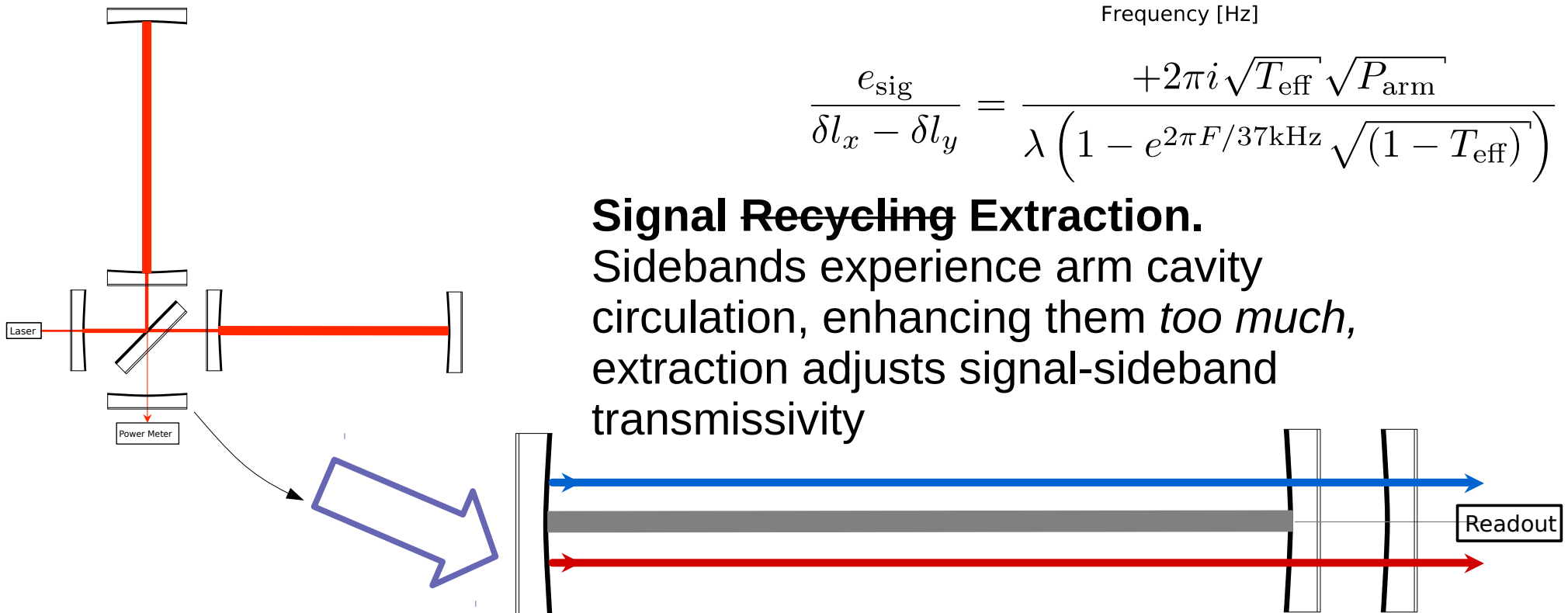
**Additional mirror adjusts effective transmissivity to balance bandwidth and signal gain**



$$\frac{e_{\text{sig}}}{\delta l_x - \delta l_y} = \frac{+2\pi i \sqrt{T_{\text{eff}}} \sqrt{P_{\text{arm}}}}{\lambda \left( 1 - e^{2\pi F / 37\text{kHz}} \sqrt{(1 - T_{\text{eff}})} \right)}$$

## Signal Recycling Extraction.

Sidebands experience arm cavity circulation, enhancing them *too much*, extraction adjusts signal-sideband transmissivity



# (semiclassical) Quantum Noise

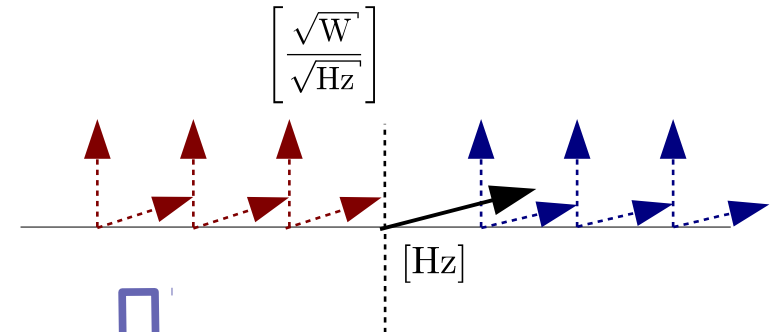
Sideband detections  
Compete with  $\frac{\hbar\omega}{2}$

Power spectral density  
Noise at all frequencies.

Equivalent magnitude in  
phase-space or sideband  
representations

This noise is the collapse  
Of the optical wave into  
*Photons* at the detector.

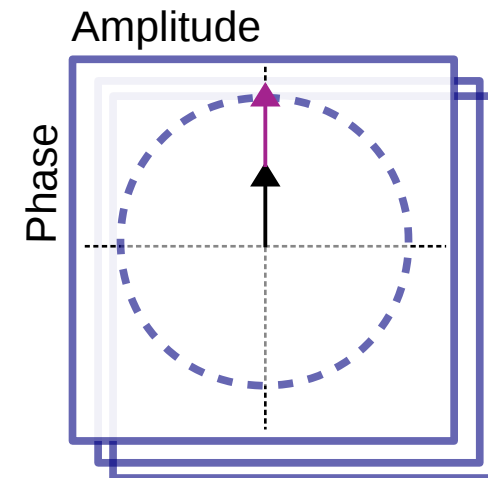
Sideband  
picture



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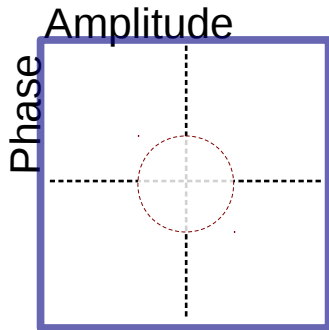
**Phase-space Picture**  
Modulation Power  $\left[ \frac{W}{\sqrt{\text{Hz}}} \right]$   
from dot-product of  
sidebands with carrier



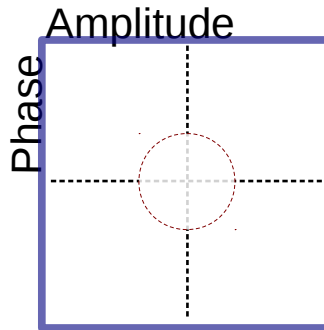
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Phase space at every  
measurement frequency)

# Standard Quantum Limit

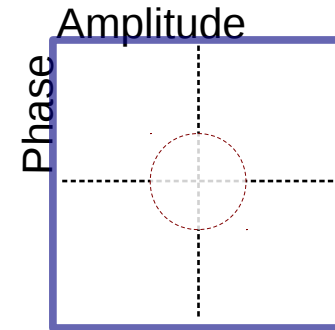
$$F \ll 60\text{Hz}^*$$



$$F = 60\text{Hz}^*$$

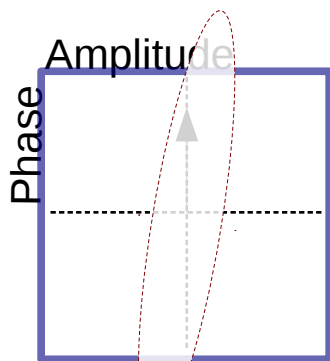


$$F \gg 60\text{Hz}^*$$

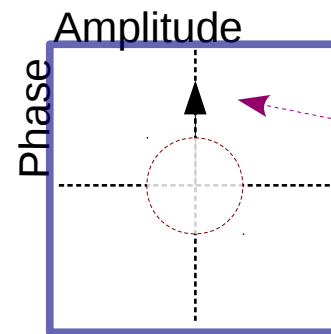
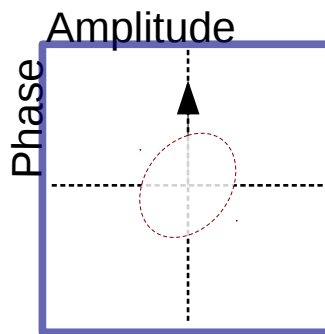


**Amplitude** → **Force** → **Displacement** → **Phase:**  
**Phase-space Shear**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\kappa & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



(If you turn your head – hey look squeezing!)  
 This is both a quantum correlation  
 And shot-noise observed by momentum transfer



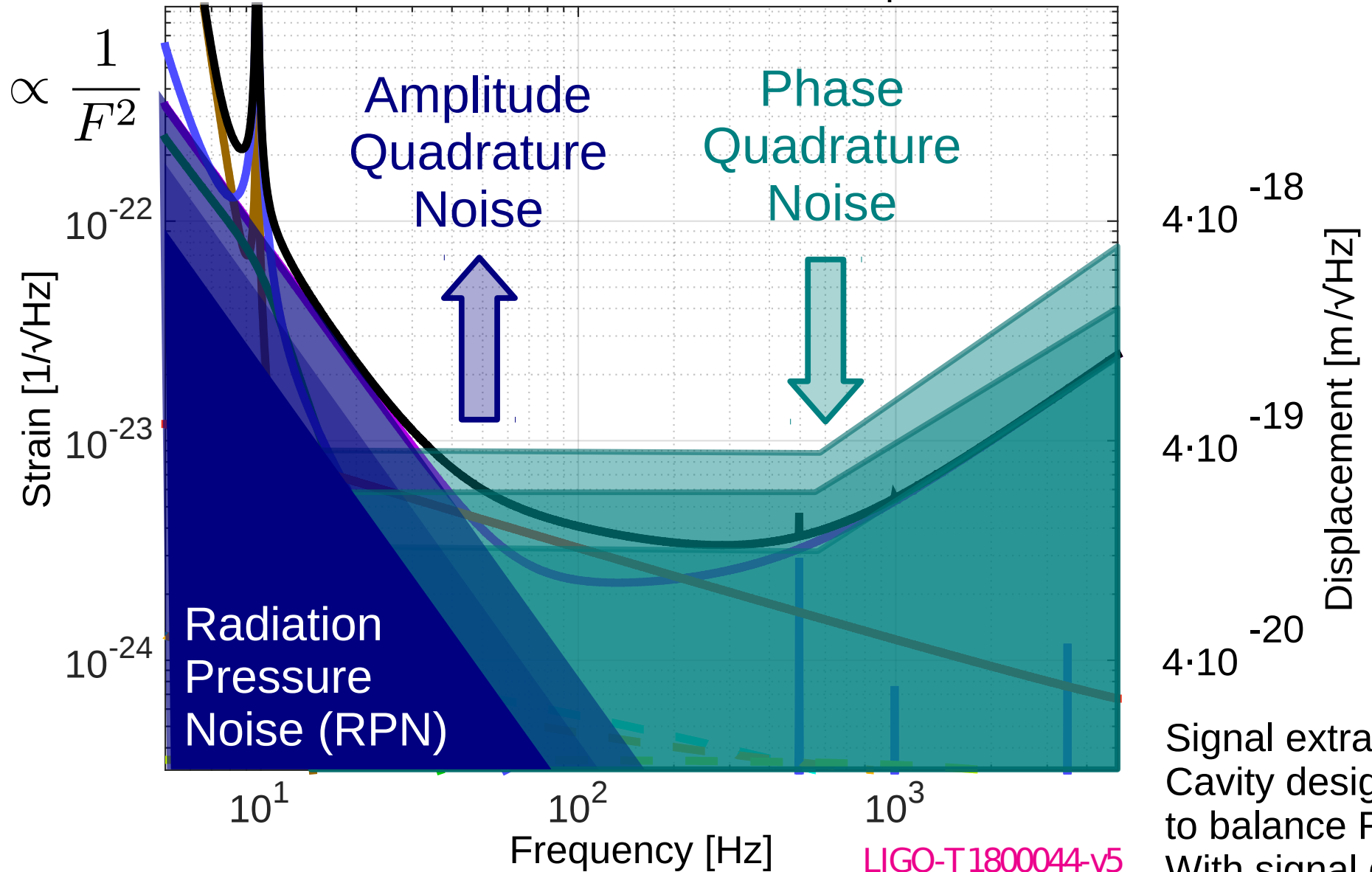
signal vector

\* ~60Hz is approximate crossover  
 only in aLIGO full power design



# Power Dependence

Radiation Pressure optomechanical noise on 40kg Test-mass mirrors dominates at low frequencies,



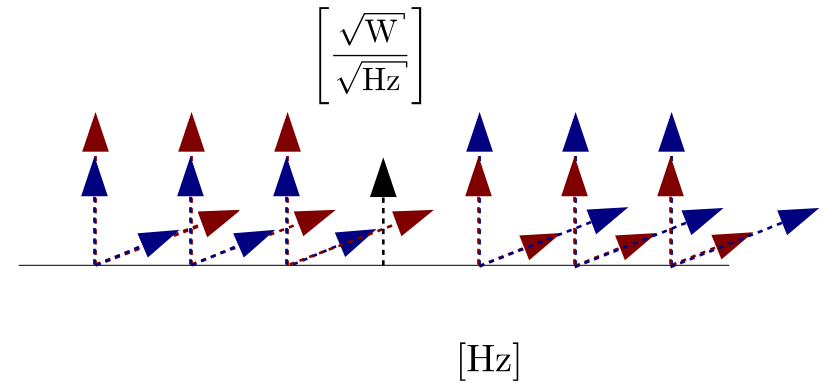
Signal extraction  
Cavity designed  
to balance RPN  
With signal gain

# Squeezed Quantum Noise

Quantum Noise may be *modified*, trading noise in one quadrature for another.

This increases the noise in sidebands, but *correlates* them, such that the noise will cancel and be suppressed!

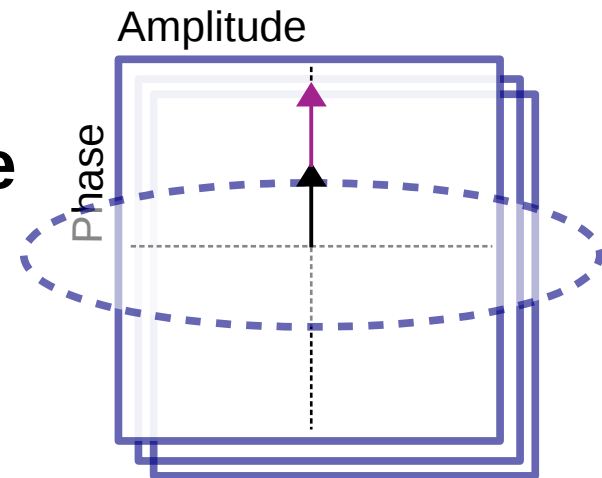
Sideband picture



Coordinate Transformation



**Phase-space Picture**  
Power [W]  
from dot-product  
with carrier

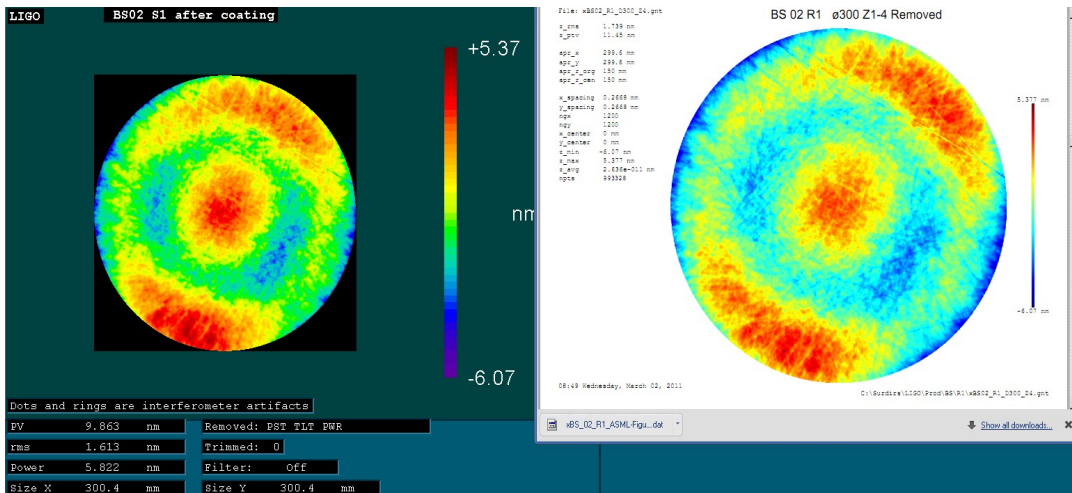
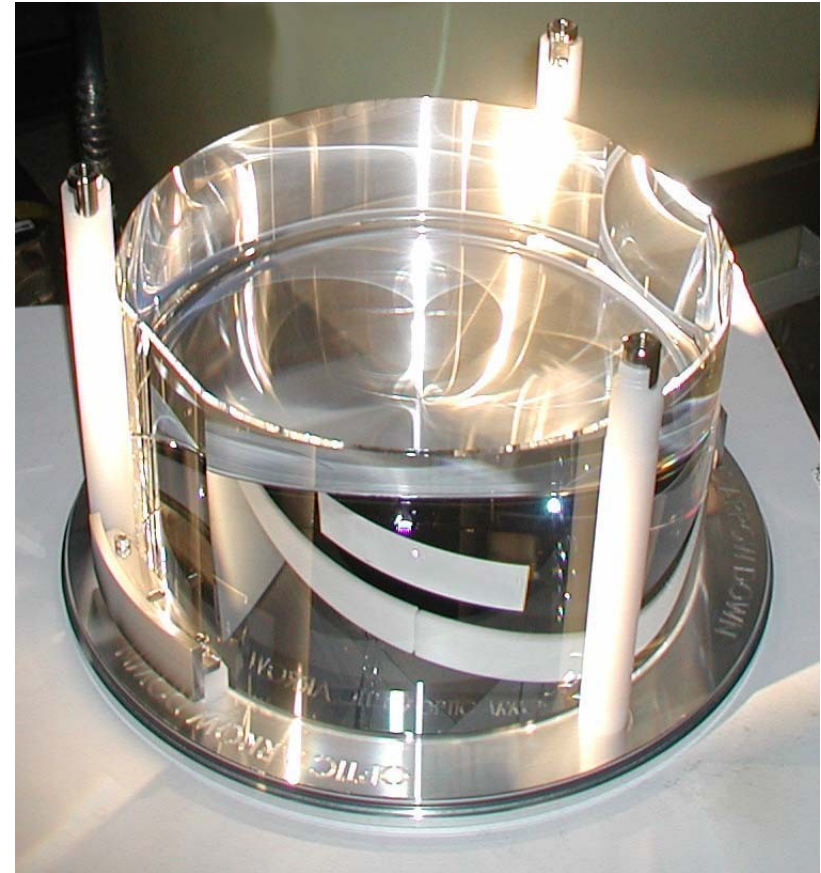


(stacked to represent Phase space at every measurement frequency)

# Core Optics

Must act like a free mass in GR,  
must create stable matched  
cavities in the arms:

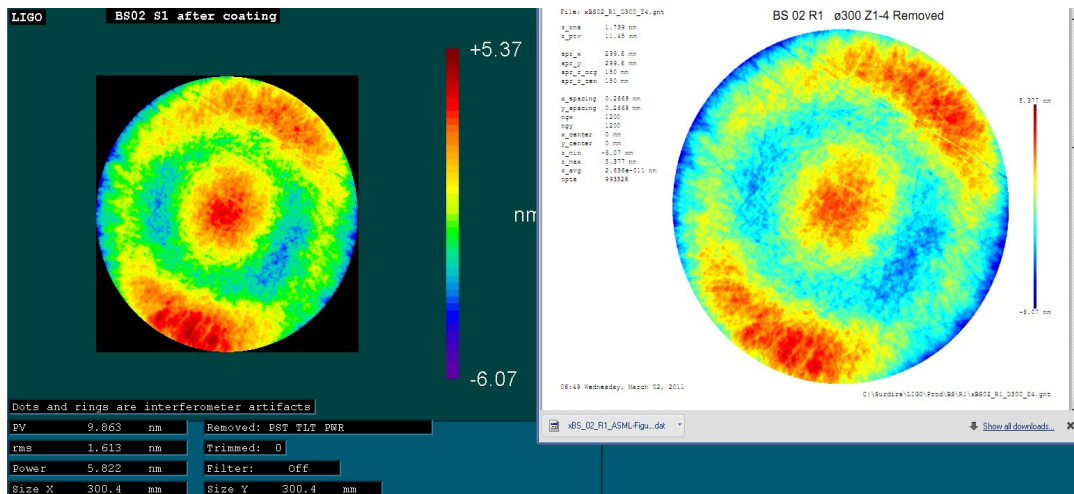
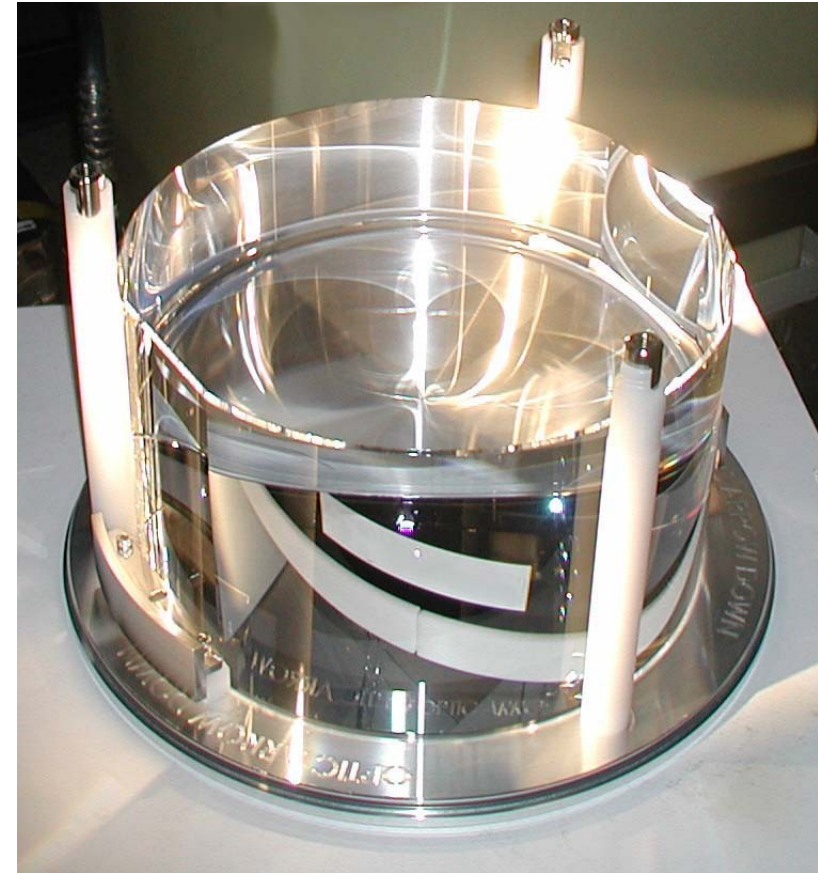
- Ultra-high purity fused silica
- 34 cm diameter, 20 cm thick
- 40 kg (!)
- $2240 \text{ m} < \text{ROC} < 2260 \text{ m}$



# Optical Quality

Minimize cavity losses:

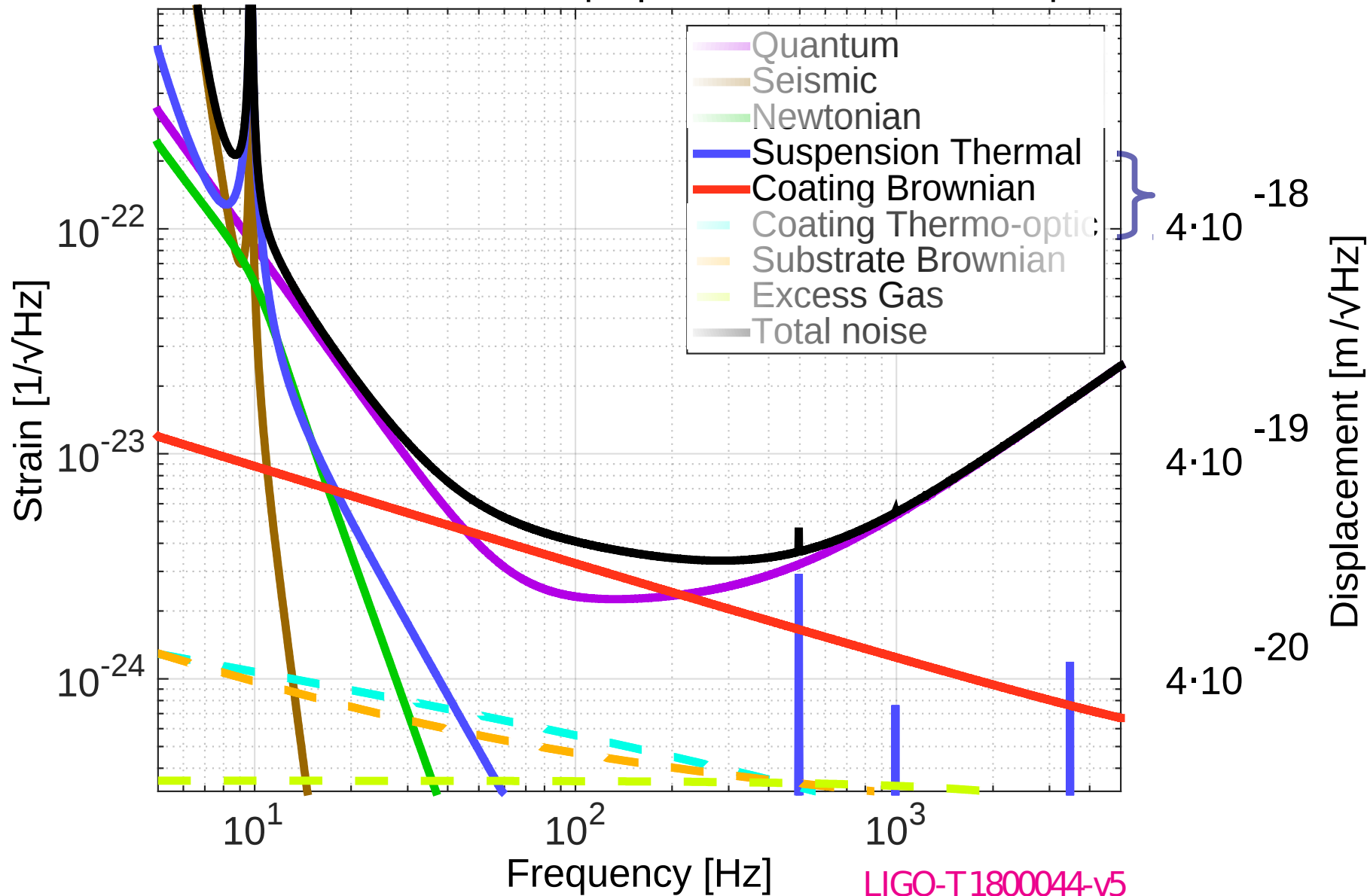
- Spatial Freq. Band  $< 1 \text{ mm}^{-1}$ 
  - » Central 150 mm  $\sigma_{\text{rms}} < 0.3 \text{ nm}$
- Spatial Freq. Band 1- 750  $\text{mm}^{-1}$ 
  - »  $\sigma_{\text{rms}} < 0.16 \text{ nm}$
- $R > 0.999996$ ,  $T < 4 \text{ PPM}$
- Coating thickness uniformity  $< 10^{-3}$
- Total Cavity Loss  $< 50$  (75) ppm



# Thermal Noise

aLIGO Design Curve

1.4:1.4M. NSNS-173 Mpc | 30:30M. BHBH-1600Mpc



# Thermal Noise

**Fluctuation-dissipation theorem:** thermally-driven fluctuations are proportional to the system's losses:

Mean-square displacement fluctuation  $\longrightarrow \langle x^2 \rangle \propto \frac{T}{Q}$

Temperature  $\longleftarrow$

Mechanical Q-factor  $\longleftarrow$

## Thermal noise arises from:

Test mass coatings

Test mass substrates

Suspension fibers

## How to reduce thermal noise?

Use materials with high Q-factors  
“Dilute” couplings to lossy materials

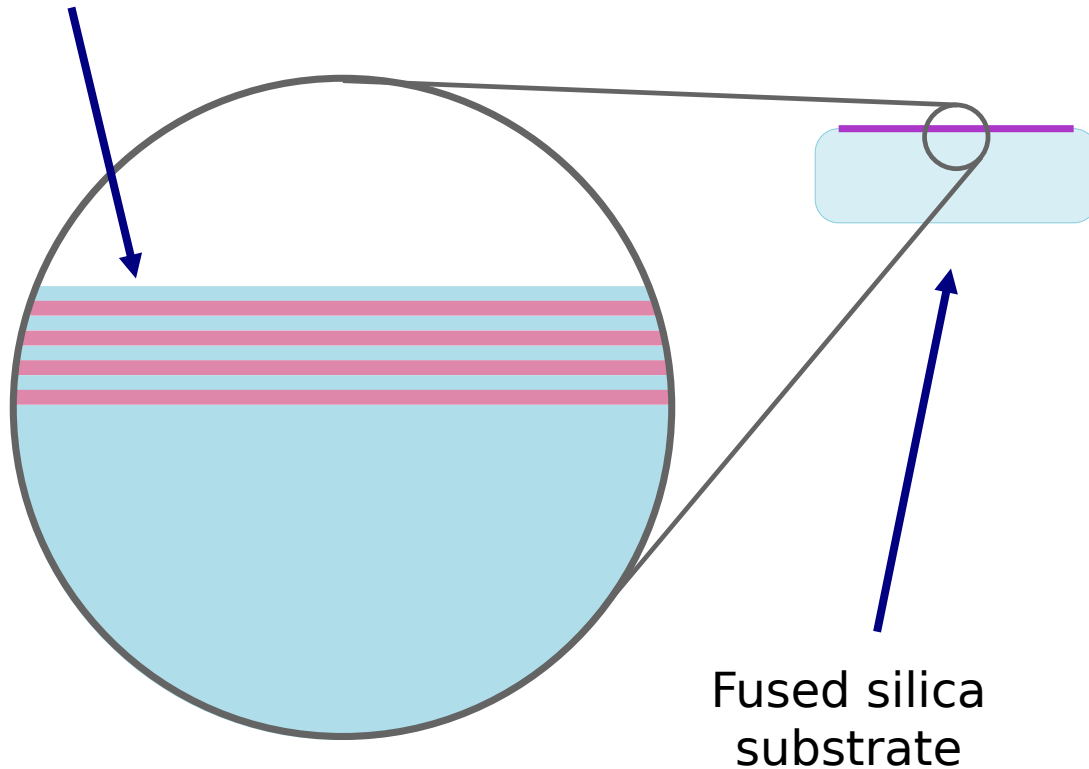
- Suspension springs more gravitational than material

Suspension  $Q \sim 10^9$

# Coating Thermal Noise

Layers of

- fused silica ( $\text{SiO}_2$ )  $Q \sim 10^6$
  - Titania-doped tantala ( $\text{Ti:Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ )  $Q \sim 10^4$
- a few  $\mu\text{m}$  total thickness



Mechanical Loss in materials cause ***phase fluctuations*** of ***evanescent beam field*** stored in coating layers.

integrates across Gaussian beam  
(bigger beams average it out)

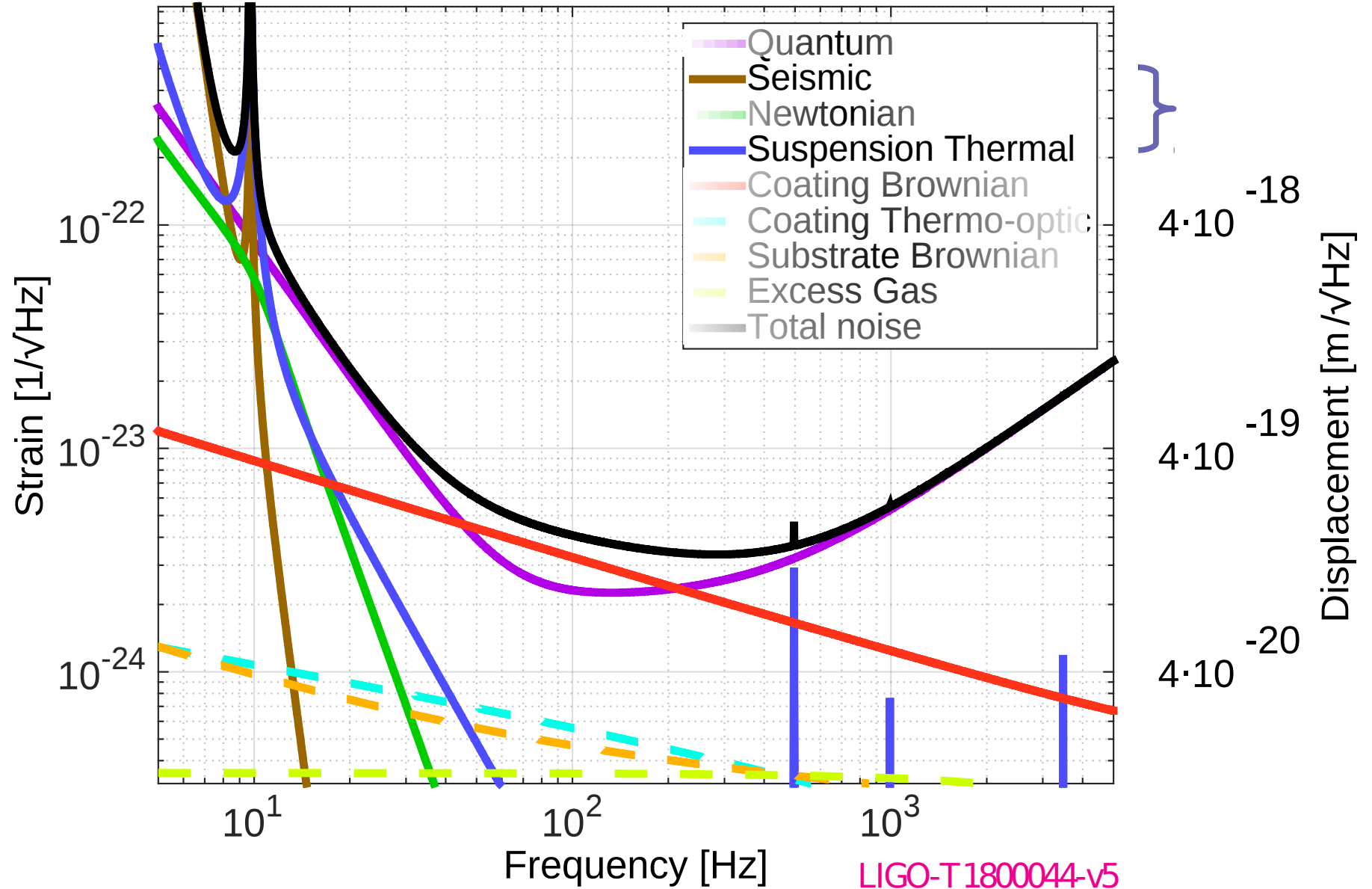
$$\langle \phi^2 \rangle \propto \frac{T}{Qw^2}$$

Difficult to find materials  
low absorption, high-n and high-Q

# Mechanical Layout

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1.4:1.4M. NSNS-173 Mpc | 30:30M. BHBH-1600Mpc





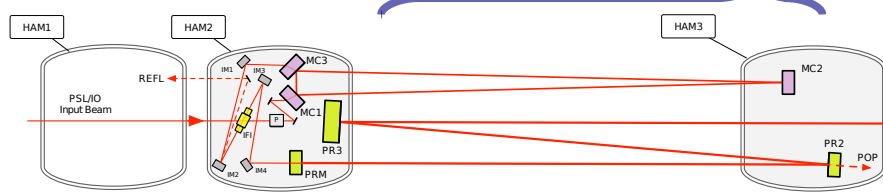
# Suspended Optics Arrangement

**Advanced LIGO H1 Optical Layout**  
 Optical parameters from LIGO-T0900043-08  
 Coordinates & wedges from D0901920-v1.3

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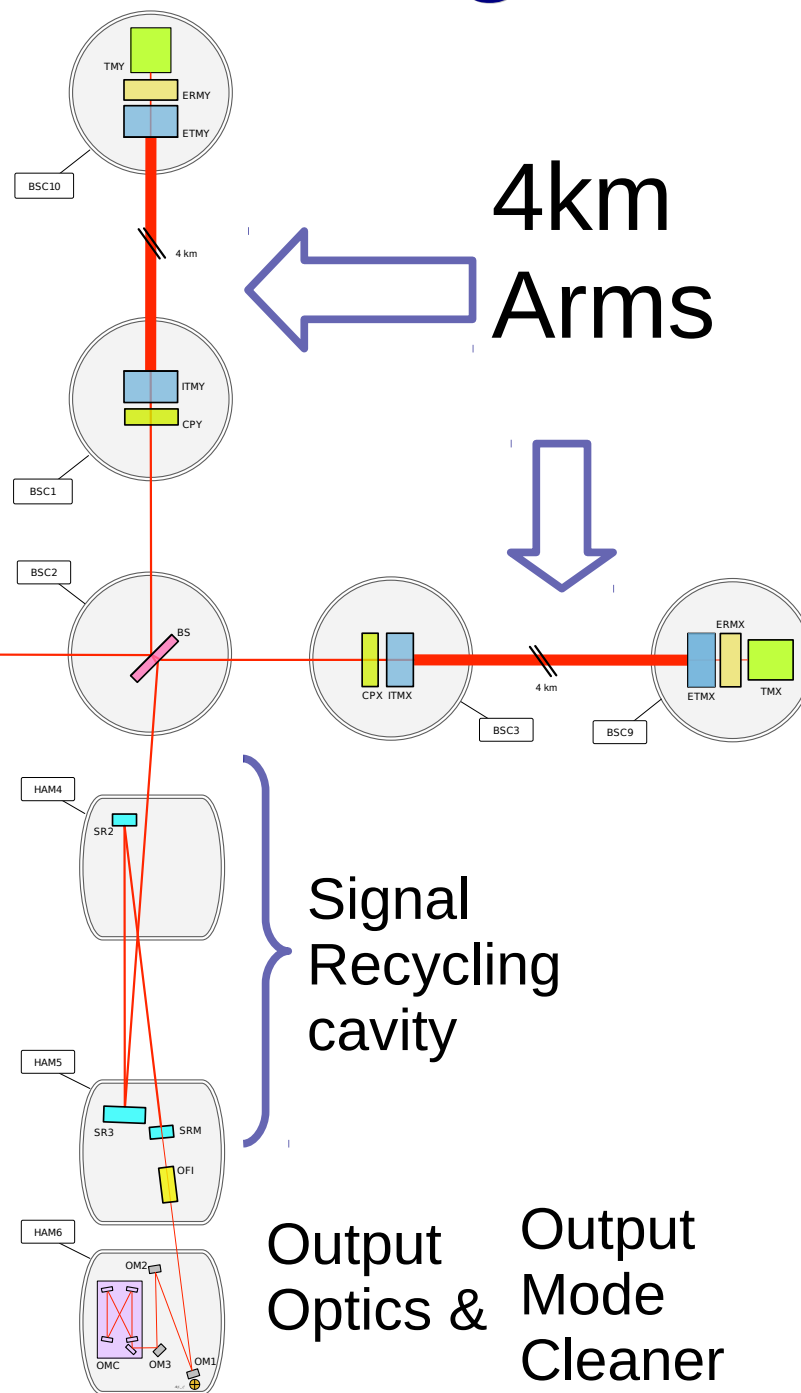
Arm cavity length	3994.485 m
Power recycling cavity length	57.656 m
Signal recycling cavity length	56.008 m
Input mode cleaner round trip	32.9461 m
Schnupp asymmetry	80.0 mm
Modulation frequencies	f1 = 9.099471 MHz f2 = 45.497355 MHz
Gouy phases (one-way)	PRC: 25 ° SRC: 19 °
Polarization	IMC: vertical IFO: horizontal



Input optics

Power Recycling cavity

- All of the shown optics are
  - In-vacuum, suspended
  - Input, output – single pendulums
  - Arms – quadruple pendulums
  - Recycling cavities – triple pendulums



4km Arms

Signal Recycling cavity

Output Optics & Output Mode Cleaner

# Isolation of the core optics

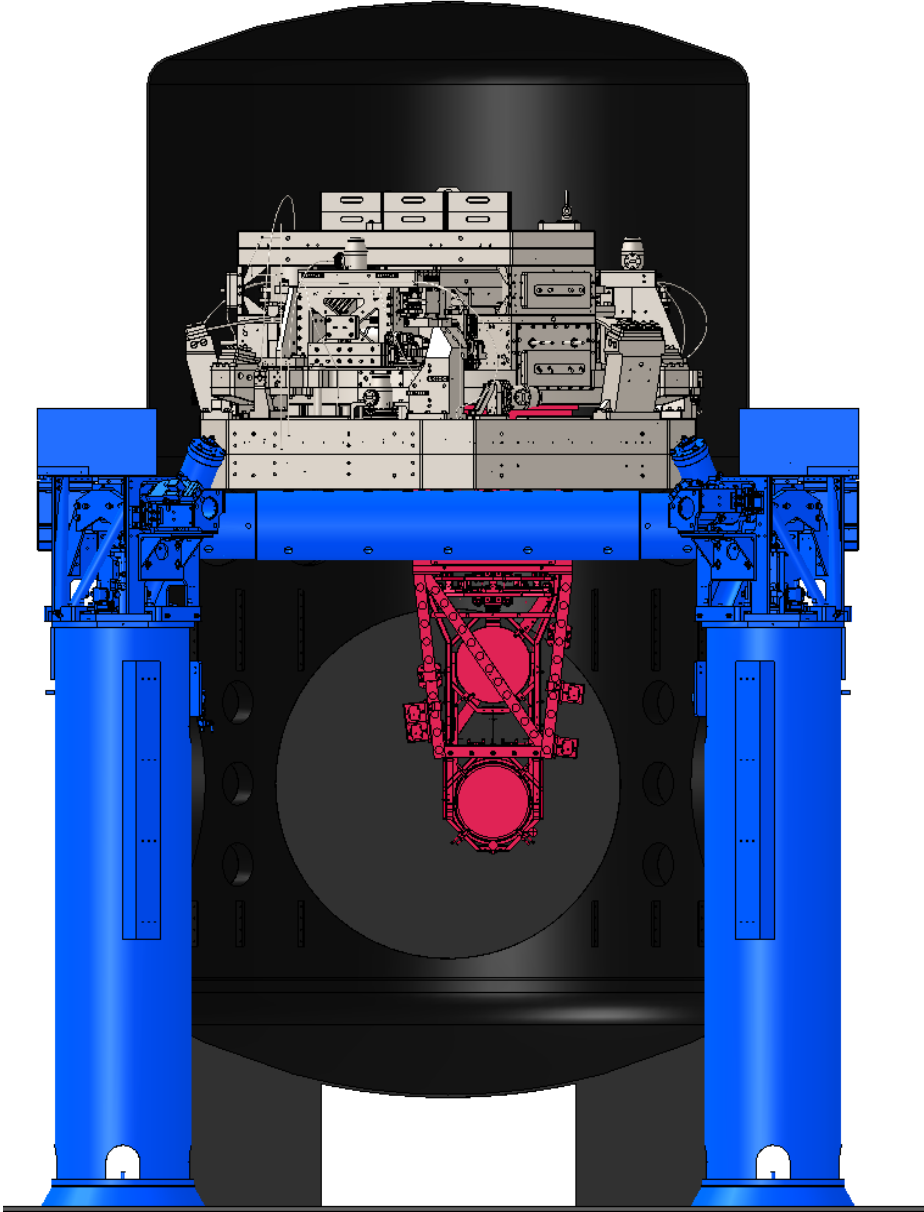
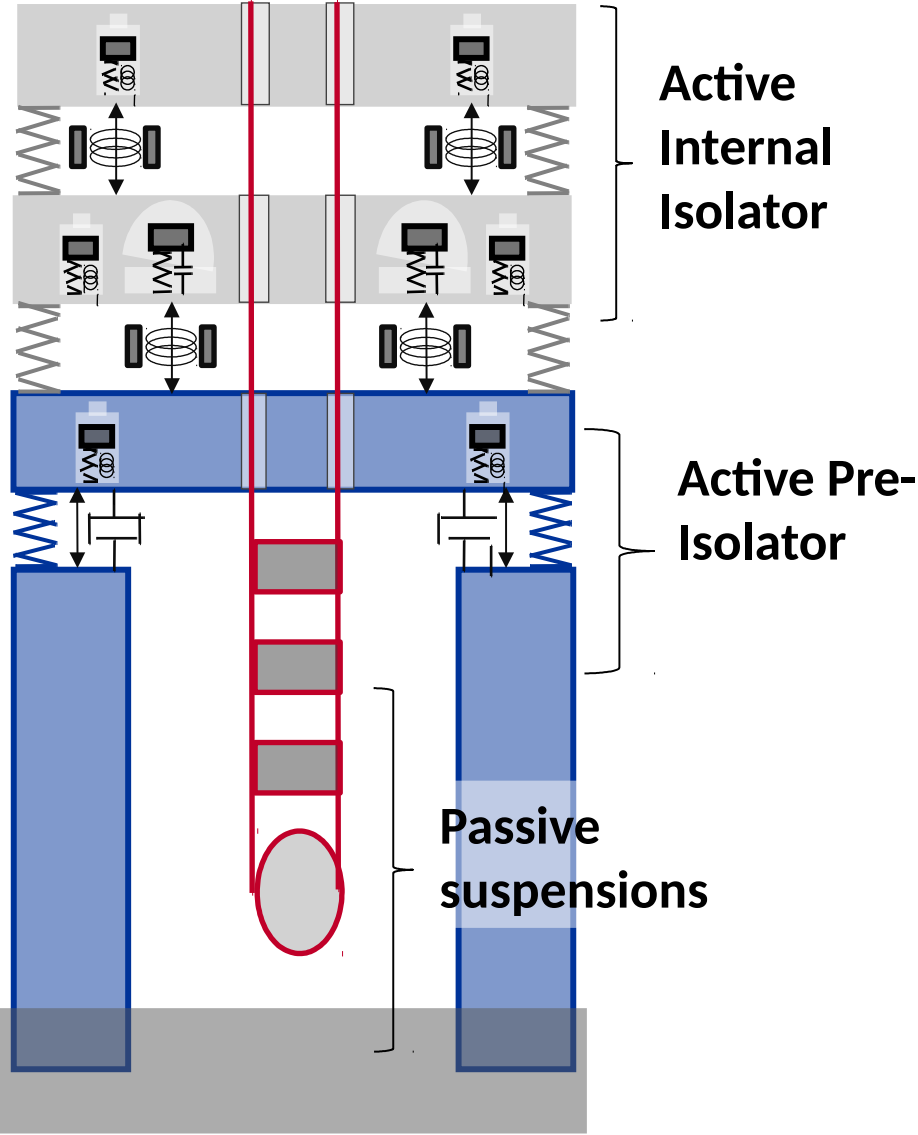
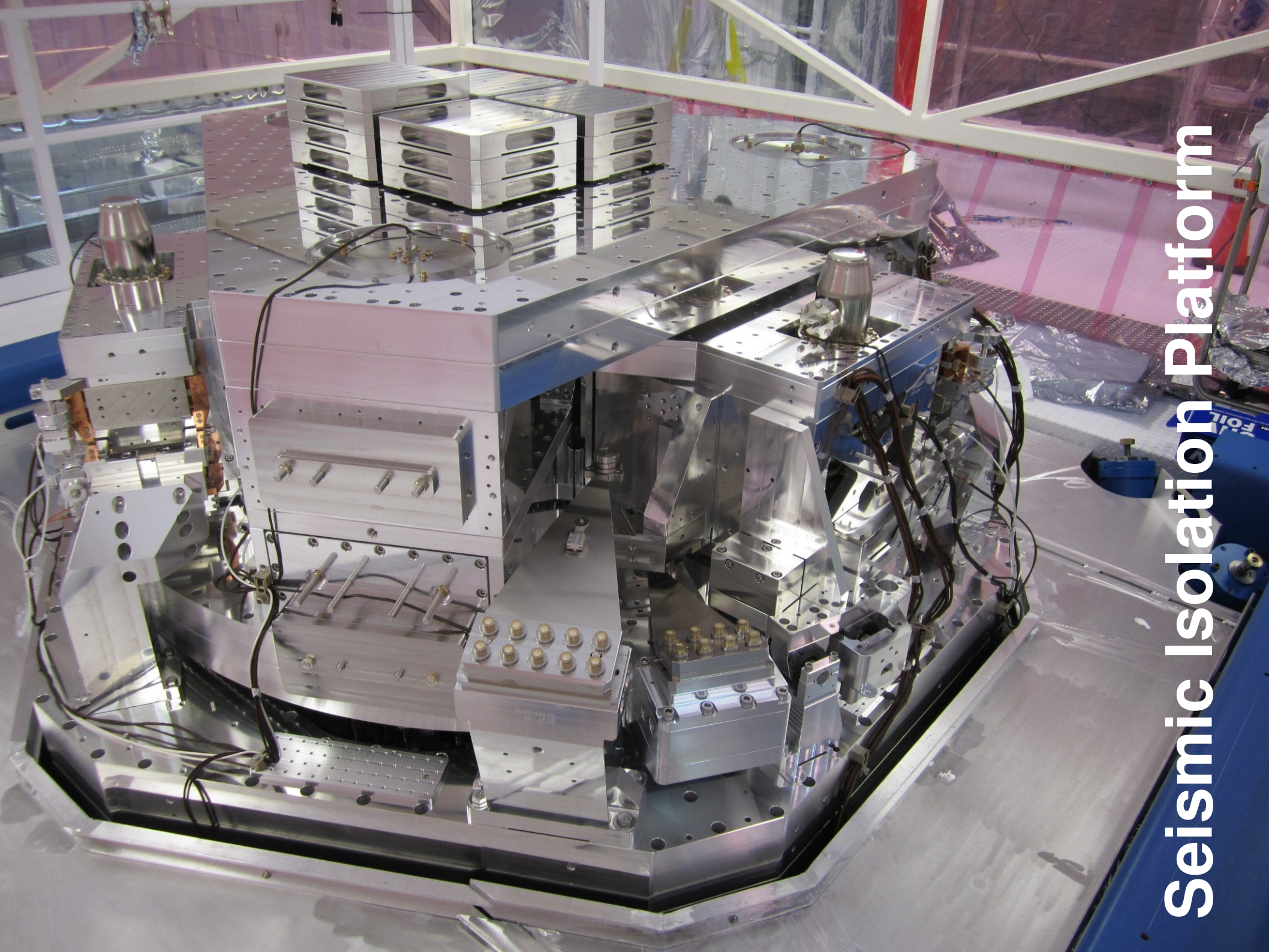
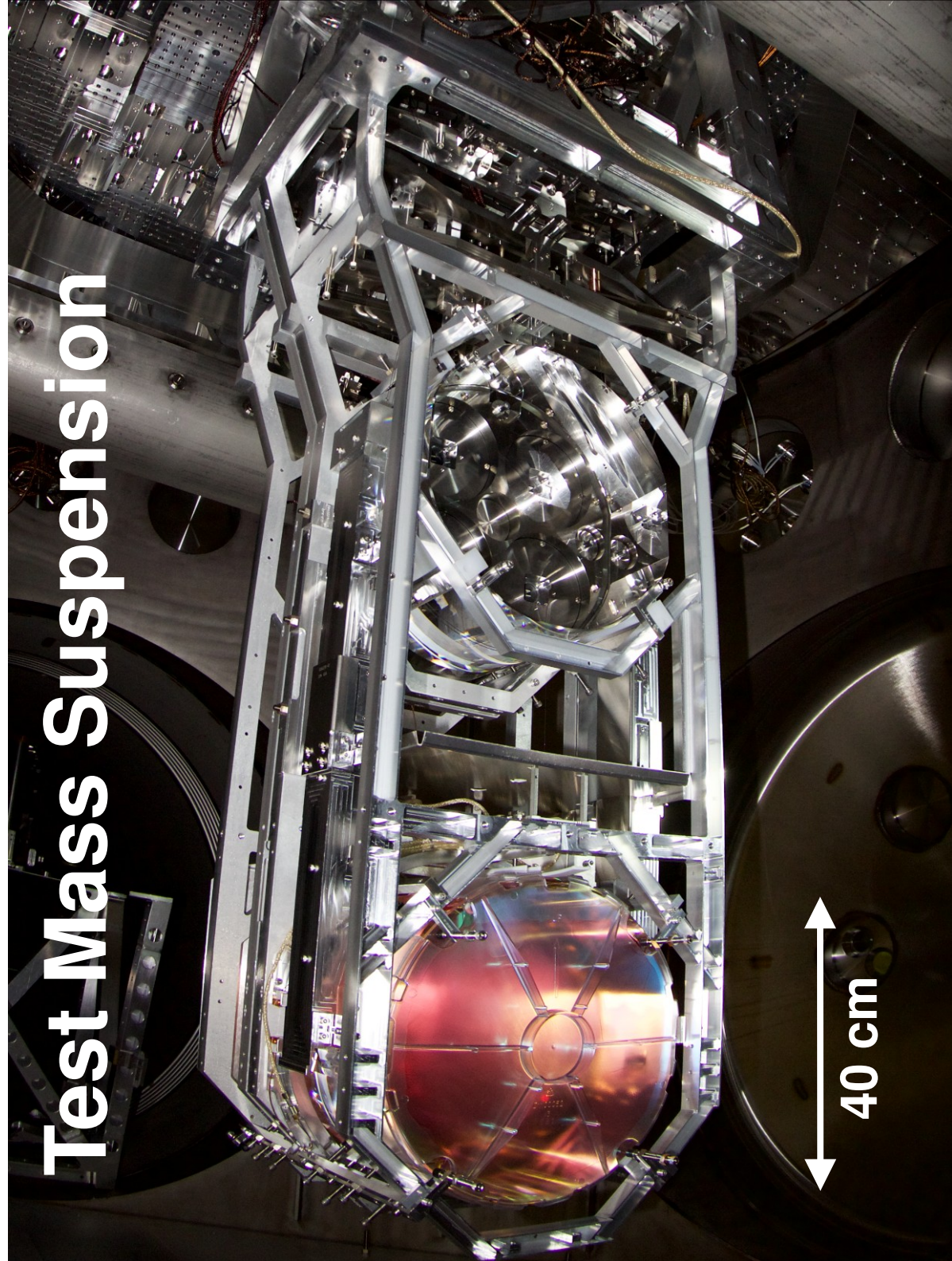


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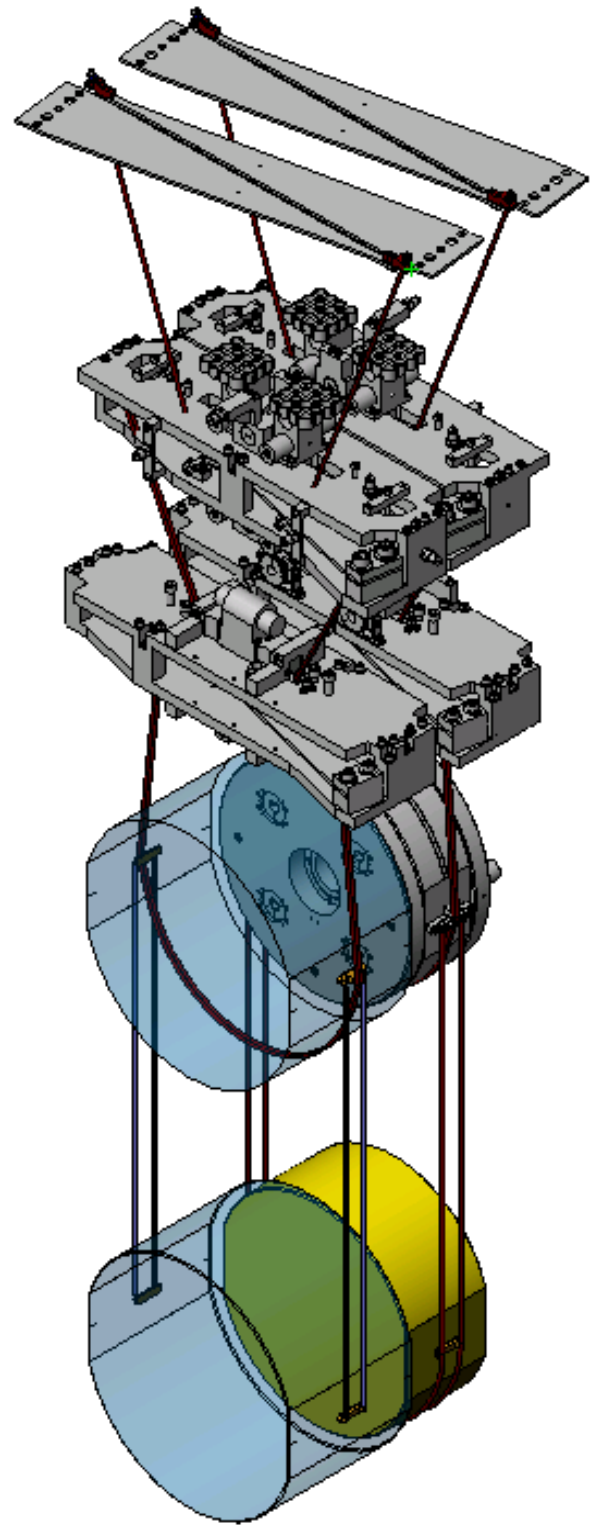


Seismic Isolation Platform

# Test Mass Suspension

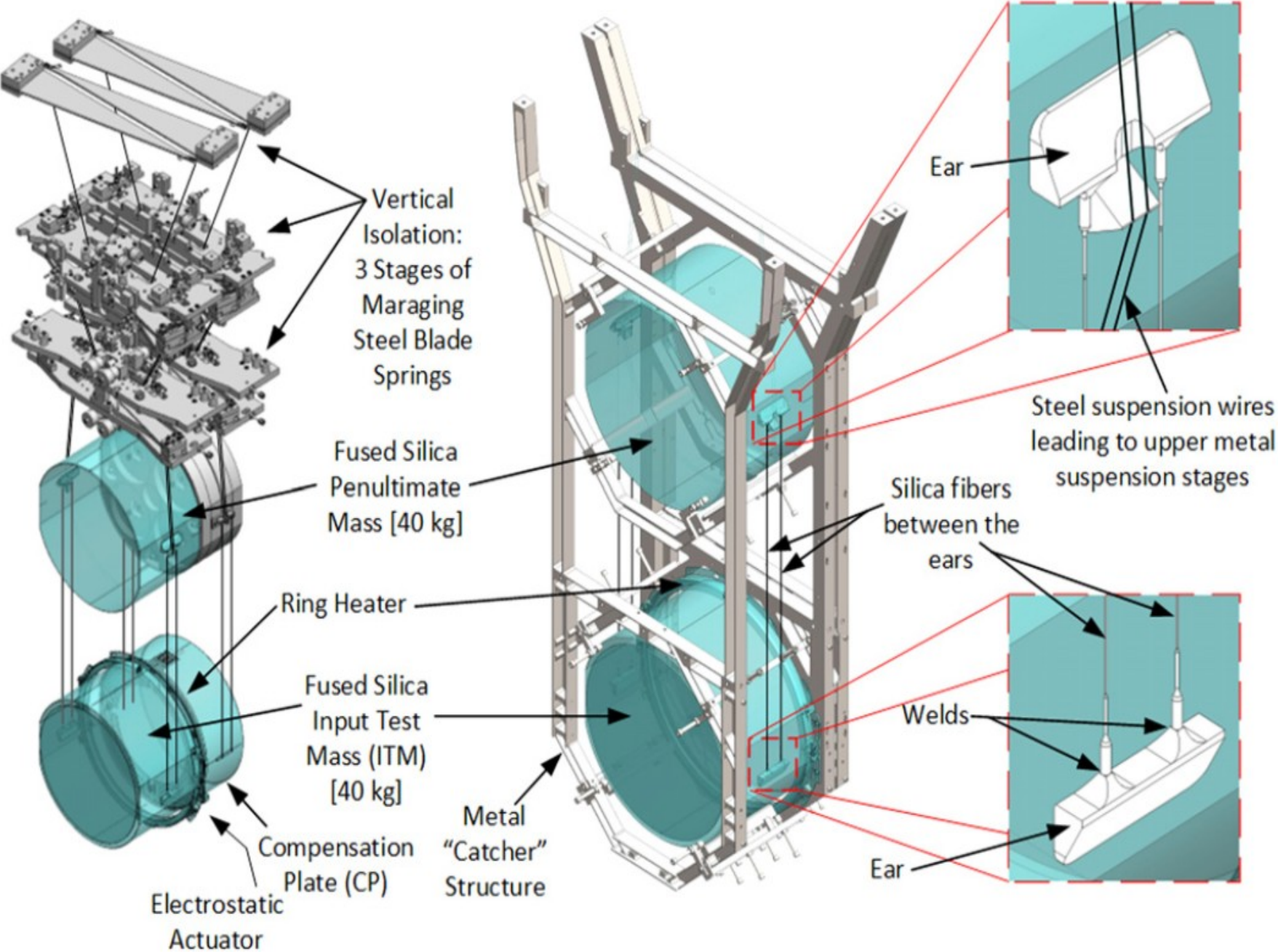


40 cm

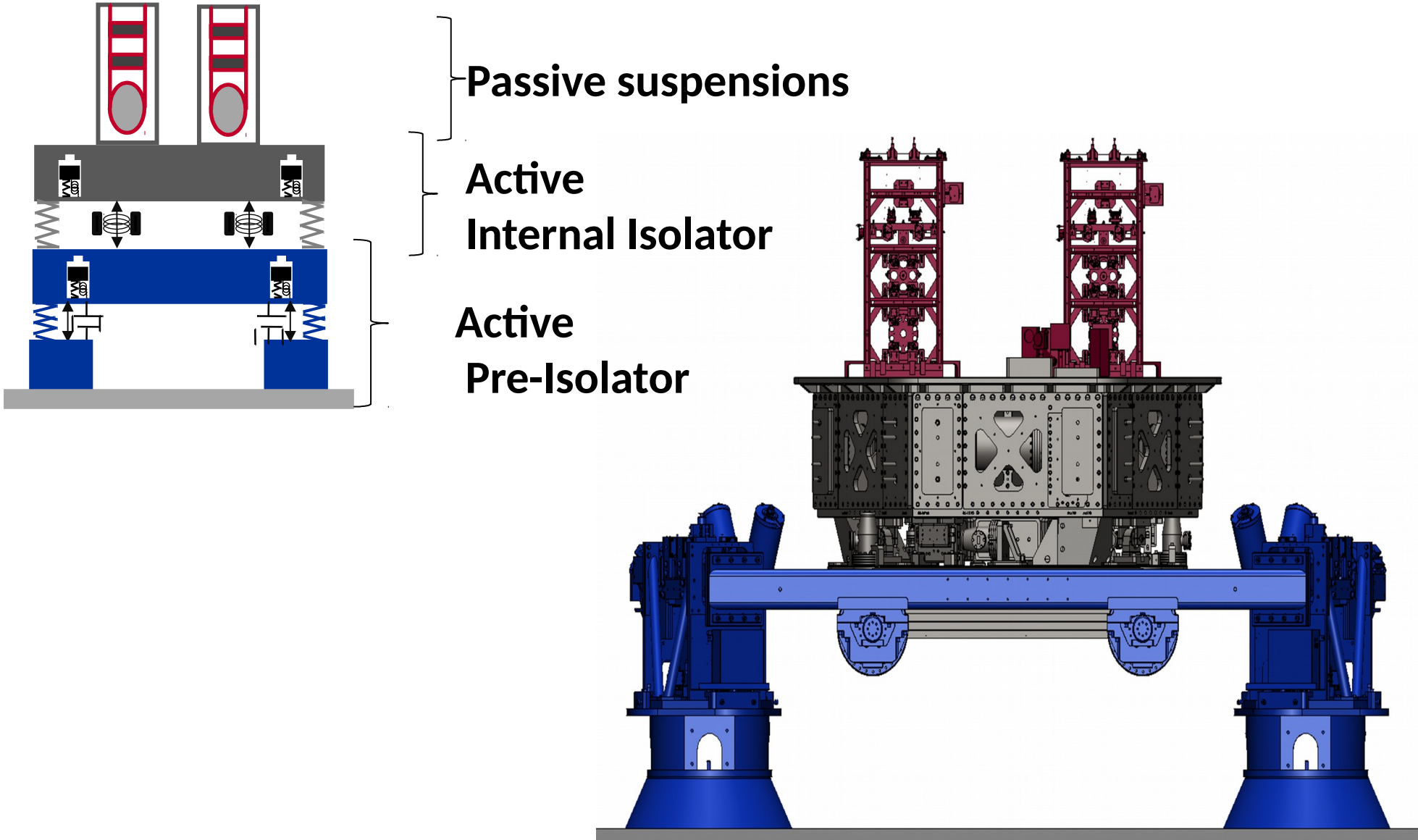


# The Quadruple Pendulum

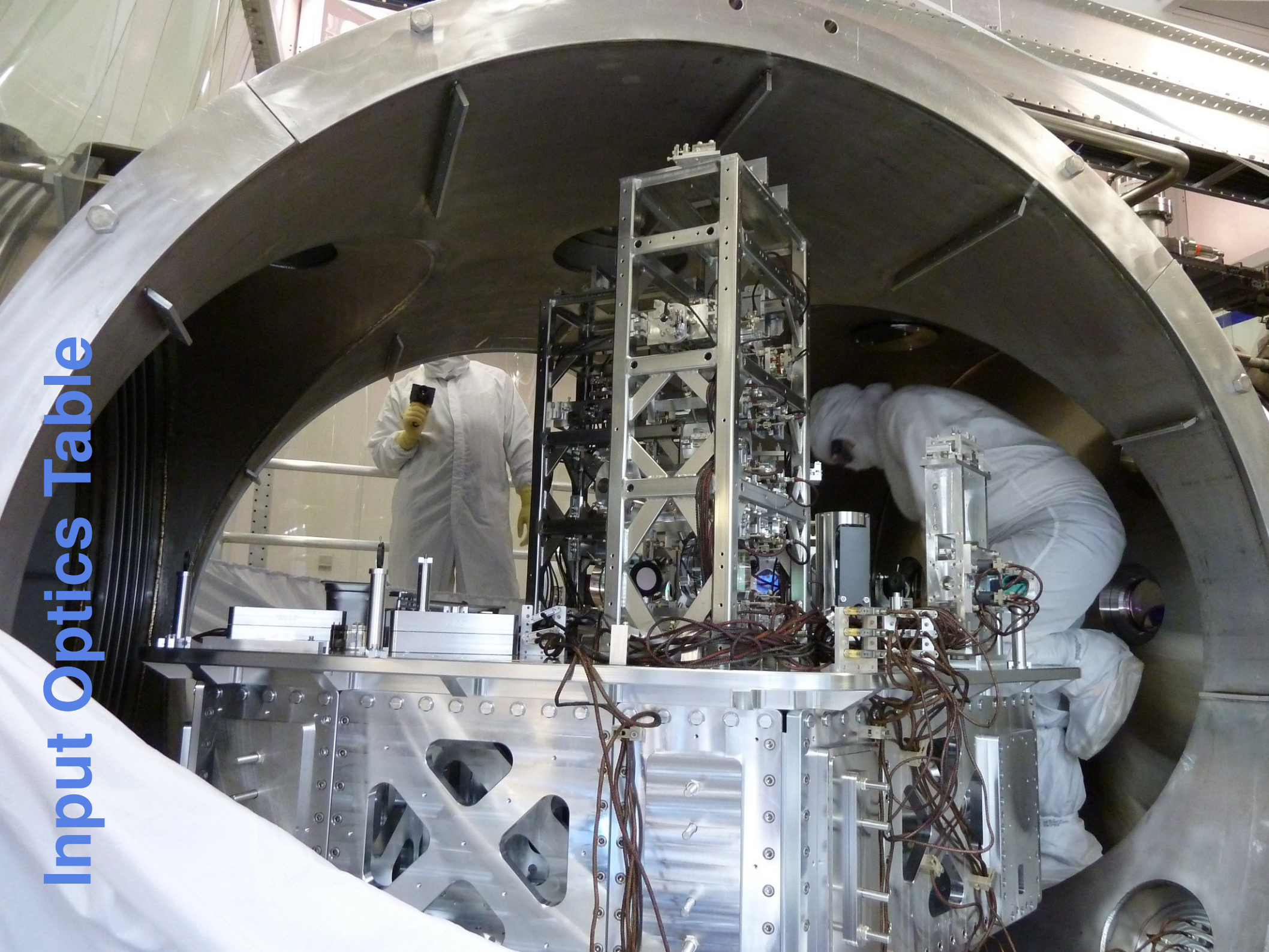
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# Isolation of the auxiliary optics



# Input Optics Table



vacuum system verlex



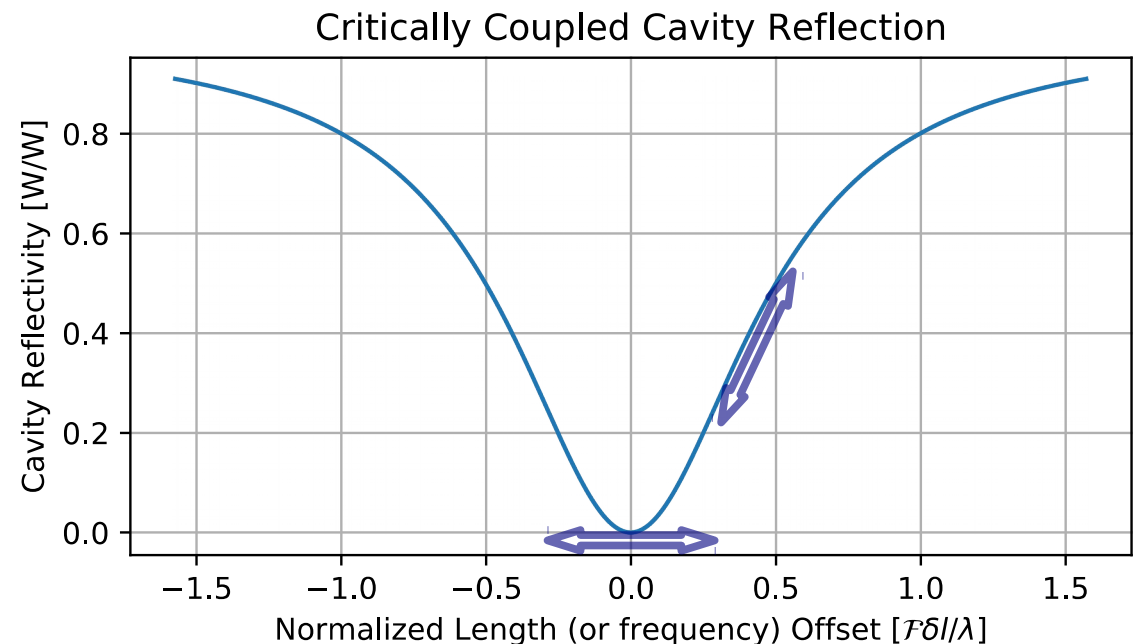
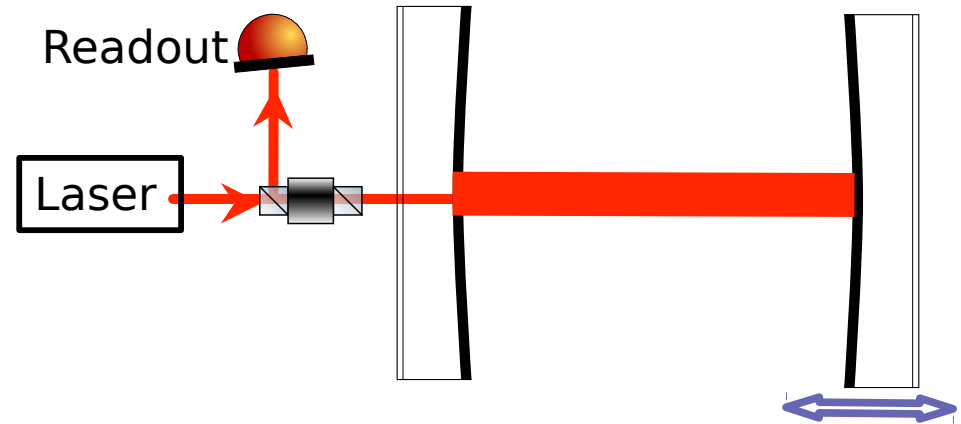


# Interferometer Degrees of Freedom

- 2 Arm cavities
  - Common arm length
  - Differential Arm length
- Beamsplitter/  
Michelson
- Power Recycling  
Cavity
  - Laser Frequency
- Signal Recycling  
Cavity
- Each must be sensed and  
feedback controlled
- Most operate “On  
Resonance”
  - Signals are quadratic  
maximums, if measured by  
optical power
  - Can we measure the  
derivatives to generate  
error signals?
  - Or directly measure the  
optical field?

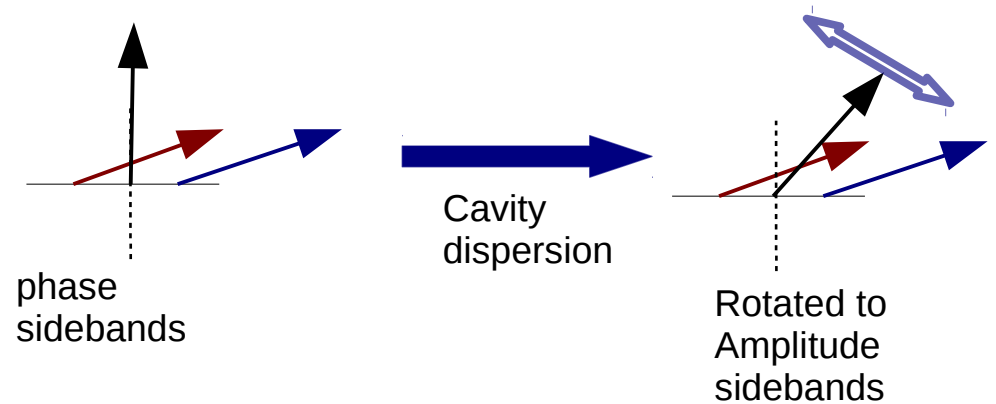
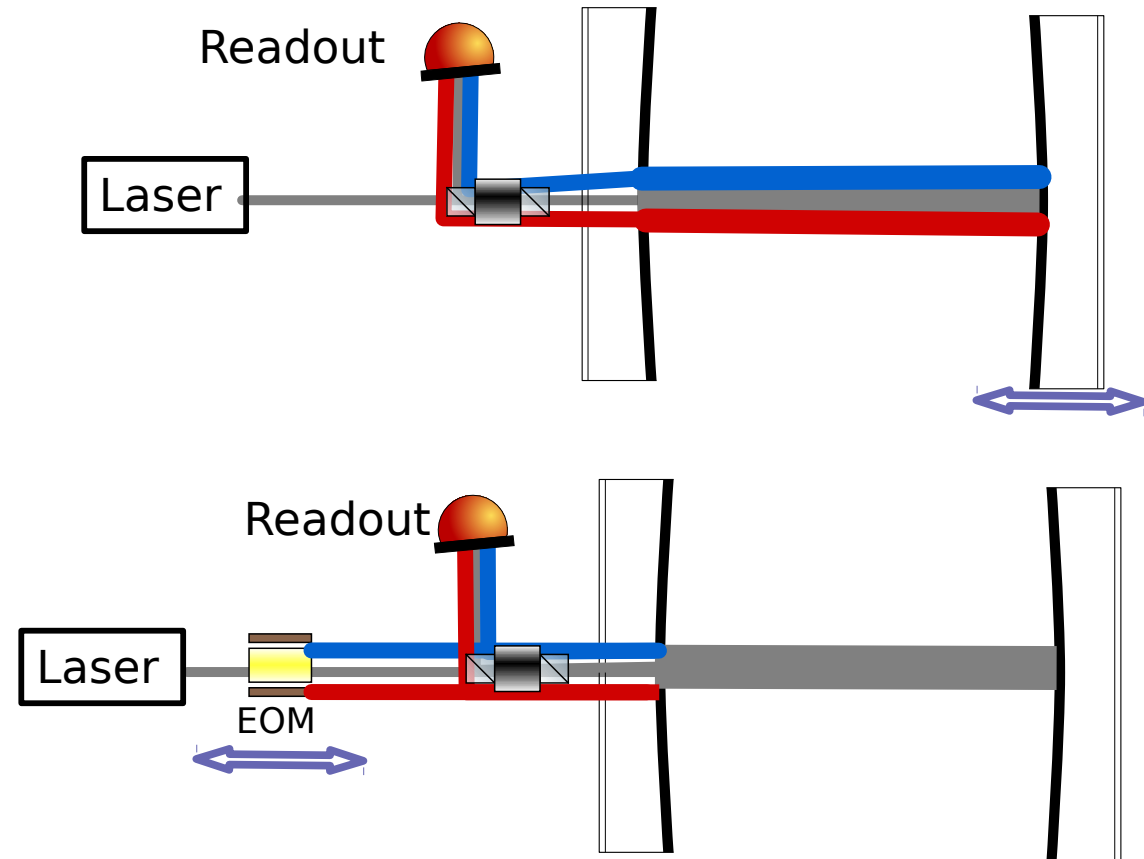
# Length Sensing

- Dither each length!
- Demodulation Measures the derivative
- Length and Frequency modulations are (mostly) indistinguishable
- Length/Frequency Modulations create *phase sidebands*



# Pound-Drever-Hall Sensing

- Or...
- Directly Inject phase modulations at high frequency
- Some frequencies enter cavities, others reflect
- Dispersion causes dephasing of sidebands phase  $\rightarrow$  amplitude

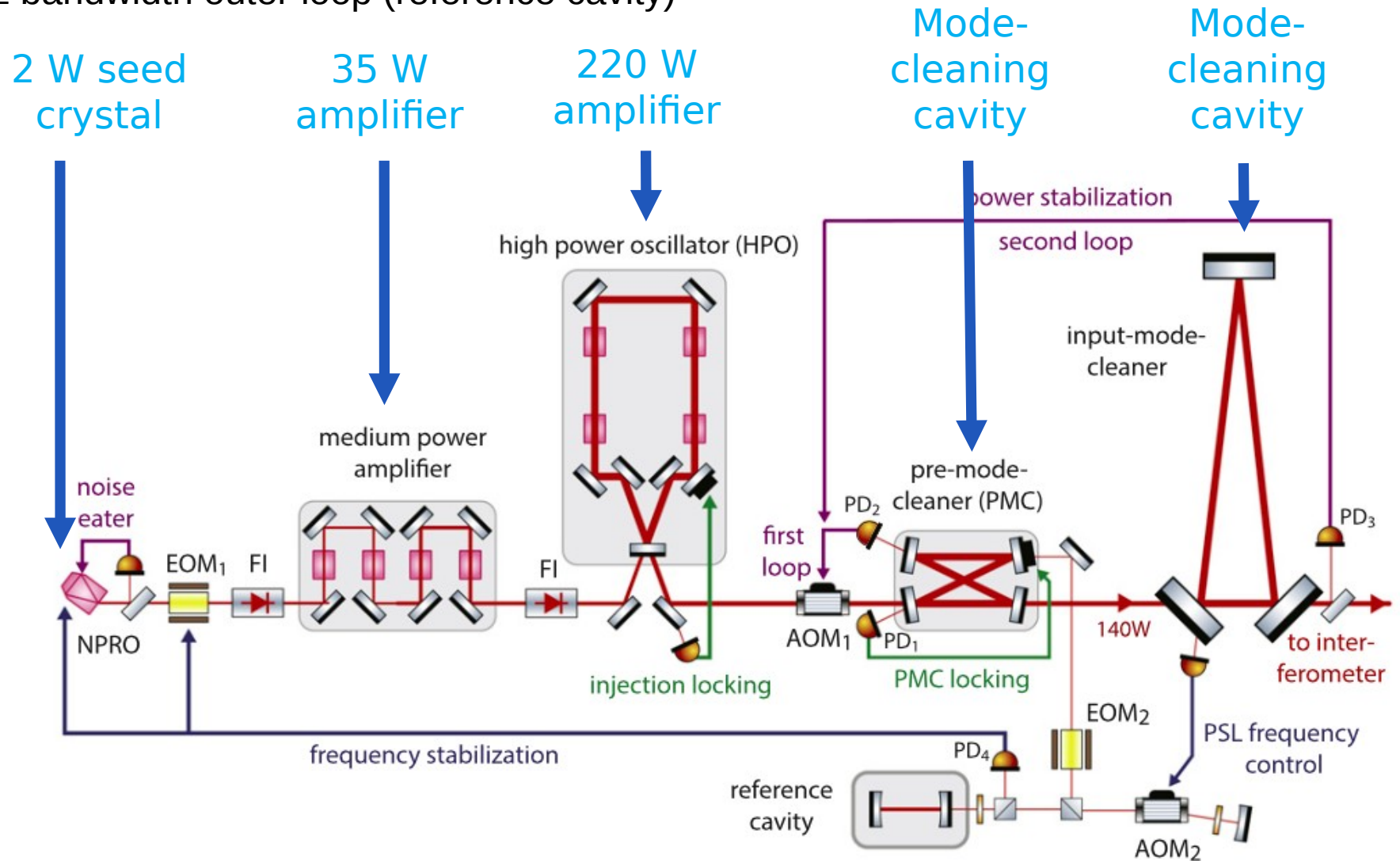


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Cavity
- RF sidebands allow direct field measurements through differential phasing
- Co-propagate with carrier allows measuring specific D.O.F's with less contamination from others.
- RF beatnotes provide of all vertex degrees of freedom

# Frequency Sensing Stages

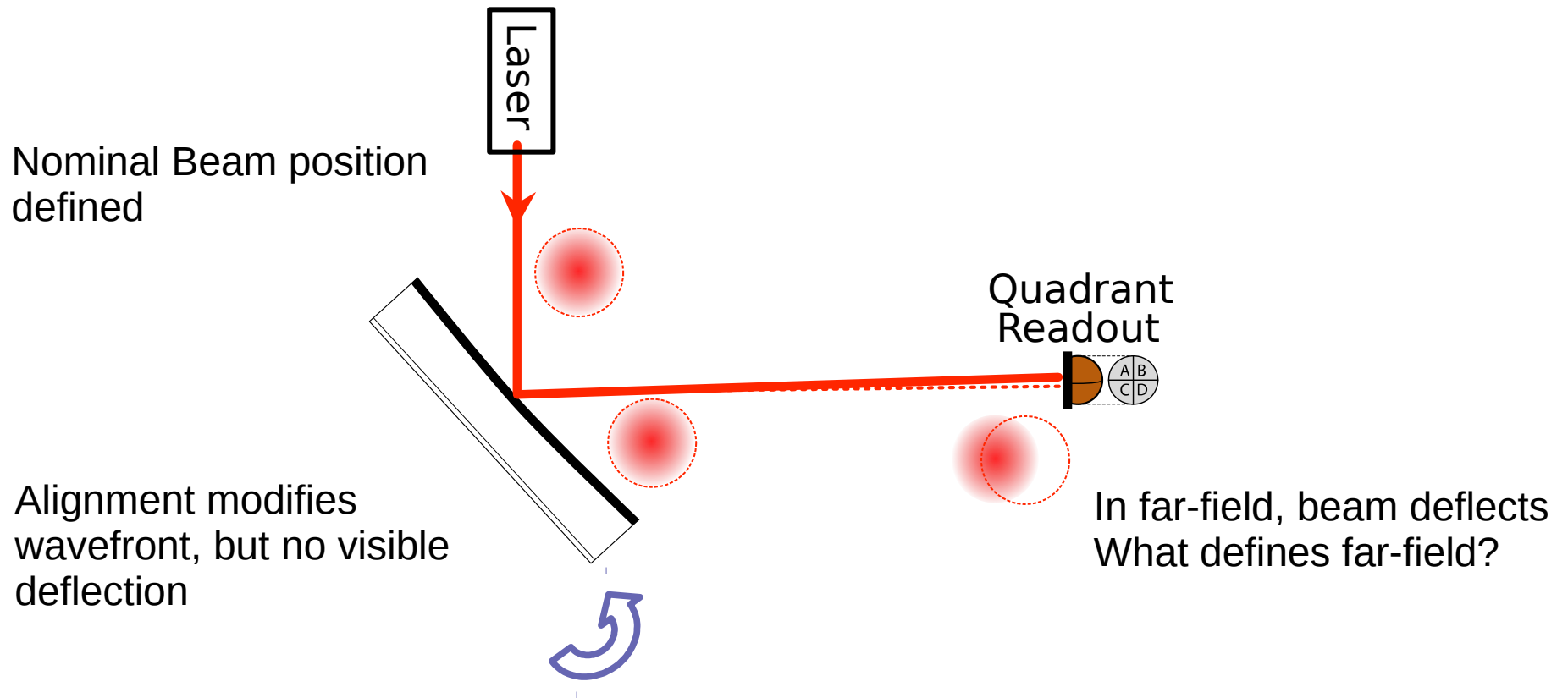
Nested control gain hierarchy  
50kHz bandwidth outer loop (reference cavity)



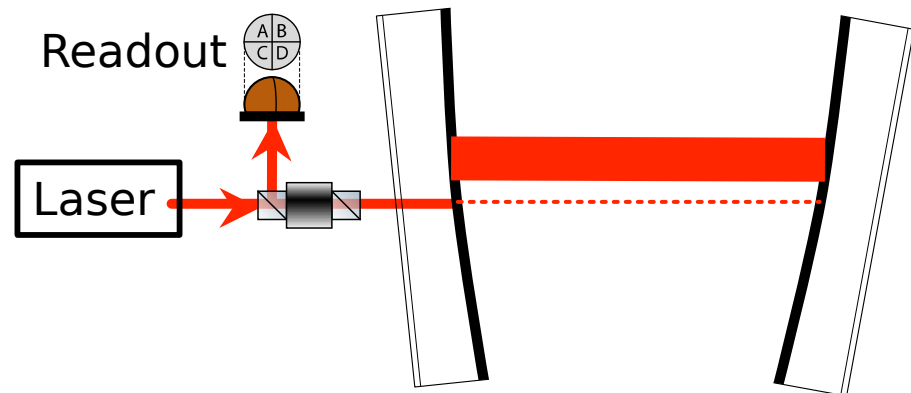
Laser frequency stabilized  $10^8$  to  $\sim 1 \mu\text{Hz}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$  at 100 Hz ( $\sim 10^{-8} \text{ rad}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$ )

Laser amplitude stabilized to  $\sim 10^{-8} \text{ RIN}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$  at 100 Hz

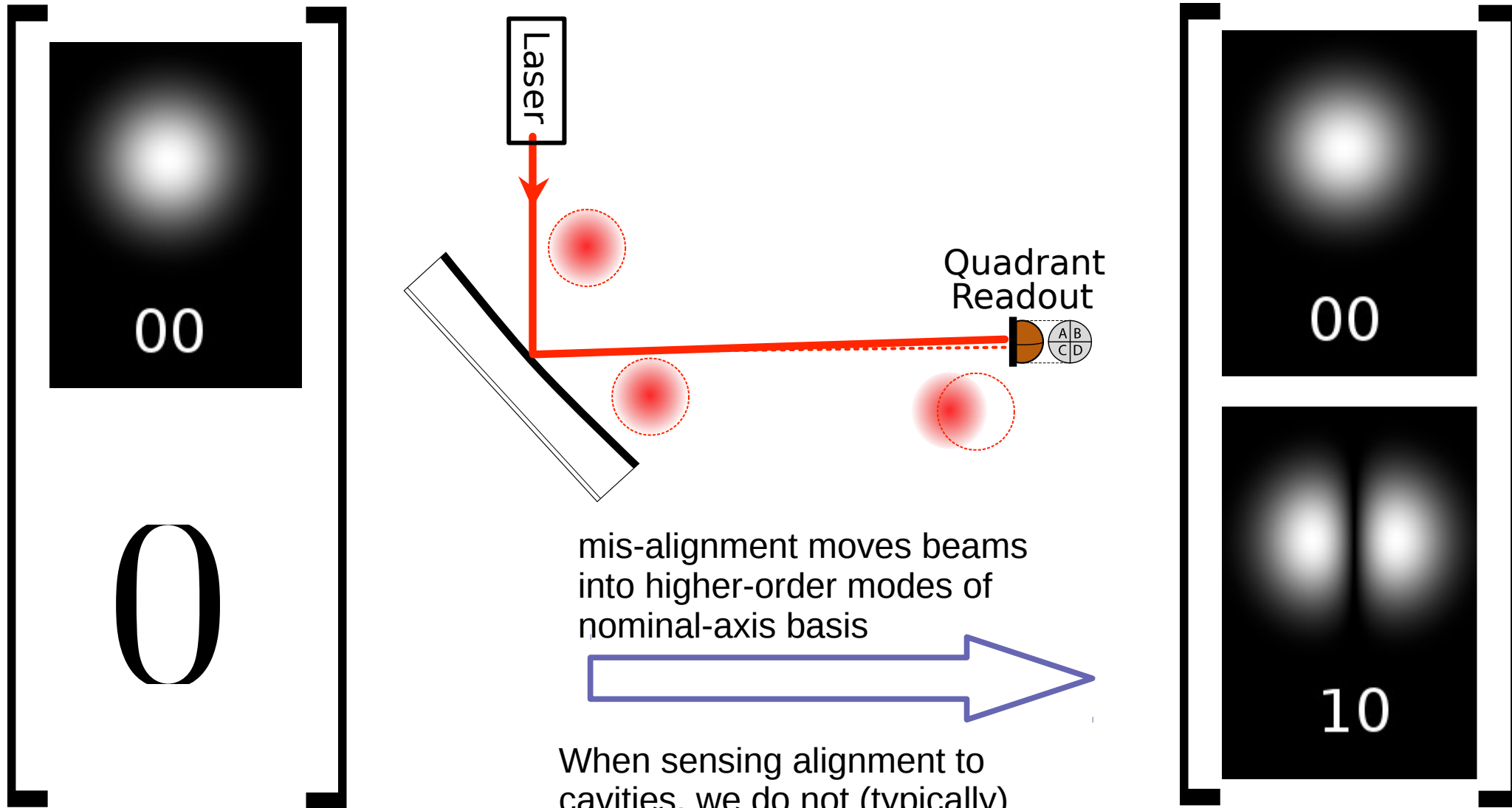
# Alignment Sensing



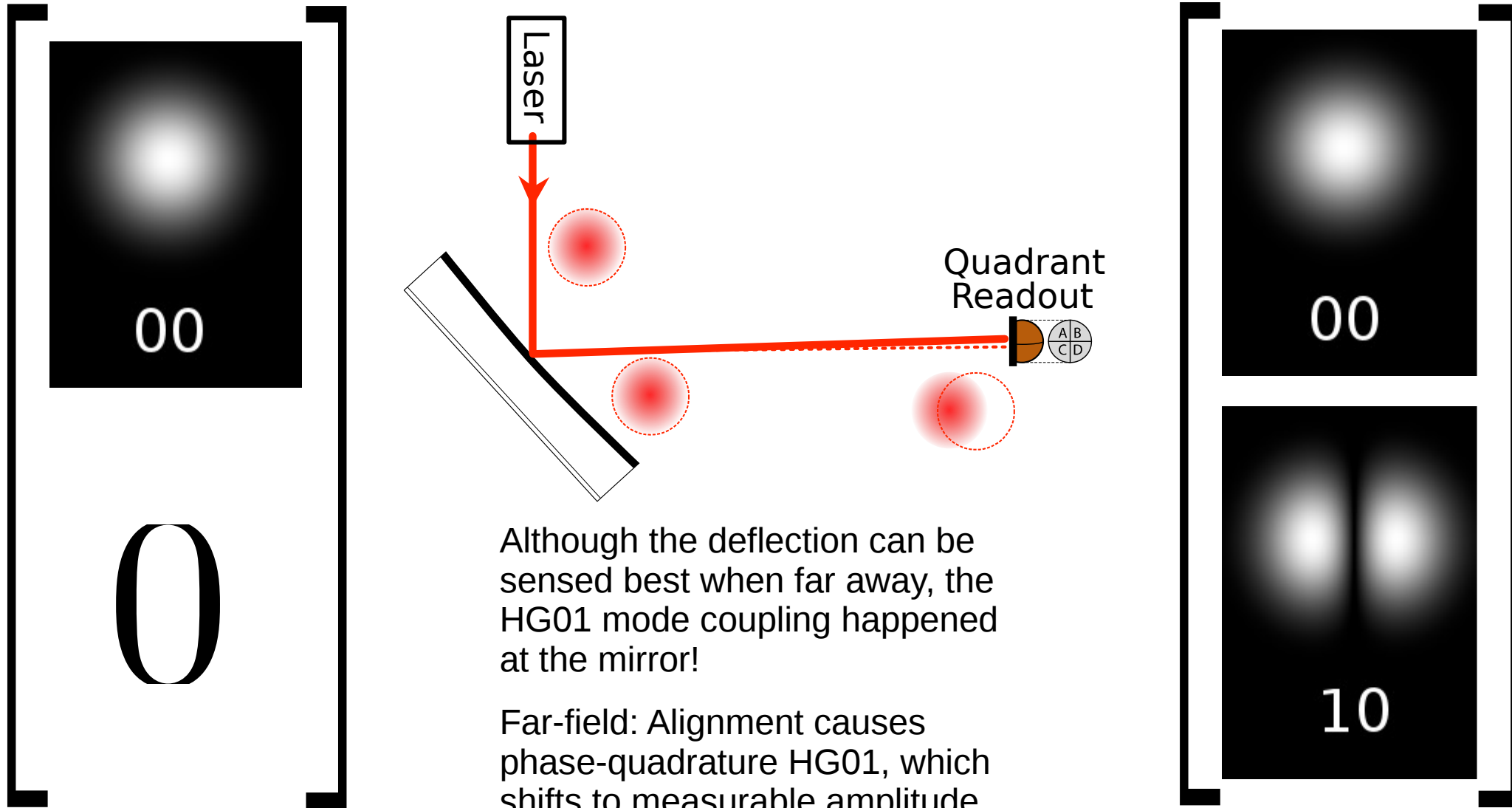
Not clear how deflection  
Picture works for cavities



# Alignment Sensing



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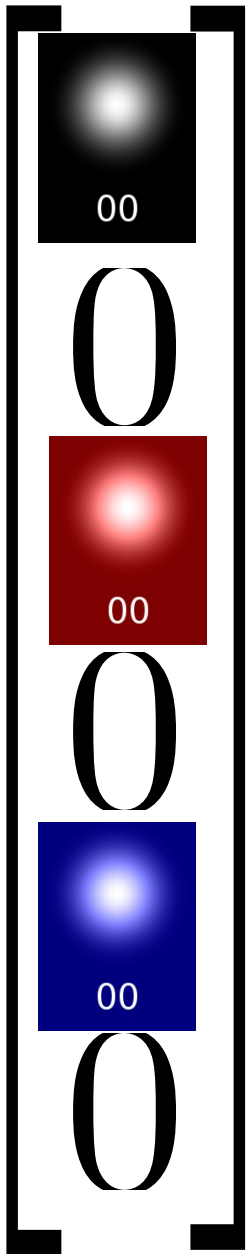
Although the deflection can be sensed best when far away, the HG01 mode coupling happened at the mirror!

Far-field: Alignment causes phase-quadrature HG01, which shifts to measurable amplitude quadrature by

***Gouy phase advance***



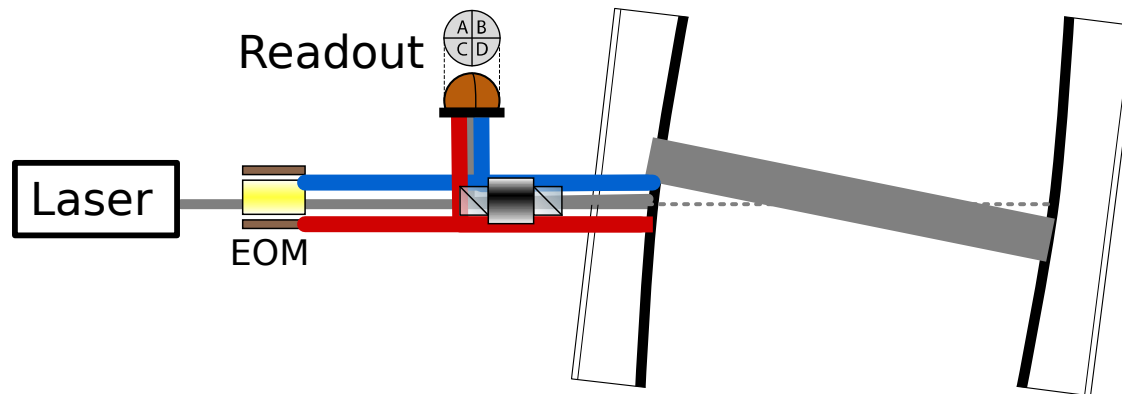
# RF Alignment Sensing



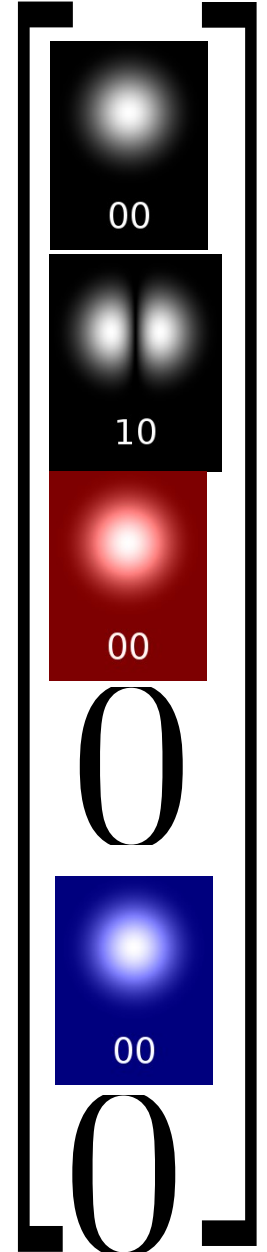
Cavity Deflection moves only some frequencies into higher-order modes



Modal-Frequency decomposition then allows shows cavity effects on RF sensitive quadrant photodetectos (wavefront sensors)



Telescope designs optimize:  
*Gouy phase accumulation* between mirrors/detectors to actuate/measure **real and imag parts of HG01**



# Future Improvements and A+

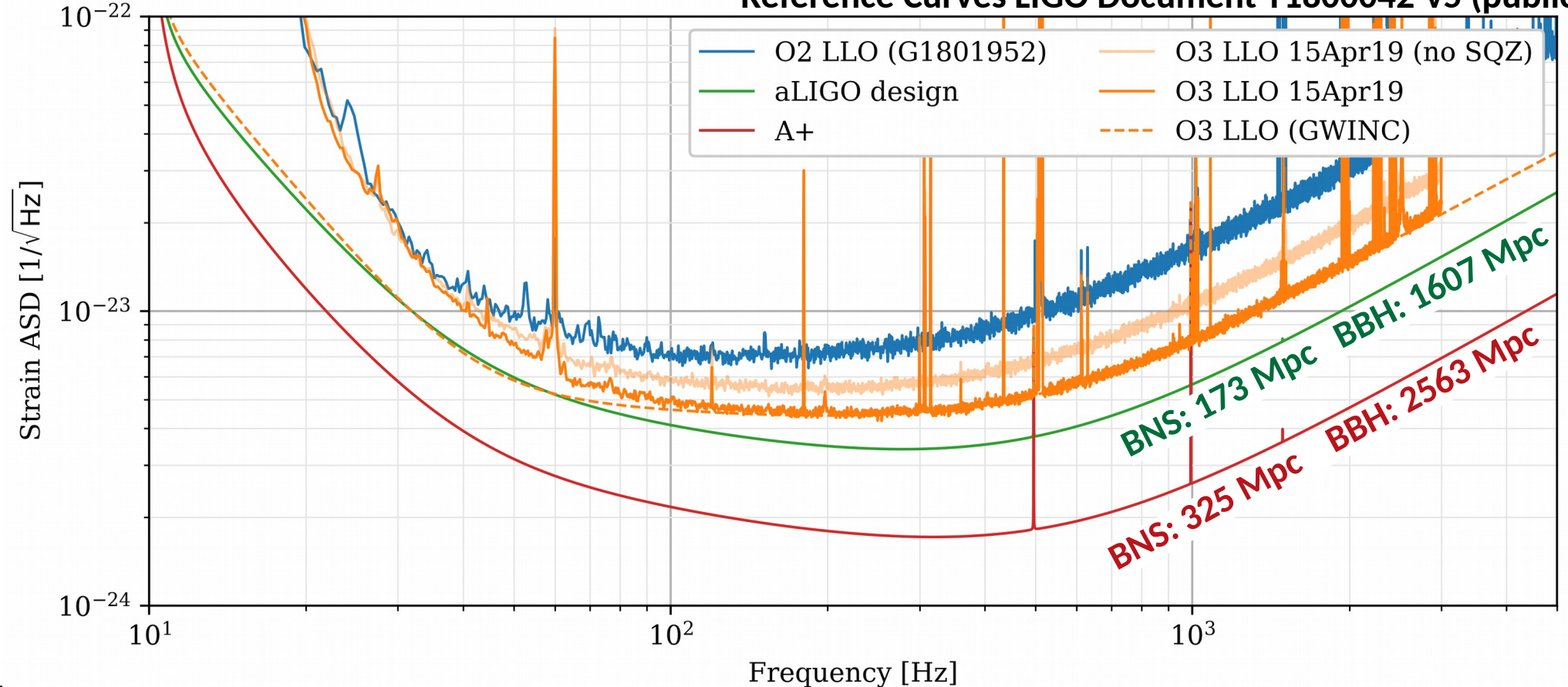
## Observing run 4

- Continued Commissioning
  - Finding/removing excess noises
    - Scattered light
- Increasing power towards design
  - Thermal compensation

## Advanced LIGO+

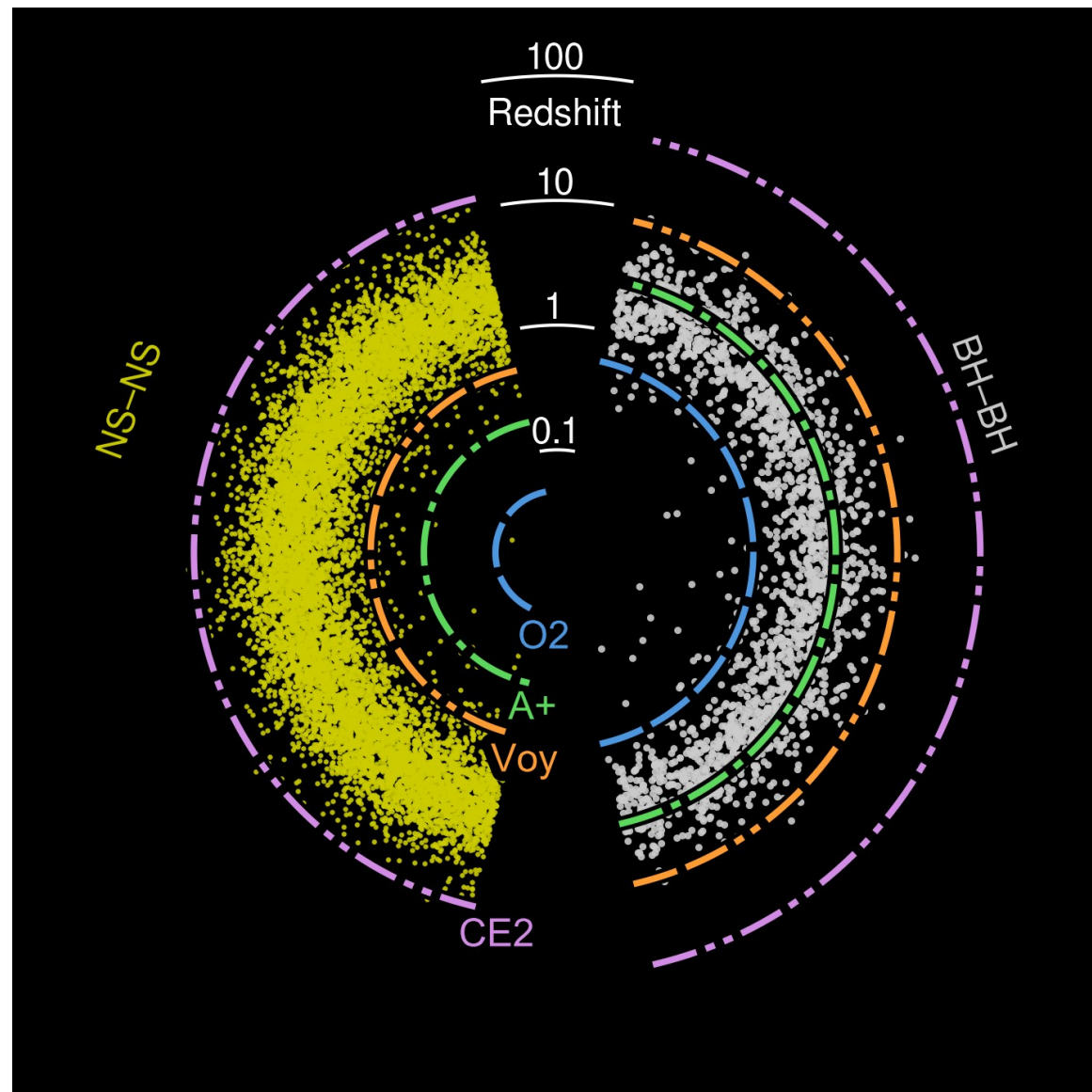
- Reduce quantum noise
  - Improved optical losses
  - Improved readout
  - Frequency-Dependent Squeezing
- Reduce thermal noise
  - Improved mirror coatings

Reference Curves LIGO Document T1800042-v5 (public)



# The Third Generation

- Cosmic Explorer and Einstein Telescope
  - 10-40km observatories (conceptual designs)
  - 10x more optical power
  - Larger suspensions
- Probe cosmological history of GW astronomy
  - High event rates
  - Extreme signal-to-noise



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## Thank You

### Covered Topics

- interferometer topology
- Fundamental noises
  - quantum
  - suspensions/seismic
  - coatings/thermal
- Sideband sensing
  - For length/frequency
  - For alignment

### Further Topics

- Squeezed Quantum
- Calibration System
- Thermal Compensation
- Control acquisition
- Scattering
- Laser Design