

PROBING DYNAMICAL SPACETIMES

DIRECT DETECTION OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

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Outline

- Motivation
- First generation GW detectors
 - Some results
- Second generation GW detectors
 - Advanced Virgo and LIGO, and GEO-HF
 - Kagra
- Third generation GW detectors
 - Einstein Telescope
 - eLISA



MOTIVATION

Einstein gravity:

$$G_{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi T_{\alpha\beta}$$

Gravity as a geometry

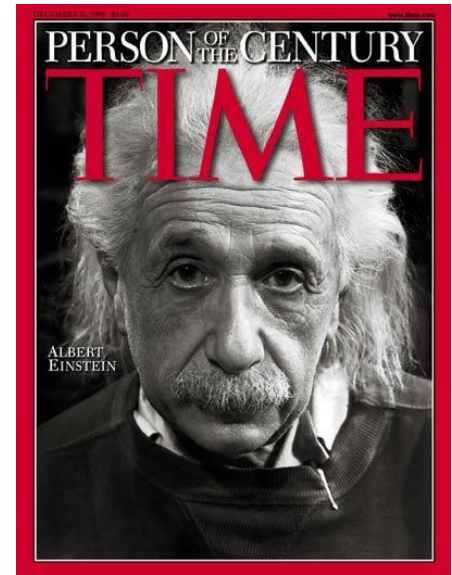
Space and time are physical objects

- Gravitation

- Least understood interaction
- Large world-wide intellectual activity
 - Theoretical: GR + QFT, Cosmology
 - Experimental: Interferometers on Earth and in space

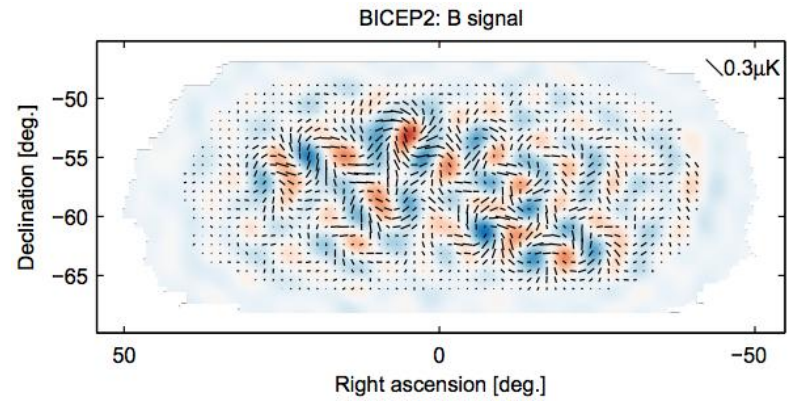
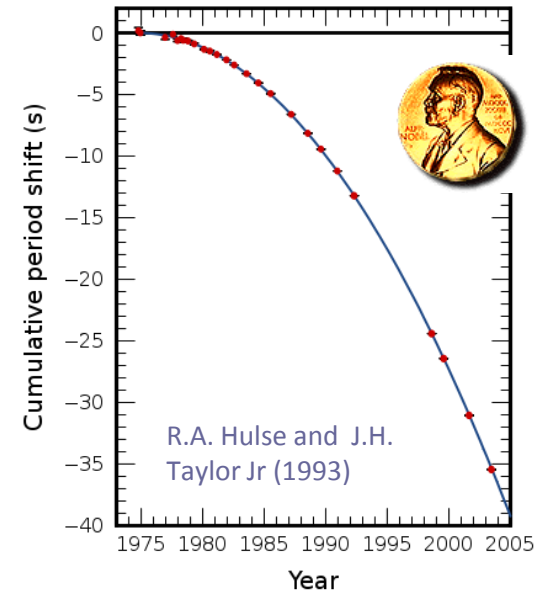
- Gravitational waves

- Dynamical part of gravitation, all space is filled with GW
- Ideal information carrier, almost no scattering or attenuation
- The entire Universe has been transparent for GWs, all the way back to the Big Bang



Indirect effects of gravitational waves

- Energy loss from BNS
 - Period shift in excellent agreement with GR
- BICEP2
 - B-modes in CMB
- Our goal: direct detection of GWs



WHAT ARE GRAVITATIONAL WAVES?

- Newton's gravity comes from Poisson equation

$$\nabla^2 \Phi(t, \vec{x}) = 4\pi G \rho(t, \vec{x})$$

- In general relativity for weak gravitational fields

$$g_{\alpha\beta} = \eta_{\alpha\beta} + h_{\alpha\beta}, \quad |h_{\alpha\beta}| \ll 1$$

- Einstein's equations reduce to wave equations

$$\square h_{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi G T_{\alpha\beta}$$

- Non-axisymmetric motion of mass-energy generates GW
- GWs are ripples in the curvature of spacetime

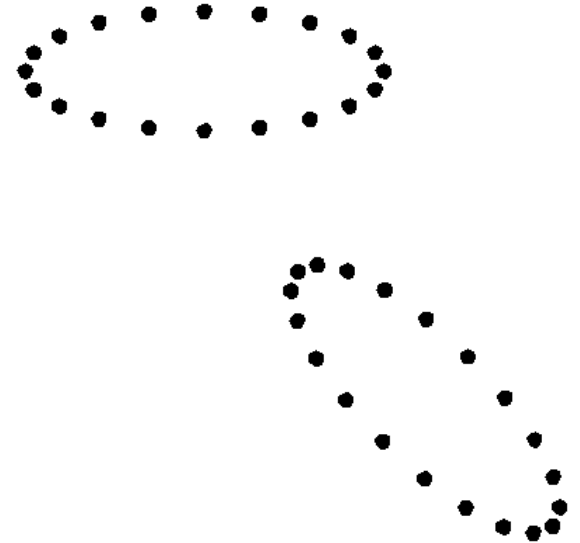
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$L=20\text{ m}$, $d = 2\text{ m}$, 27 rad/s

$$h \approx \frac{2\Delta L}{L} = \frac{2G}{c^4} \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} \frac{1}{d}$$

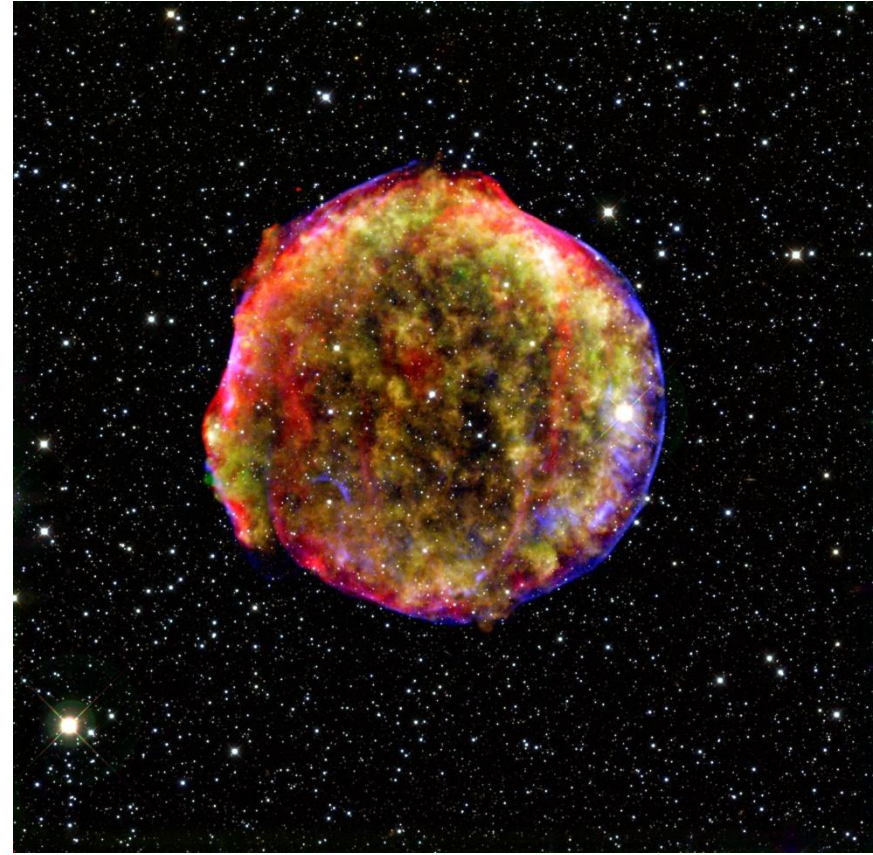
$$10^{-44} \text{ s}^2 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$$

$$L_G = 10^{-30} \text{ J} / \text{s}$$



BURST SOURCES

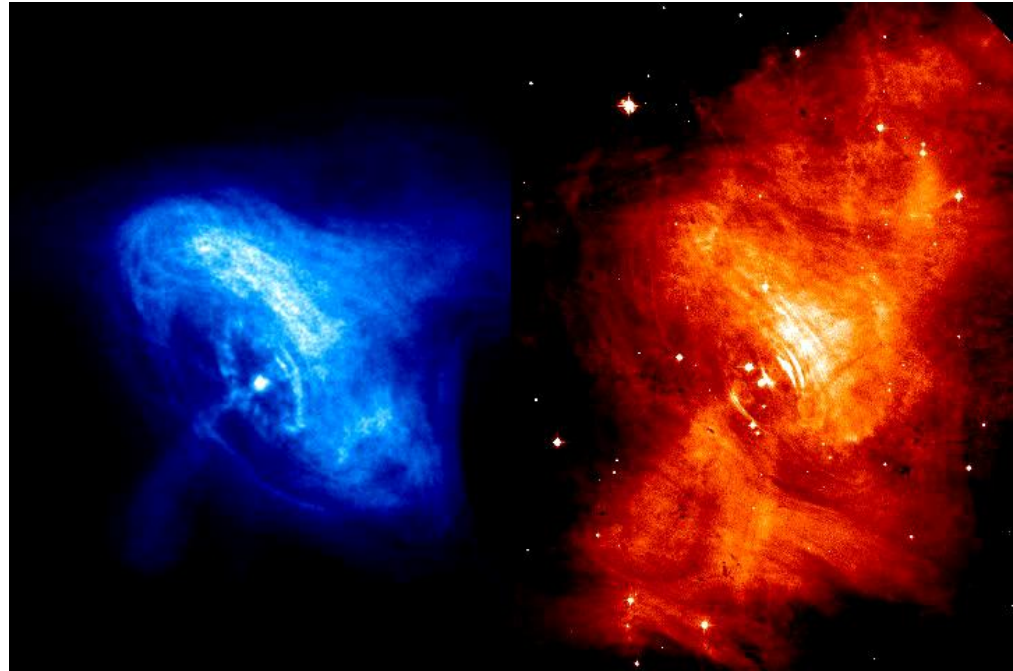
- **Gravitational wave bursts**
 - Black hole collisions
 - Supernovae
 - Gamma-ray bursts (GRBs)
- **Short-hard GRBs**
 - Could be the results of merger of a neutron star with another NS or a BH
- **Long GRBs**
 - Could be triggered by supernovae
- **Formation of NS or BH**
 - From type II supernova
 - About 1/100 yr in MWEG



SN1572 (Tycho) composite image (X + IR)

CONTINUOUS WAVE SOURCES

- Rapidly spinning NS
 - Mountains on neutron stars
- Low mass X-ray binaries
 - Accretion induced asymmetry
- Magnetars and other compact objects
 - Magnetic field induced asymmetries
- Relativistic instabilities
 - r-modes, *etc.*



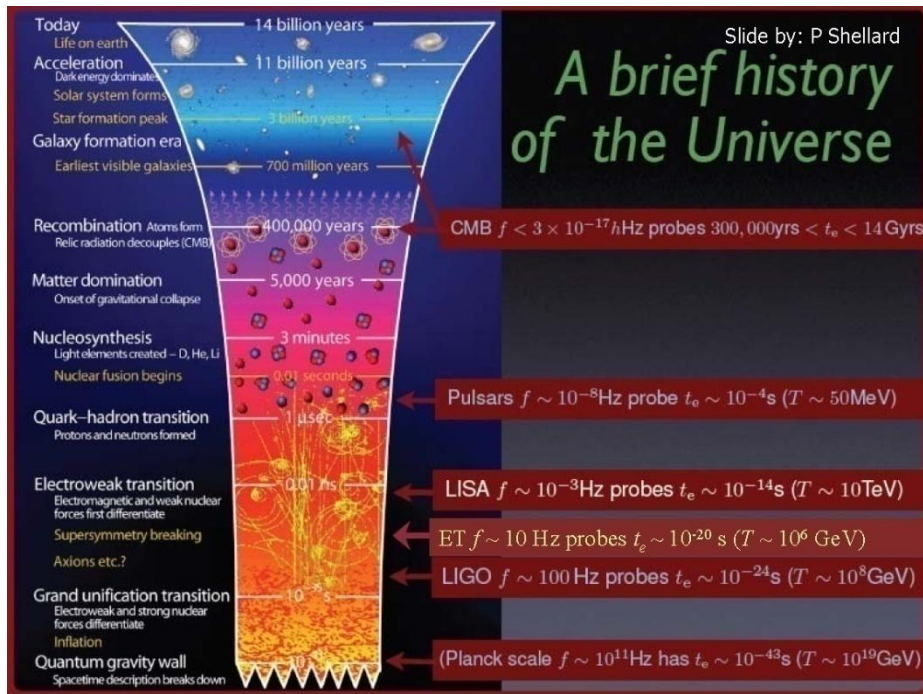
SN1052 (Crab) composite movie (X + visible)

X-Ray Image Credit: NASA/CXC/ASU/J.Hester *et al.*

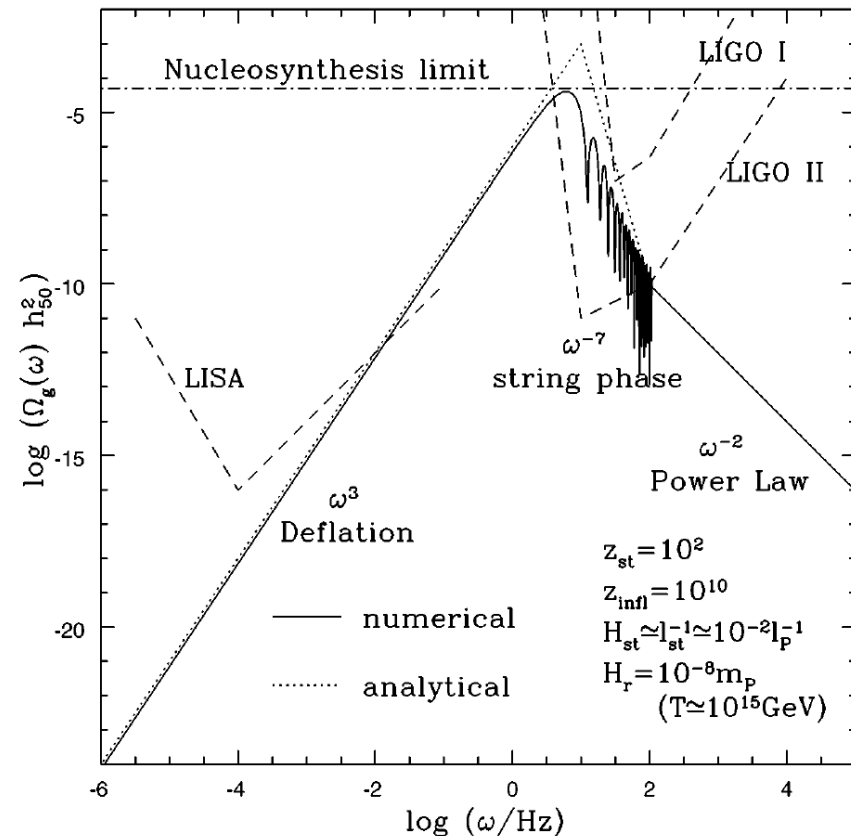
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STOCHASTIC BACKGROUND GW

- Theoretical (astro)particle physics community
 - GWs from inflation, string theory, cosmic defects, ...
- Make templates, spectra, etc.
 - Search for signals in Virgo – LIGO data

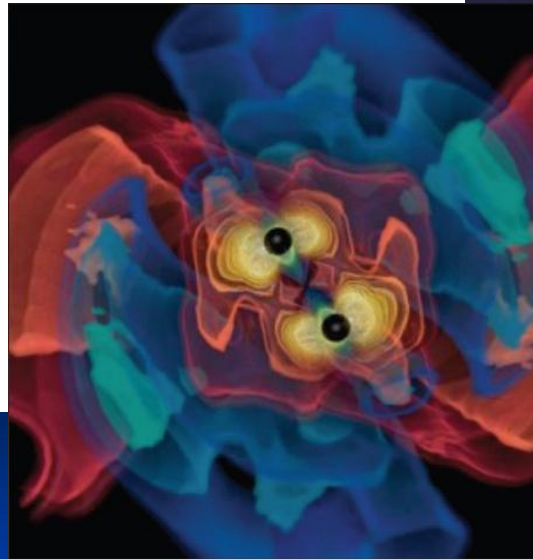
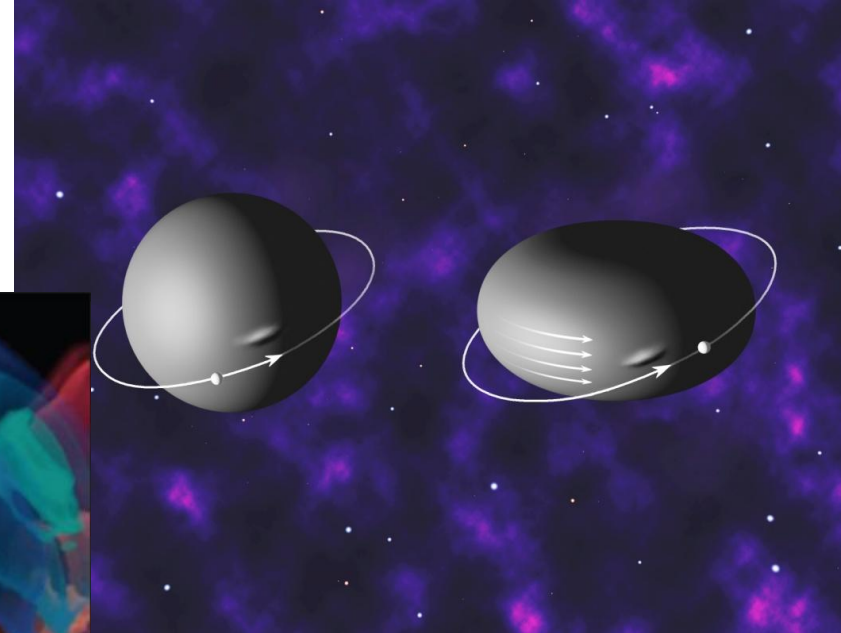


Galluccio *et al*; Phys. Rev. Lett. 79 (970)



COMPACT BINARY MERGERS

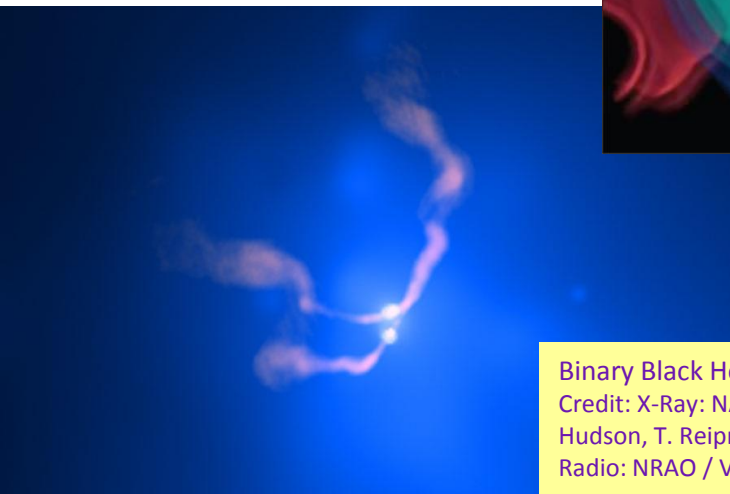
- Binary neutrons stars
- Binary black holes
- Neutron star – black hole binaries



Loss of energy leads to steady inspiral whose waveform (phase) has been calculated to order v^7 in post-Newtonian theory

- Knowledge of the waveforms allows matched filtering

Binary Black Hole in 3C 75
Credit: X-Ray: NASA / CXC / D.
Hudson, T. Reiprich et al. (AlfA);
Radio: NRAO / VLA/ NRL



GRAVITATIONAL RADIATION EXISTS: PSR B1913+16



Russell A. Hulse
Joseph H. Taylor, Jr.
In 1974 discovery of the first
pulsar in a binary system

Period ~ 8 h

GW emission shortens the period

Indirect detection of GWs

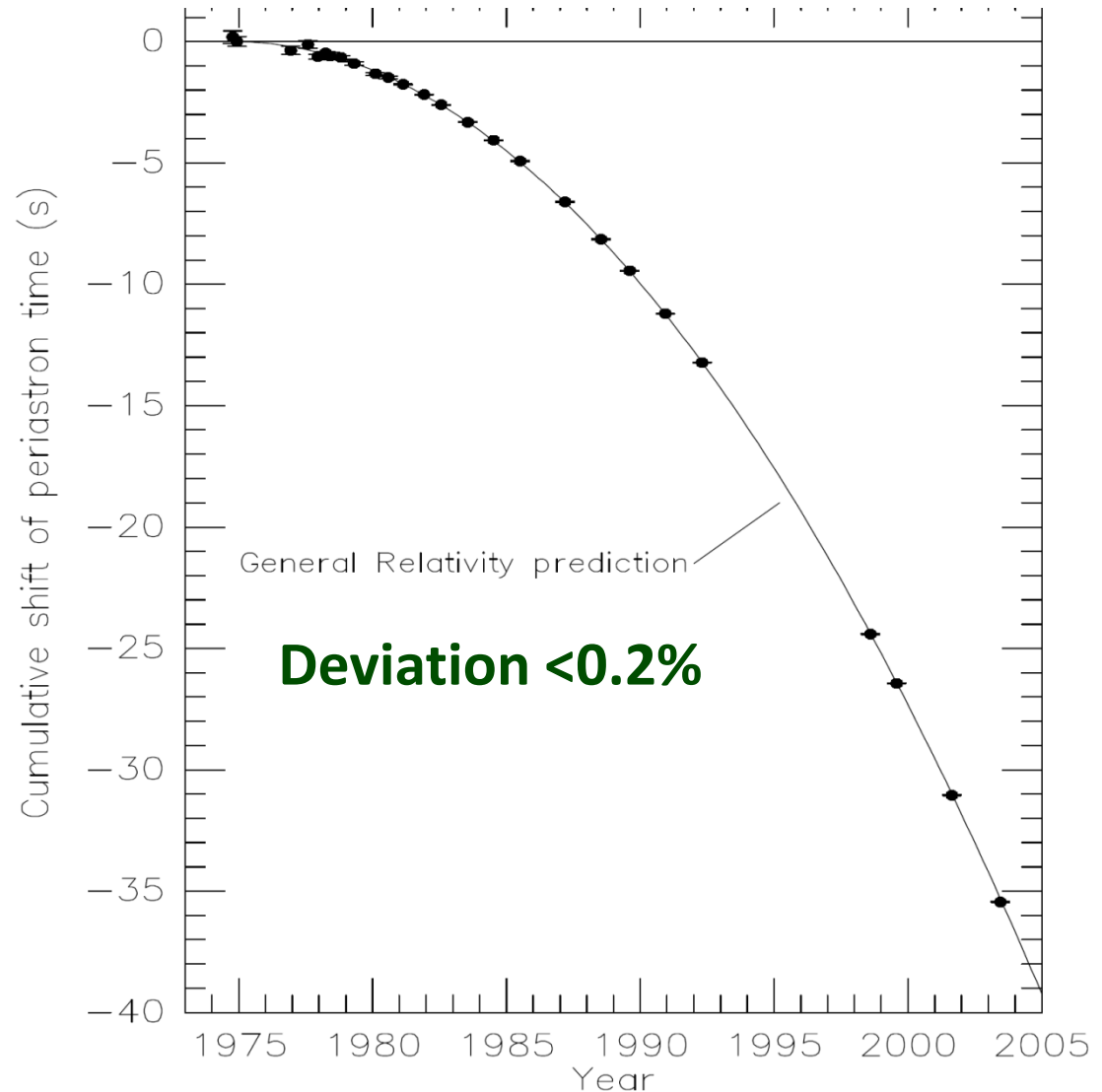
Nobel price 1993

Not a strong-field test!

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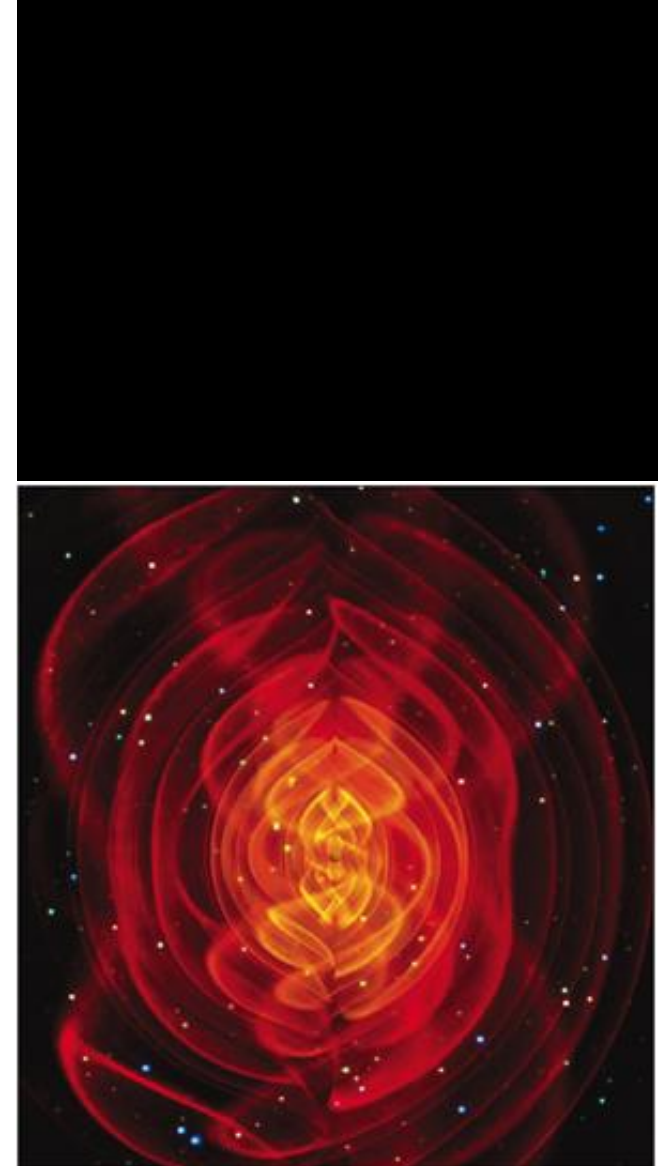
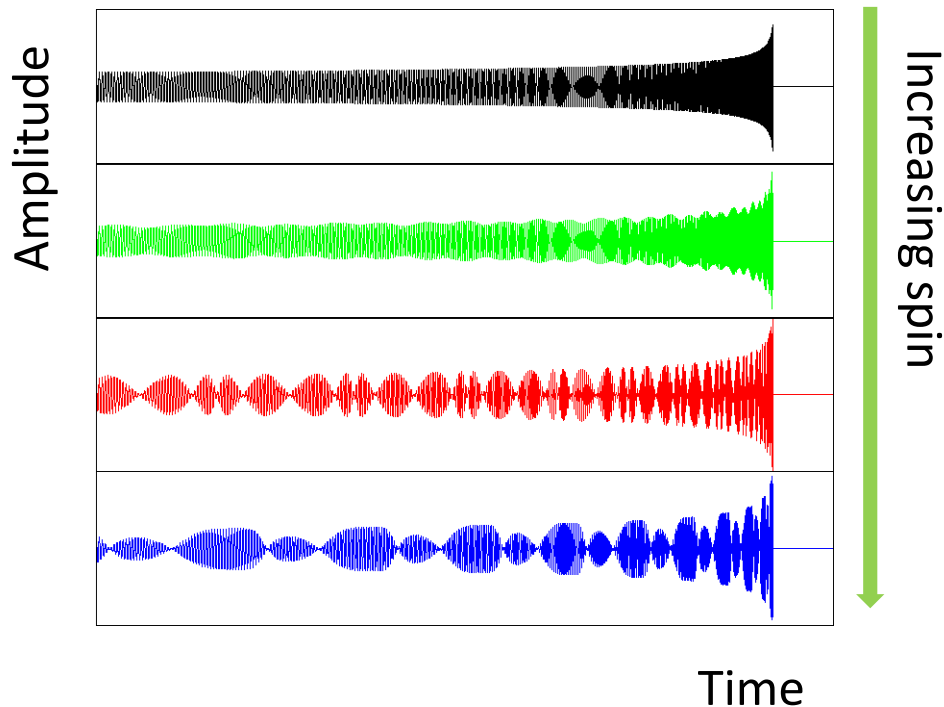
Two pulsars: 16.8 deg/yr, 7 mm/d

Δt_p [s] Periastron advance



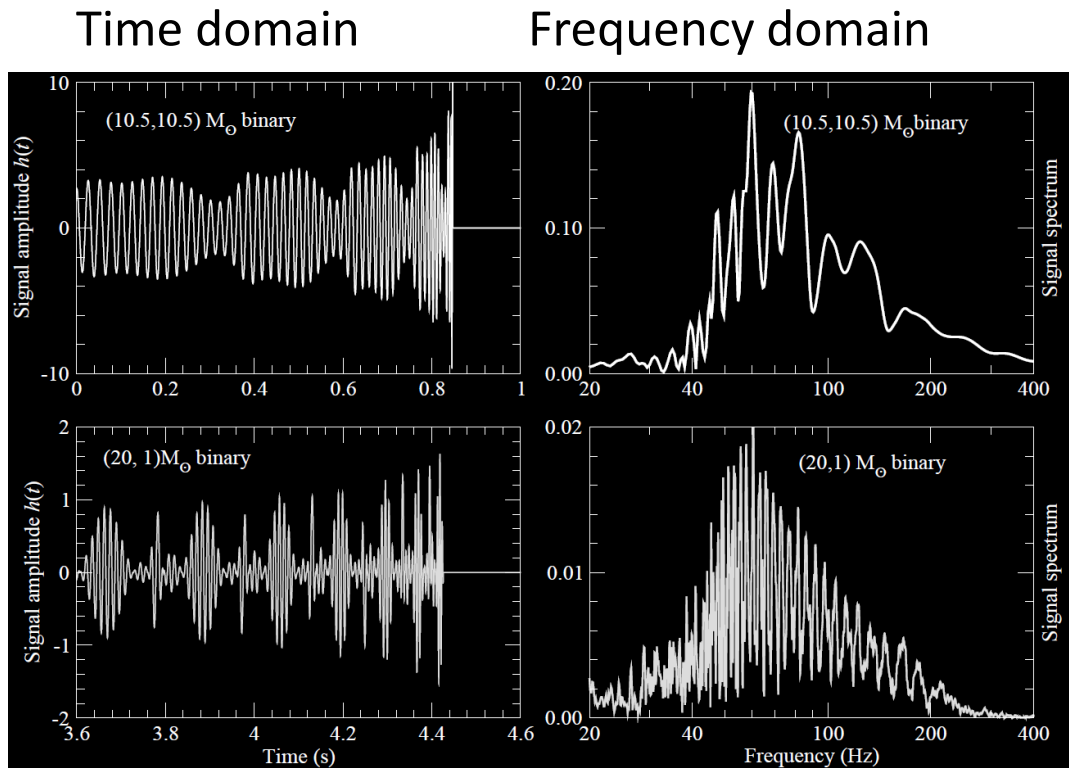
SIMULATION – MERGING OF BBH

- Pretorius 2005 (arXiv:gr-qc/0507014)
 - BBH orbit, merger and ringdown
 - Energy loss by GW
- Rezzolla
 - Templates with sufficient precision for Advanced LIGO and Virgo



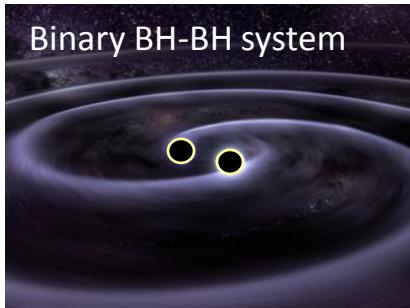
WAVEFORMS BBH AND NS-BH BINARY

- Signal modulation
 - Amplitude and frequency
 - Due to spin-orbit precession of the orbital plane
- Gravitational waves
 - Merger phase dominates
 - Direct insight into dynamics of spacetime at extreme curvatures
 - Unambiguous evidence for existence of black holes

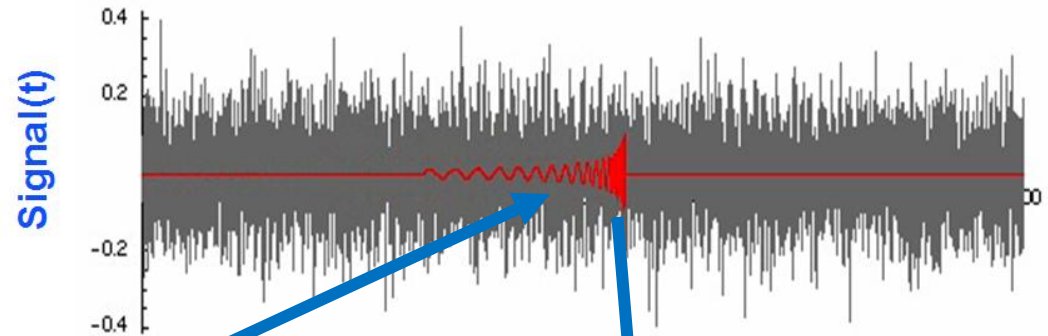


SEARCHES FOR BINARY MERGERS

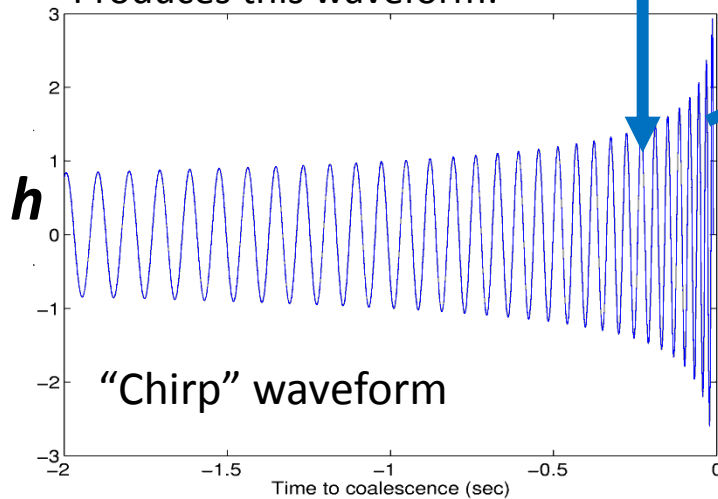
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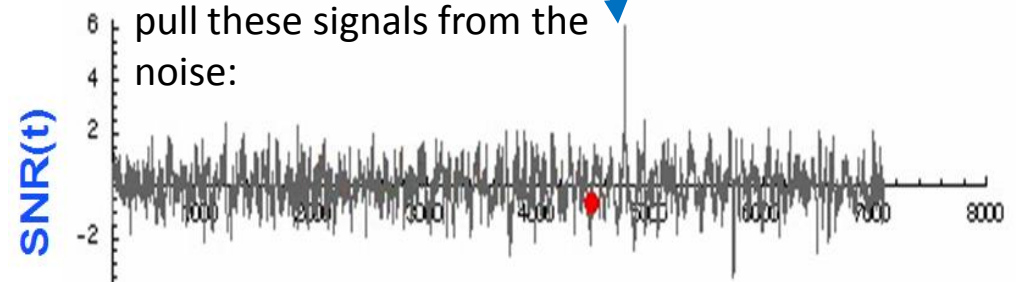
Buried in this noise stream:



Produces this waveform:



We use different methods
(in this case optimal
Wiener filtering using
matched templates) to
pull these signals from the
noise:

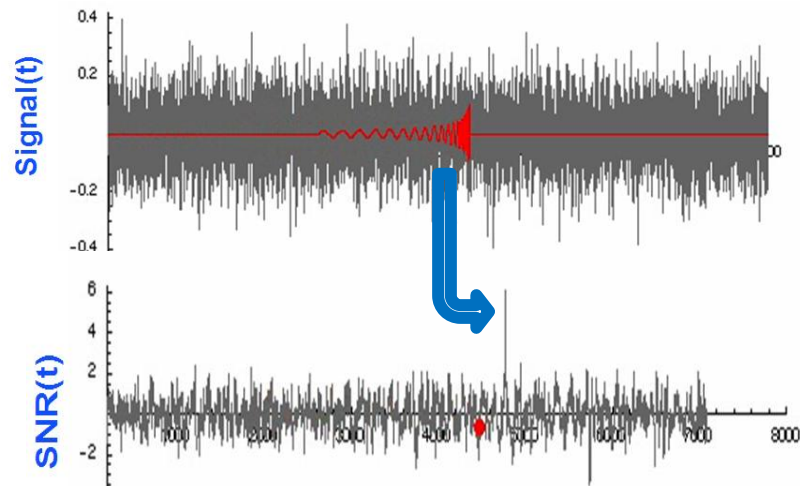
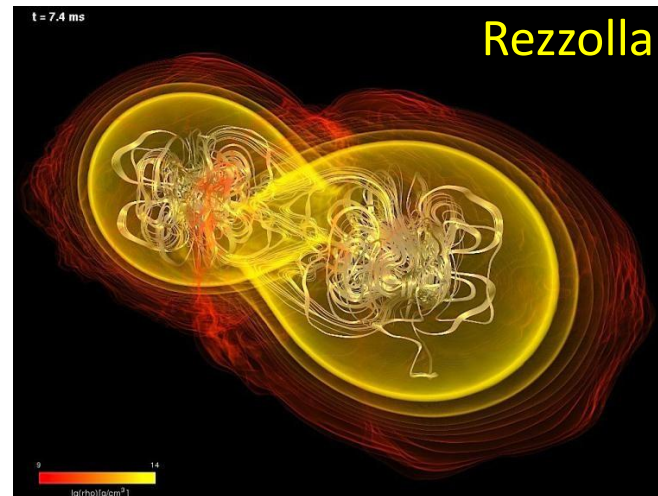


The problem is that non-astrophysical sources also produces signals (false positives)

Scientific focus

TO DETECT AND OBSERVE GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

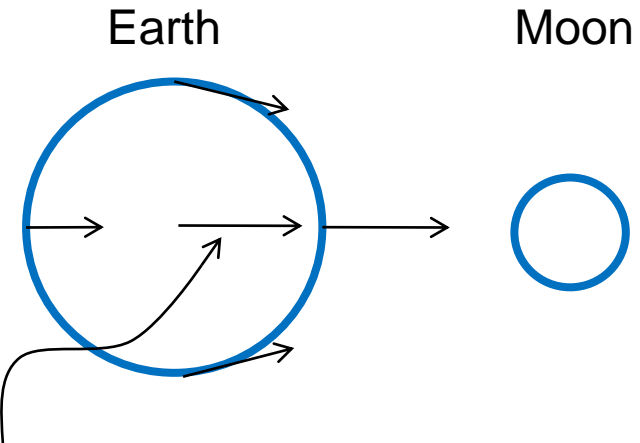
- **Scientific promise**
 - Direct discovery of gravitational waves
 - Fundamental tests
 - GR, BH uniqueness theorem, ...
 - Cosmography
 - Signals from the early Universe
- **Sources exist**
 - Binary systems of black holes and neutron stars
 - Signal shape known in GR → templates
 - Strong analysis groups in place
- **Bundle existing strengths**
 - Instrumentation, analysis and theory
 - Astrophysics, astronomy and cosmology



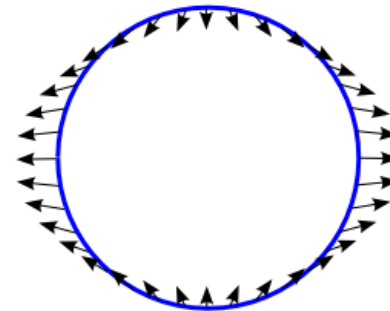
TIDAL GRAVITATIONAL FORCES IN GR

Tidal forces

- Gravitational effect of distant source can only be felt through its *tidal forces*
- Tidal accelerations Earth-Moon system
- GW can be considered as traveling, time dependent tidal forces
- Tidal forces scale with size, typically produce elliptical deformations



After subtraction of central acceleration

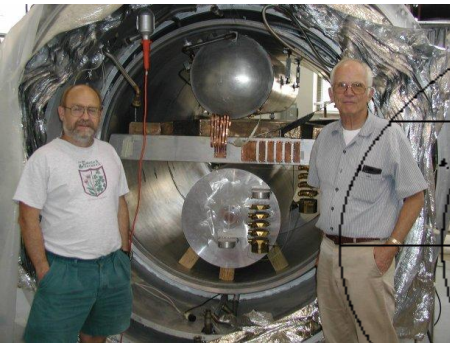
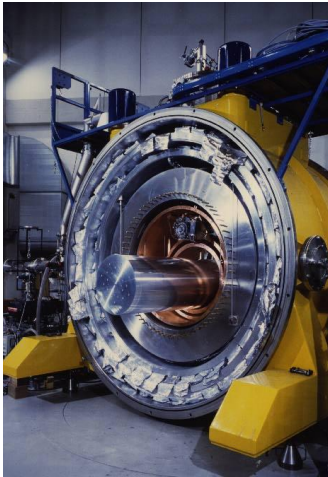


$$\Delta L = 1\mu m \rightarrow L = (10^{-6} m) / (10^{-22}) = 10^{16} m = 1 ly$$

$$\Delta L = 10^{-18} m \rightarrow L = (10^{-18} m) / (10^{-22}) = 10^4 m = 10 km$$



PAST ATTEMPTS: BAR DETECTORS



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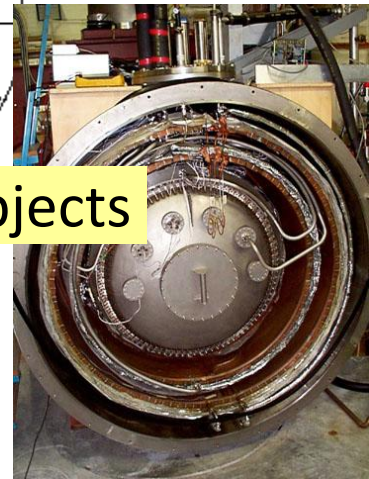
AURIGA

NAUTILUS

Built to detect gravitational waves from compact objects

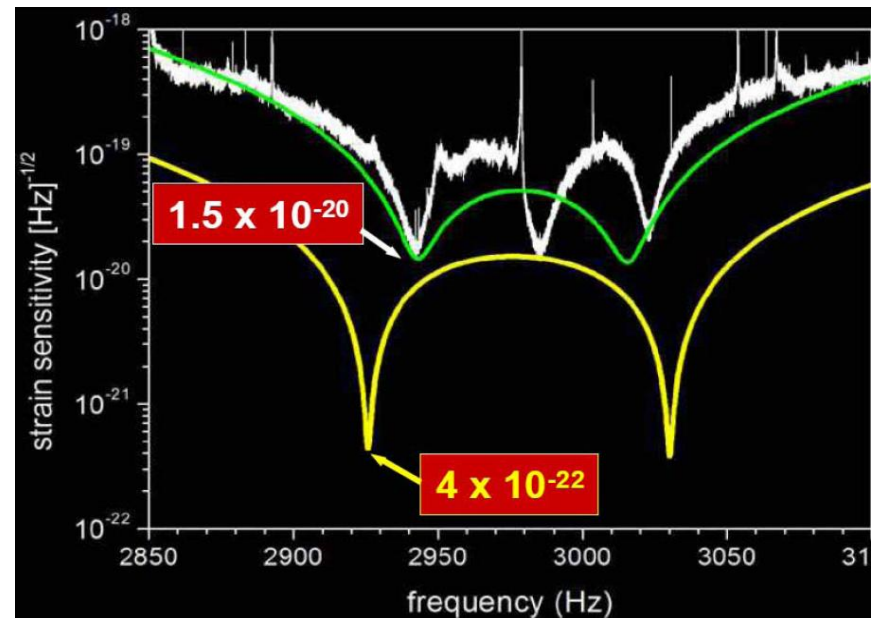
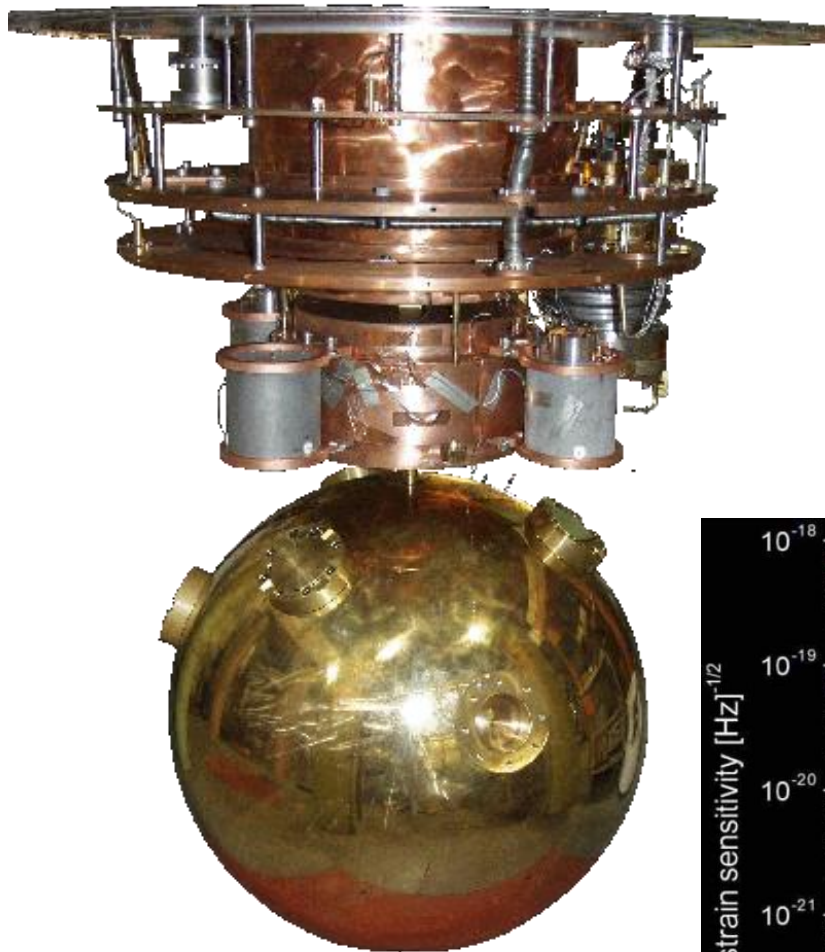
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MINI-GRAIL: A SPHERICAL `BAR`

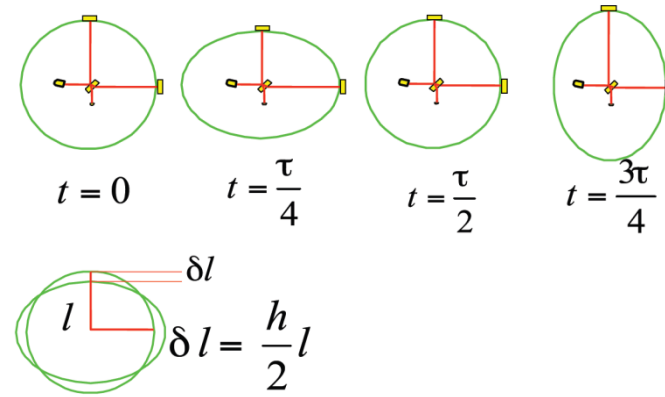
Frossati *et al.*, Leiden



INTERFEROMETER APPROACH

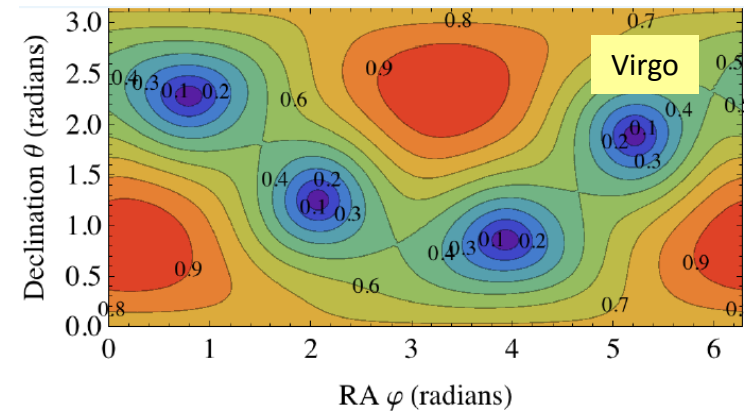
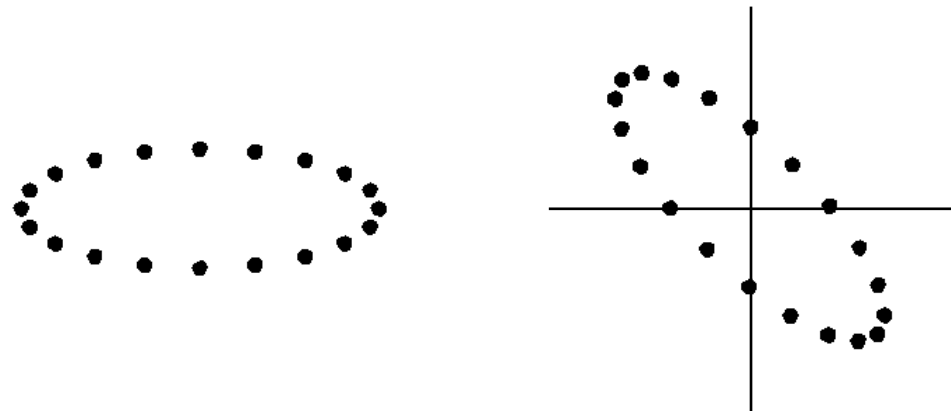
Test masses

- System of free-falling test masses is displaced by GW
- Equip test masses with mirrors and measure relative displacement (*strain*)
- Plus- and cross polarization states
- Antenna pattern functions



$$h(t) = F_+(\theta, \varphi, \psi)h_+(t) + F_\times(\theta, \varphi, \psi)h_\times(t)$$

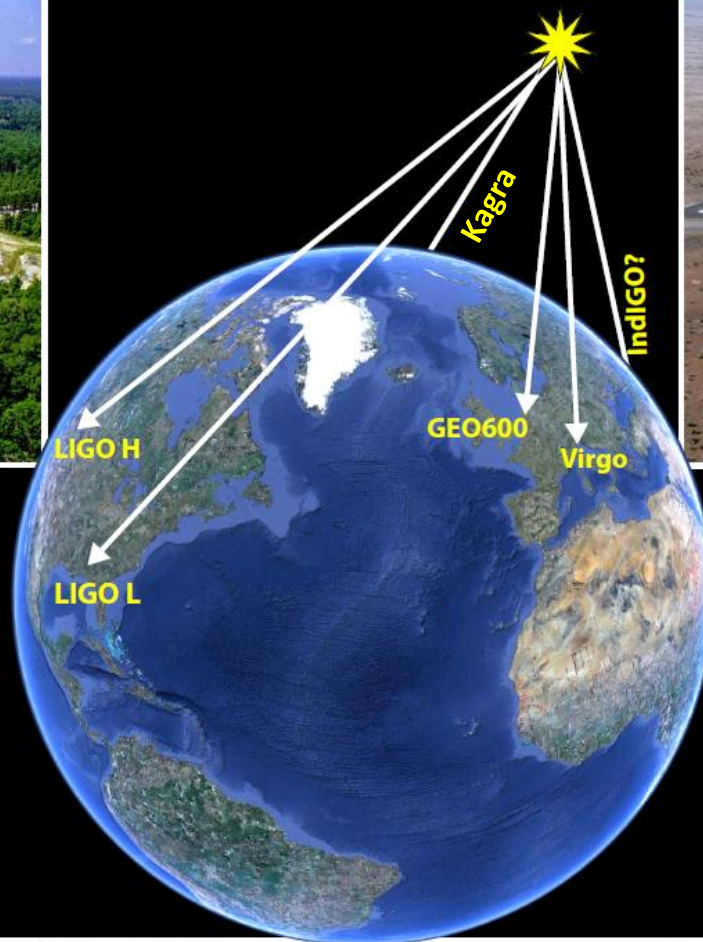
$$h(t) = F(t) (\cos \xi h_+ + \sin \xi h_\times), \quad F = \sqrt{F_+^2 + F_\times^2}, \quad \tan \xi = F_\times / F_+$$



LIGO Livingston, LA



LIGO Hanford, WA



LIGO H

LIGO L

GEO600

Virgo

Kagra

IndIGO?

**Advanced LIGO and Virgo
First common run in 2016**

**Kagra joins 2020
LIGO India?**

GEO600, Hannover, Germany



Virgo, Cascina, Italy



Kagra, Kamioka, Hida, Japan

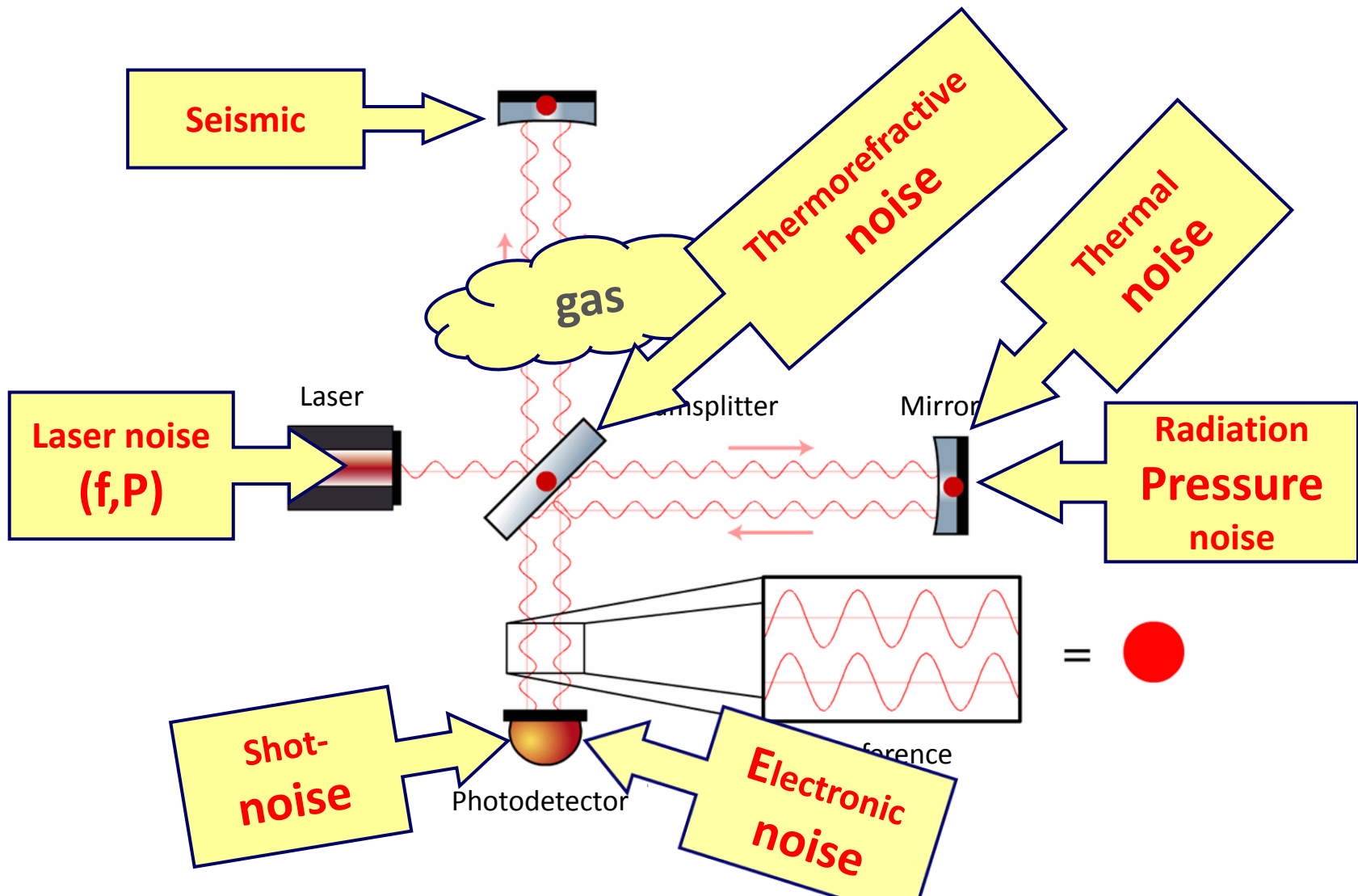


Virgo interferometer

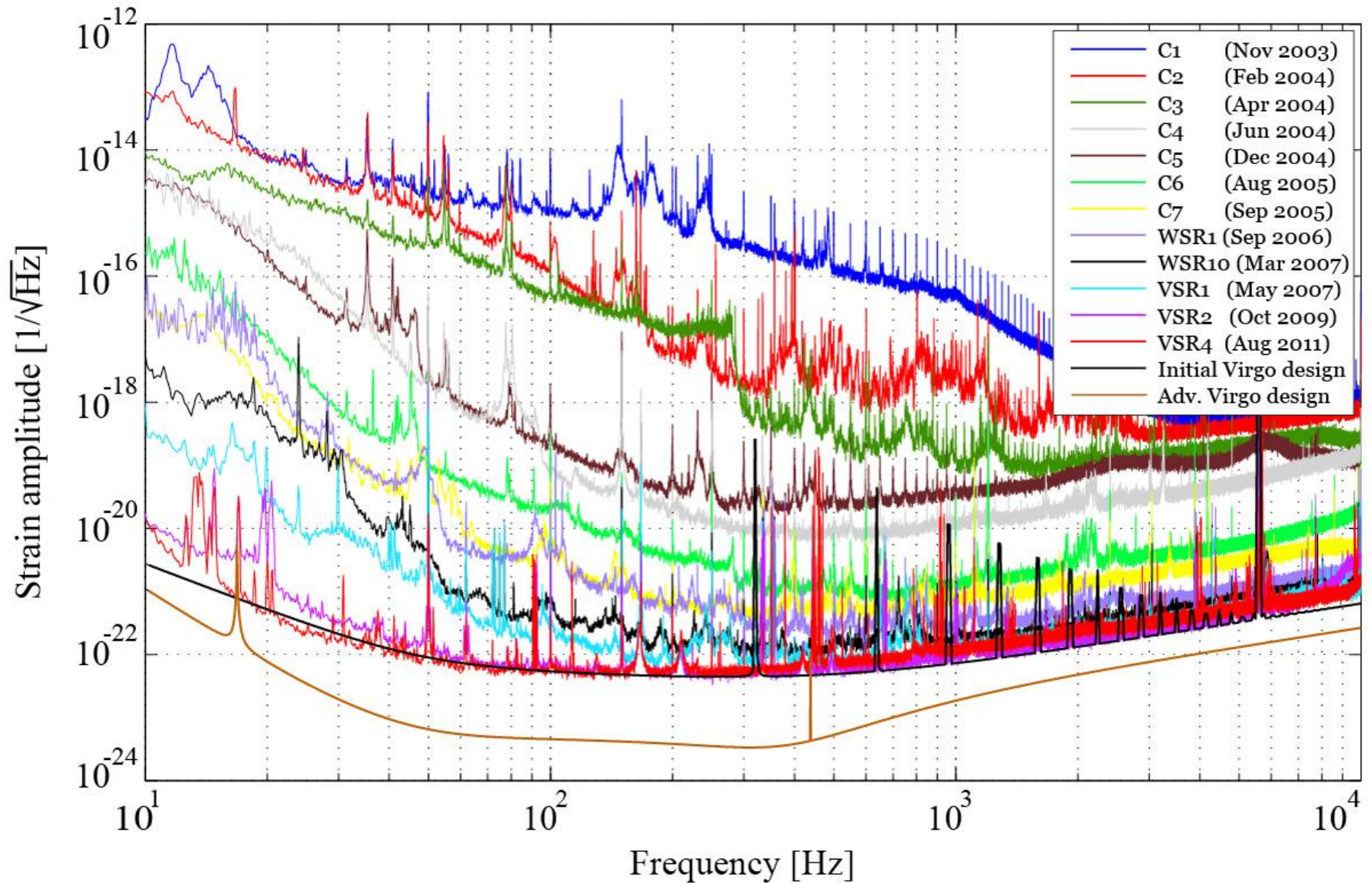
- Virgo project
 - Interferometer with 3 km arms
 - France, Italy, Netherlands, Poland and Hungary



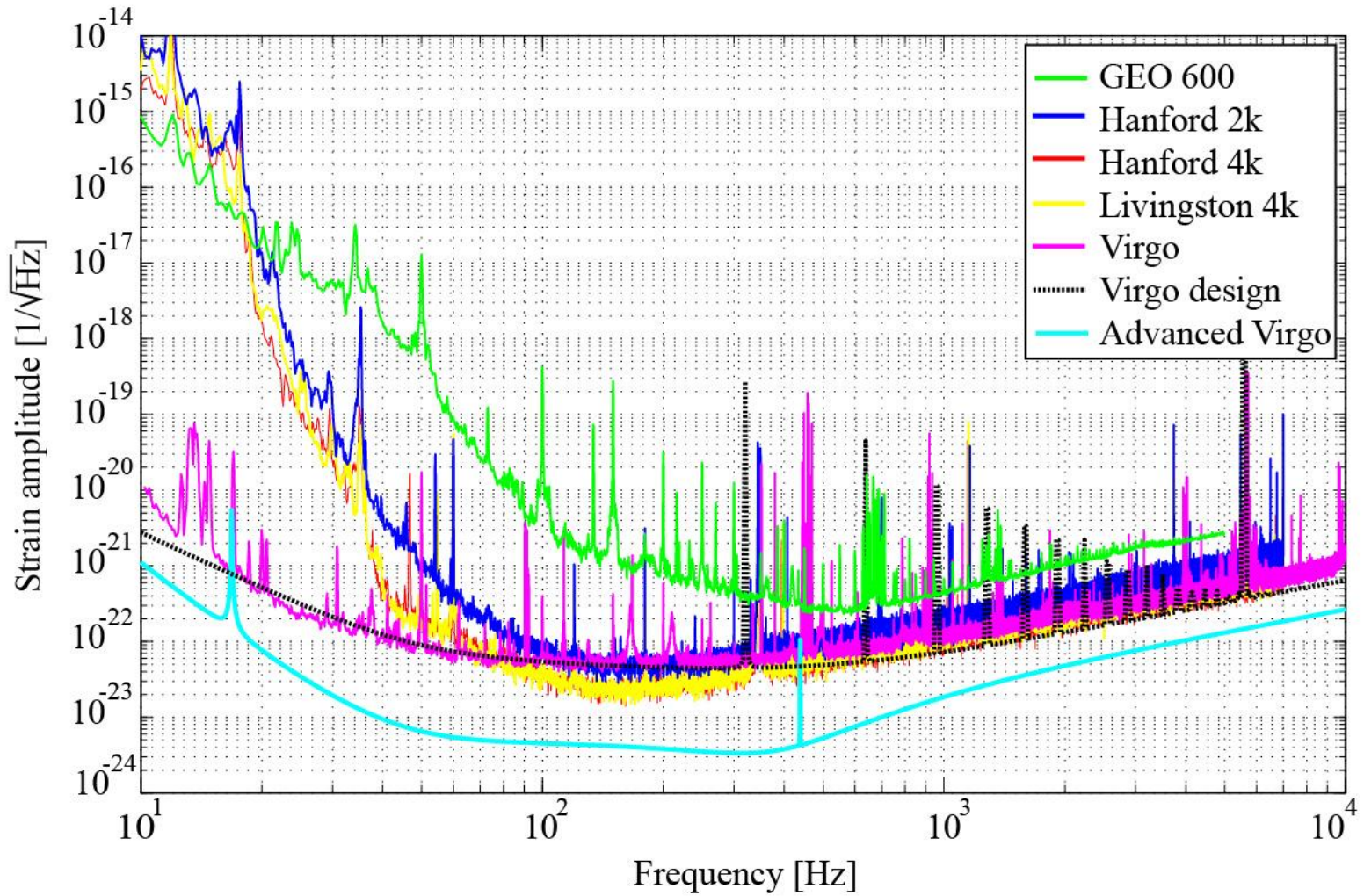
INTERFEROMETER



Evolution of sensitivity

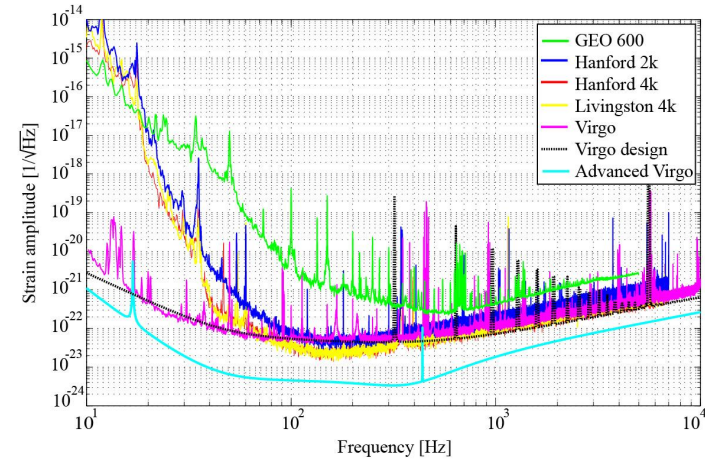


Initial interferometers



1st Generation interferometers

- Nominal sensitivity achieved
 - Virgo: low frequency performance
 - 1.2 years of scientific data taking
 - No detection



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Search for gravitational waves from binary black hole inspiral, merger, and ringdown in LIGO-Virgo data from 2009–2010

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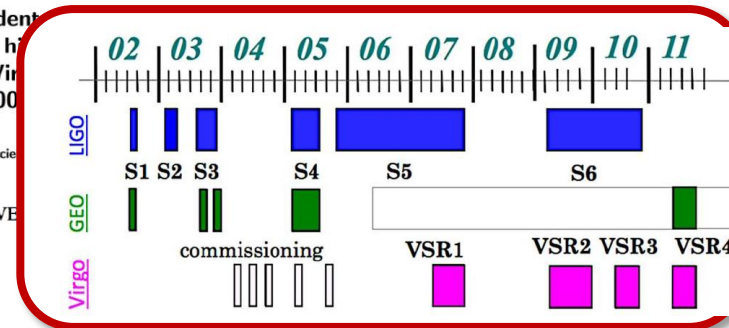
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BEATING THE SPIN-DOWN LIMIT ON GRAVITATIONAL WAVE EMISSION FROM THE VE

A first search for coincident gravitational waves and high-energy neutrinos using LIGO, Virgo and ANTARES data from 2009–2010

The ANTARES collaboration, the LIGO Scientific Collaboration, and the Virgo Collaboration



An upper limit on the stochastic gravitational-wave background of cosmological origin

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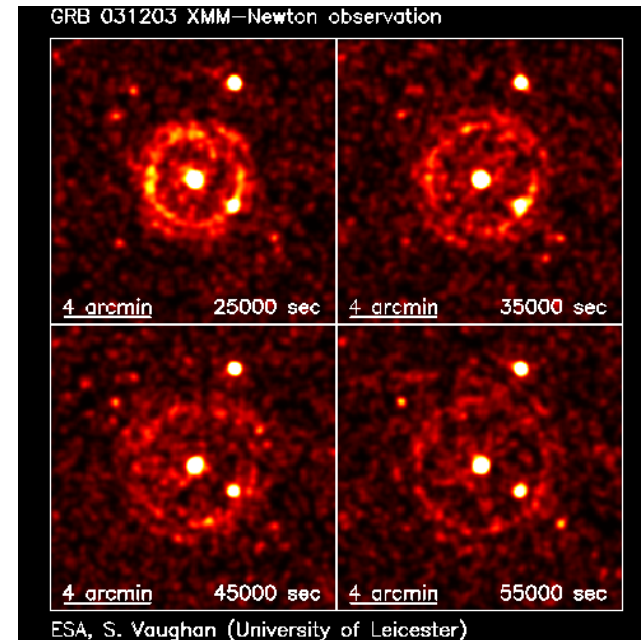
LSC-VIRGO ON GRBs

GRB 070201

- LSC searched for binary inspirals and did not find any events (ApJ 681 1419 2008)
- Excludes binary progenitor in M31
- Soft Gamma-ray Repeater (SGR) models predict energy release
- SGR not excluded by GW limits

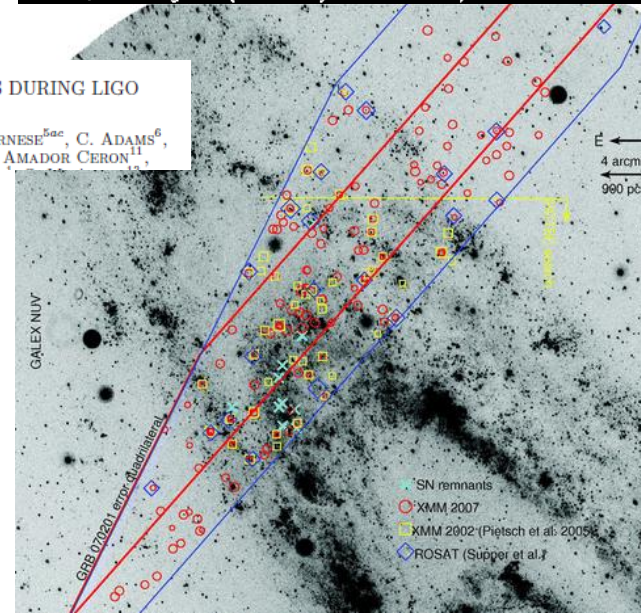
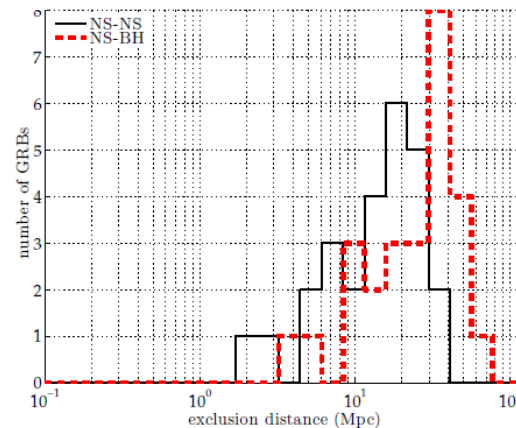
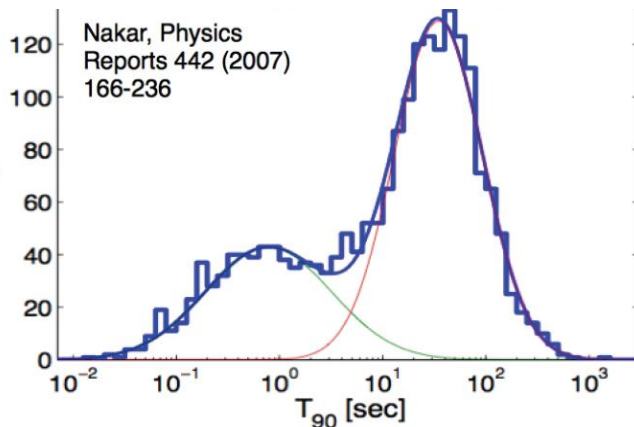
LSC – Virgo search

- 2009 – 2010: 154 GRBs
- Null results



SEARCH FOR GRAVITATIONAL WAVES ASSOCIATED WITH GAMMA-RAY BURSTS DURING LIGO SCIENCE RUN 6 AND VIRGO SCIENCE RUNS 2 AND 3

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DETECTION LIMITS FOR KNOWN PULSARS

Upper limits and spin-down limits

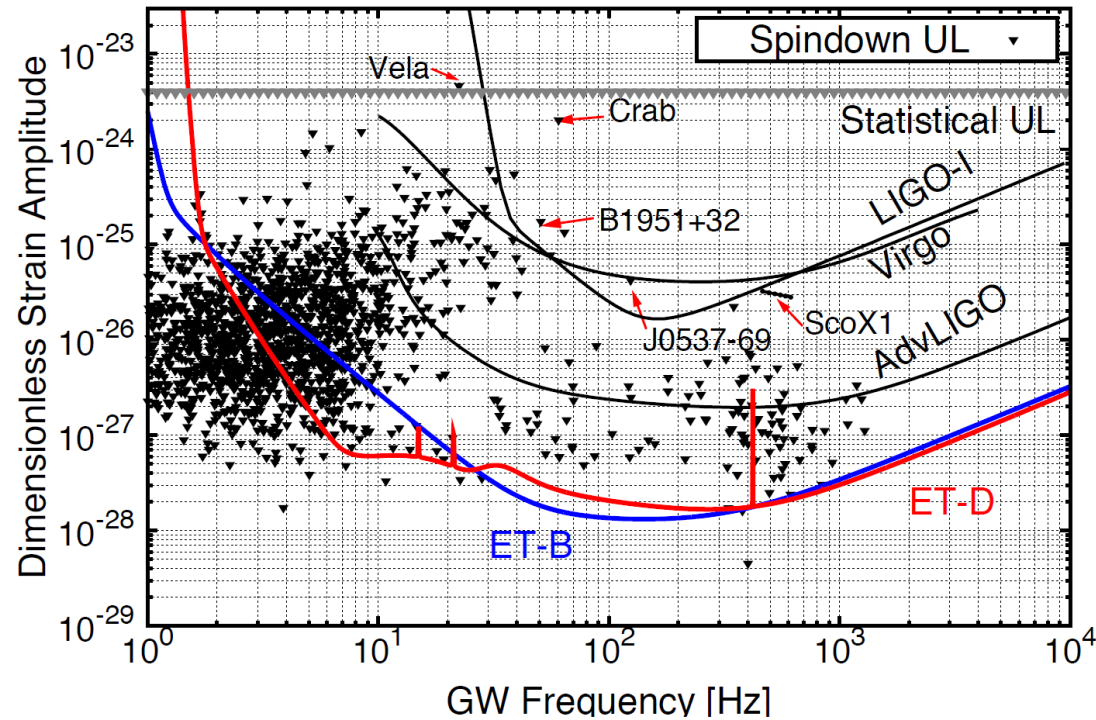
- Averaged over sky positions and pulsar orientations
- False alarm rate 1%
- False dismissal rate 10%
- Spin-down limits assume
 - $1 - 3 \times 10^{38} \text{ kg m}^2 \text{ MOI}$
 - $\pm 10\%$ distance uncertainty
- Integration time
 - Initial LIGO and Virgo: 2 years, the rest 5 years

$$h_+(t) = A_+ \cos \Phi(t), \quad h_\times(t) = A_\times \sin \Phi(t),$$

$$\Phi(\tau) = \phi_0 + 2\pi \sum_{n=0}^s \frac{f^{(n)}}{(n+1)!} \tau^{n+1}$$

$$A_+ = \frac{1}{2} h_0 (1 + \cos^2 \iota), \quad A_\times = h_0 \cos \iota$$

$$h_0 = \frac{4\pi^2 G}{c^4} \frac{I_{zz} \epsilon f^2}{d} \quad \epsilon = \frac{I_{xx} - I_{yy}}{I_{zz}}$$



SPIN-DOWN LIMIT ON CRAB PULSAR

Crab pulsar

- 2 kpc away, formed in 1054 AD
- Losing energy in the form of particles and radiation, leading to its spin-down
 - Spin frequency $\nu = 29.78$ Hz
 - Spin-down rate -3.7×10^{-10} Hz s^{-1}

$$P = 4\pi^2 I_{zz} \nu |\dot{\nu}| \approx 4.4 \times 10^{31} \text{ W}$$

$$h_0^{sd} = 8.06 \times 10^{-19} I_{38} r_{\text{kpc}}^{-1} \varepsilon \left(|\dot{\nu}| / \nu \right)^{1/2}$$

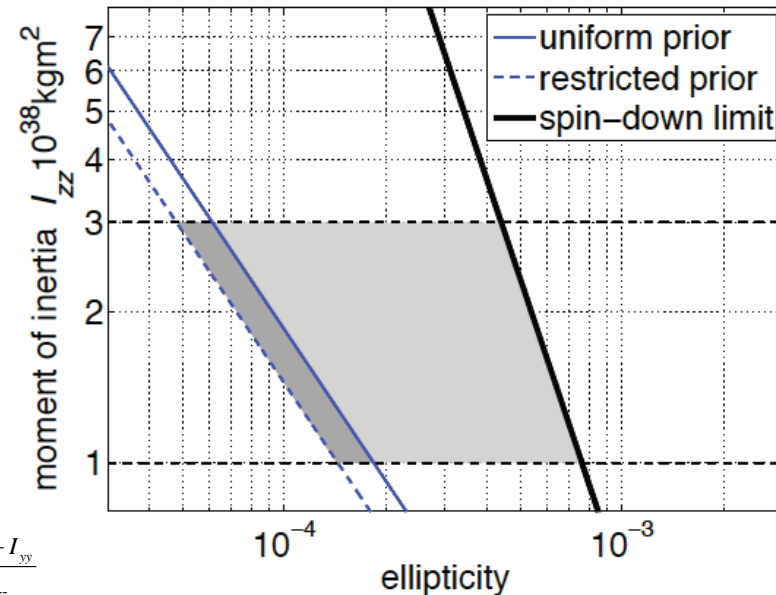
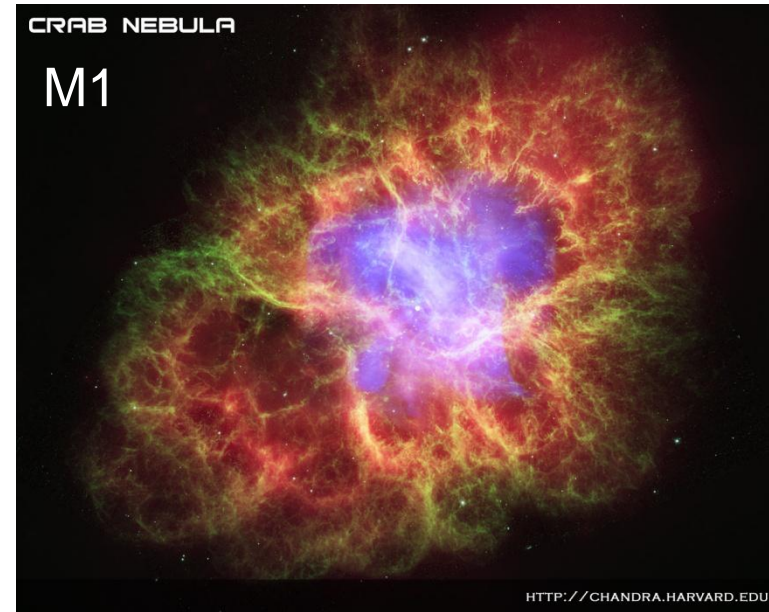
LSC – Virgo search

- Search for GW in data in S5 and VSR1
- Limit on ellipticity about 4x better than spin-down limit
- Less than 2% of energy in GW

LSC – Virgo search for VELA

All-sky search for CWs

$$h_0^{95\%} = 3.4 \times 10^{-25} \quad \varepsilon = 1.8 \times 10^{-4} \quad h_0 = \frac{4\pi^2 G}{c^4} \frac{I_{zz} \varepsilon \nu^2}{d} \quad \varepsilon = \frac{I_{xx} - I_{yy}}{I_{zz}}$$



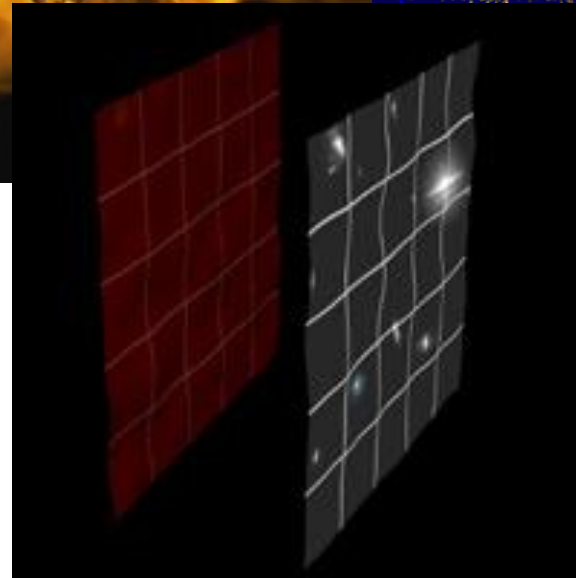
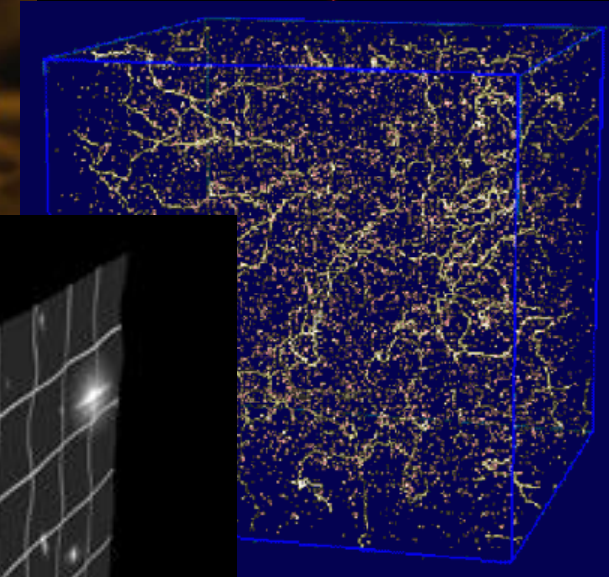
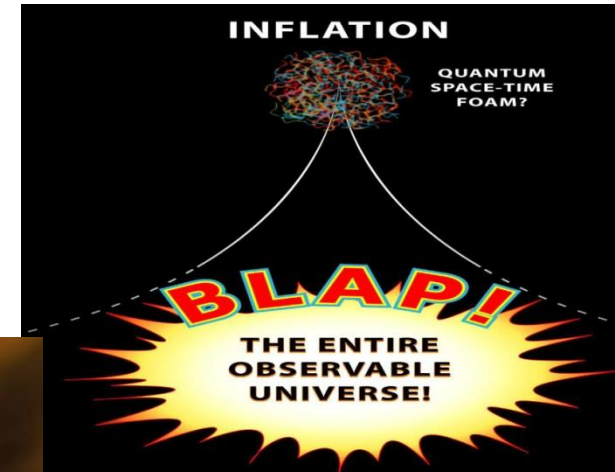
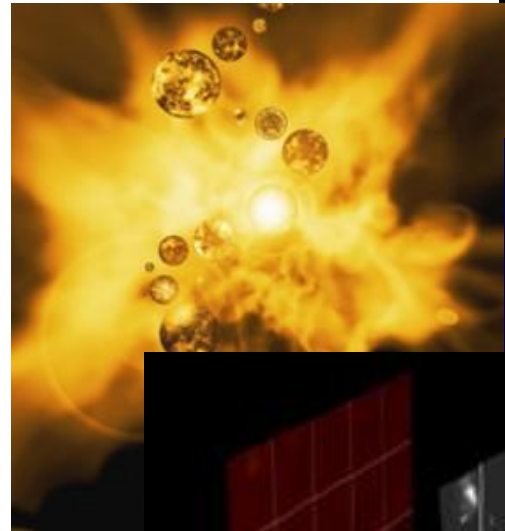
PRIMEORDIAL GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

■ Primeordial background

- Quantum fluctuations produce a background GW that is amplified by the background gravitational field

■ Stochastic background

- Inflation
 - Period of exponential growth of the Universe
- Phase transitions
 - Forces of Nature splitting off
- Cosmic strings
 - Topological defects or fundamental (super)strings
- Predictions quantum gravity theories
 - Pre-Big-Bang cosmology
 - Brane world scenarios
 - "Bounce" cosmologies
 - ...



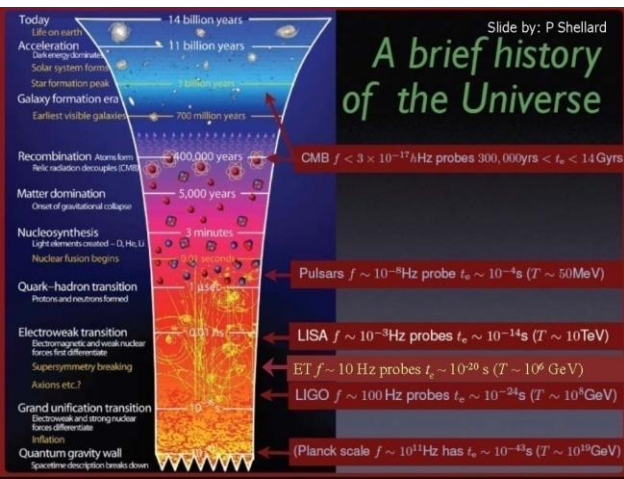
STOCHASTIC BACKGROUND SEARCH

- S5 data improve this to better than the nucleosynthesis limit

- LIGO and Virgo now provide best limit on Ω_{GW}

- Other limits

- Models involving cosmic strings
 - Network with string tension μ
 - CMB limit $G\mu < 10^{-6}$
 - Reconnection probability p
 - Loop size determined by gravitational back reaction and parametrized by ϵ
 - Pre-Big-Bang models
 - Above turn-over frequency $\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f) \sim f^{3-2\mu}$



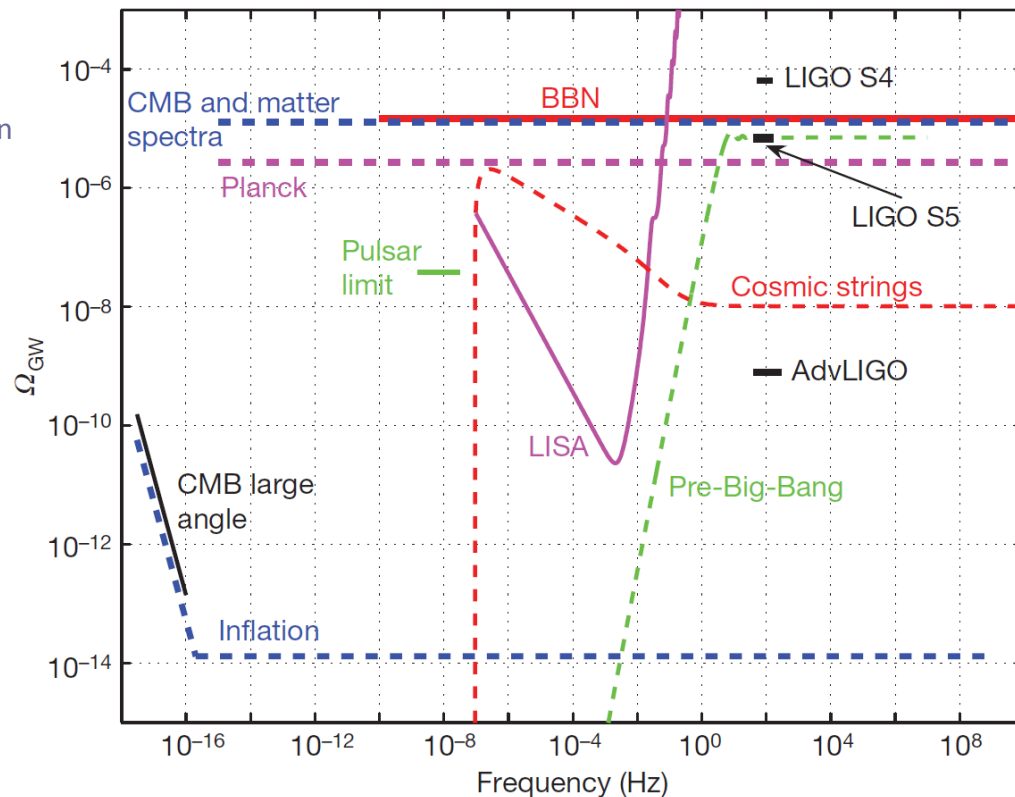
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LETTERS

An upper limit on the stochastic gravitational-wave background of cosmological origin

The LIGO Scientific Collaboration* & The Virgo Collaboration*



Instrumentation

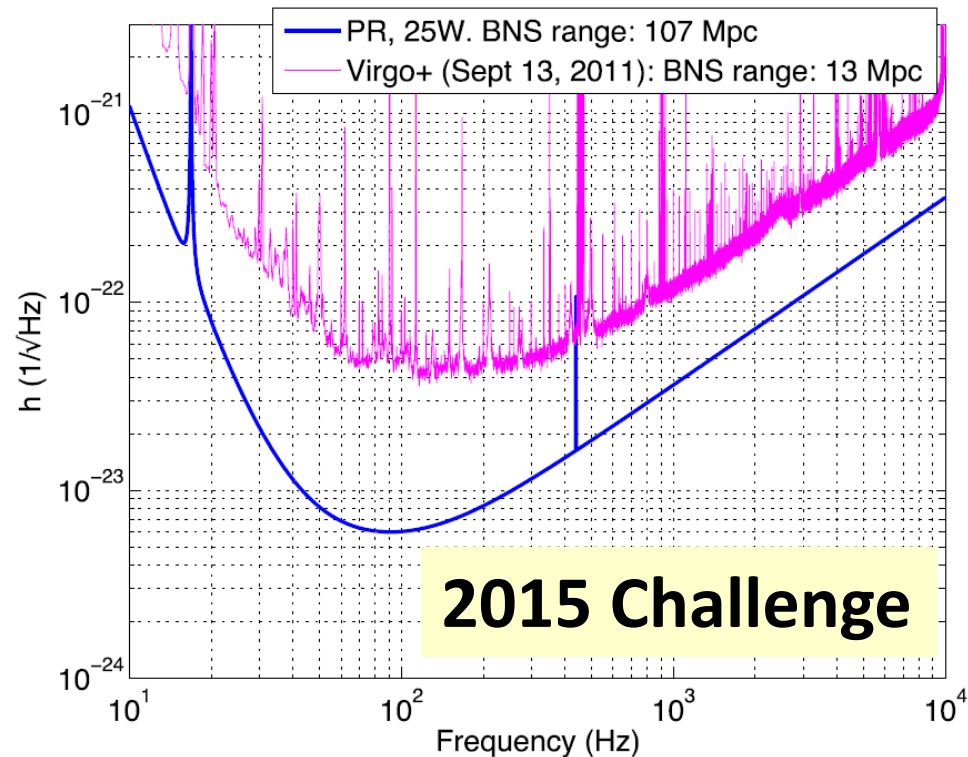
Advanced Virgo

PROJECT GOALS

- Upgrade Virgo to a 2nd generation detector. Sensitivity: 10x better than Virgo
- Be part of the 2nd generation GW detectors network.
Timeline: data taking with Advanced LIGO

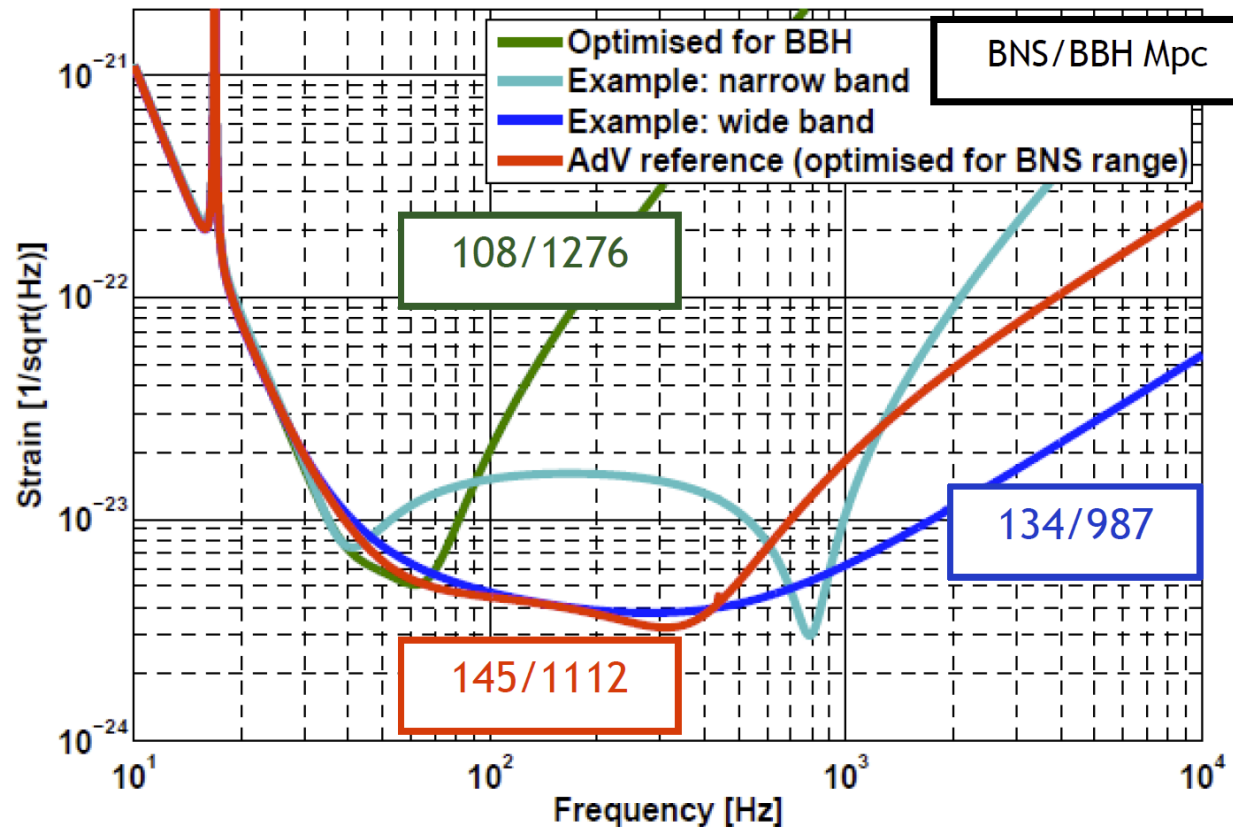
Improvements

- High quality optics
 - Heavier mirrors
 - Low absorption
 - Coating thermal noise
 - 0.2 nm rms surfaces
 - Thermal compensation
 - Monolithic suspensions
- Sensing devices under vacuum
- Larger beams
 - Modification of UHV system
- Signal recycling
- ...



AdV sensitivity is tunable

- Signal recycling: sensitivity can be adjusted
 - Within limits
- Can be tuned to detect/study various sources
 - Requires signal recycling
 - Not scheduled for first AdV science run



With focus on NL contributions

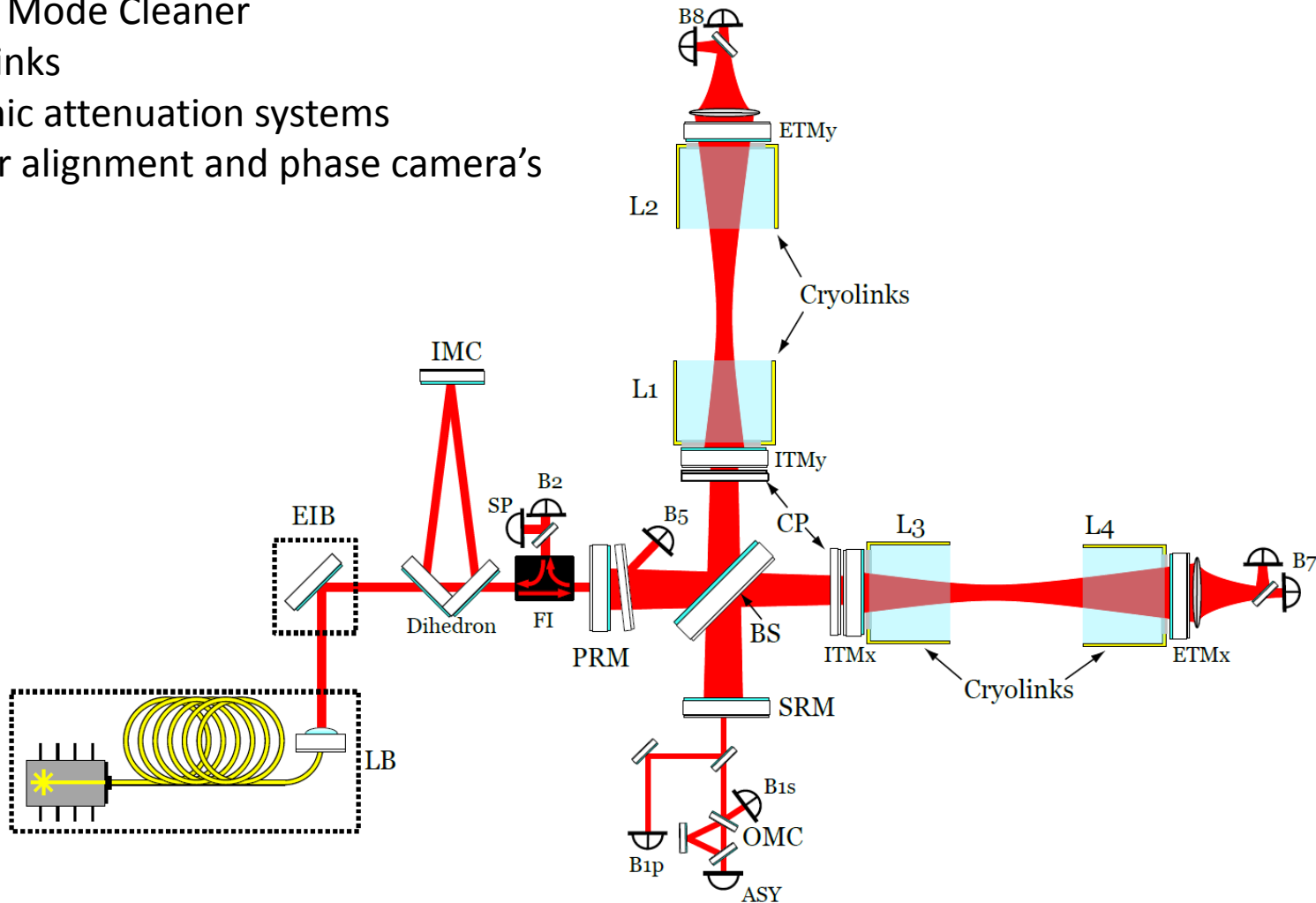
Nikhef

Input Mode Cleaner

Cryolinks

Seismic attenuation systems

Linear alignment and phase camera's

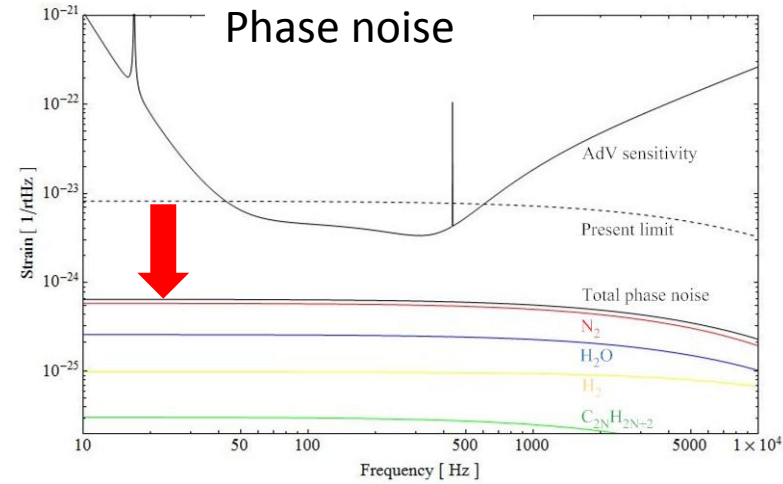
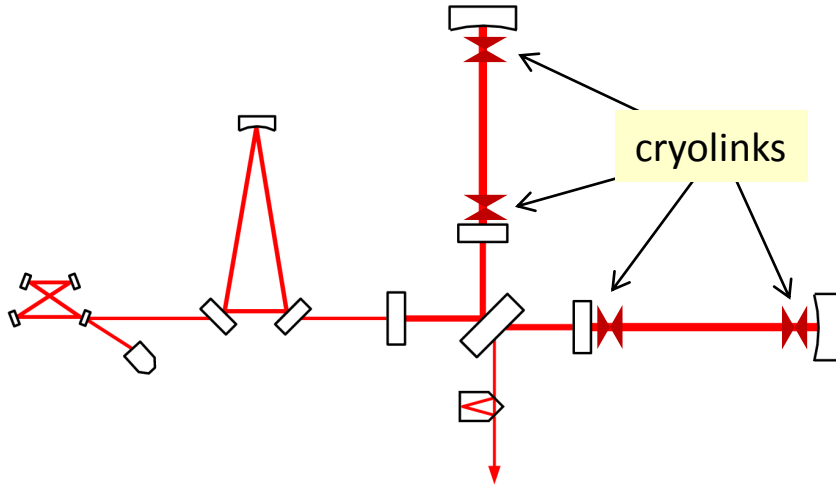


VACUUM SYSTEM

- Ultra-high vacuum
 - Largest vacuum system in Europe
 - Performance limited by residual gas, mostly water vapour

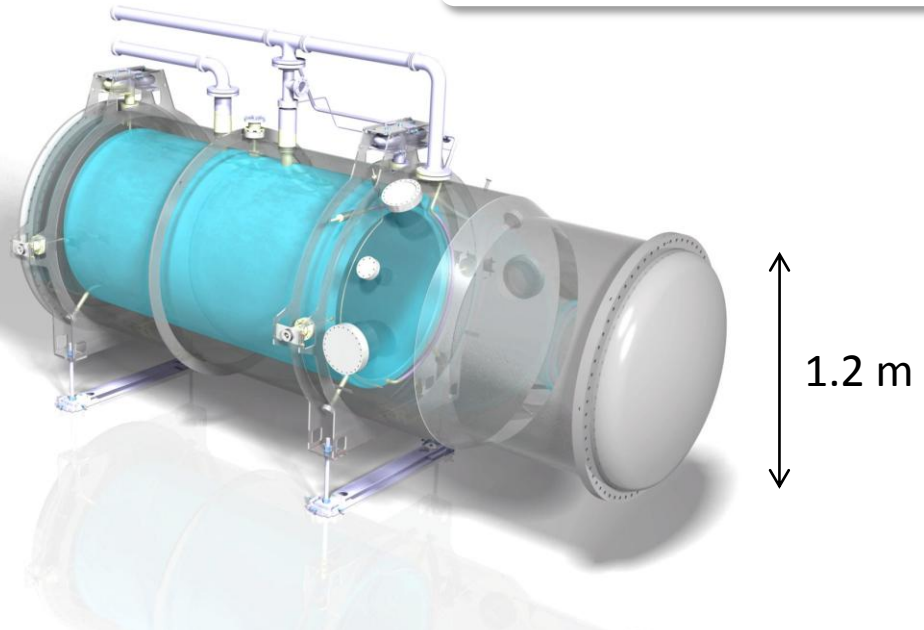
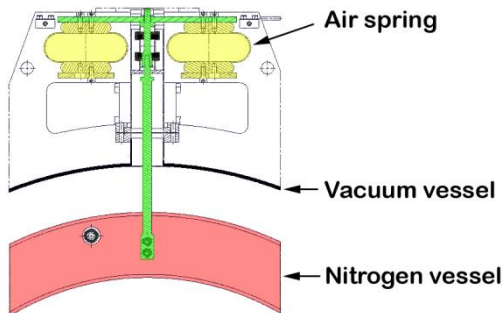


Cryolinks



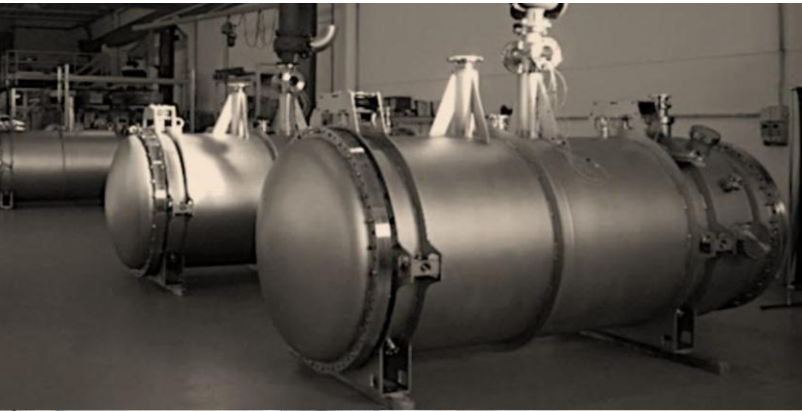
$$S_L(f) = \frac{4\rho(2\pi\alpha)^2}{v_0} \int_0^{L_0} \frac{1}{w(z)} e^{-2\pi f w(z)/v_0} dz$$

Vibrationless two-phase flow
 Prototype under test

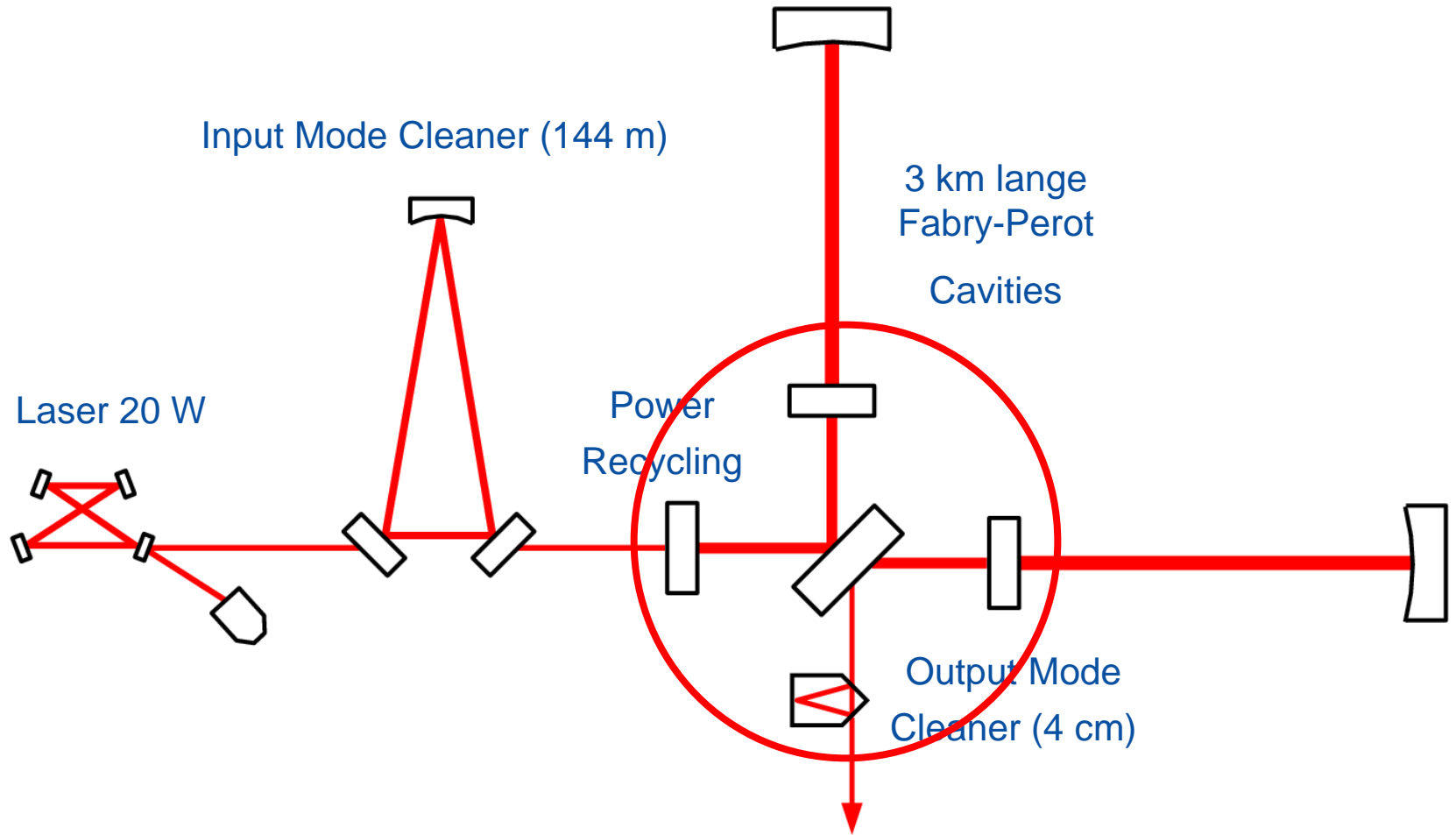


First installations for AdV

April 2014



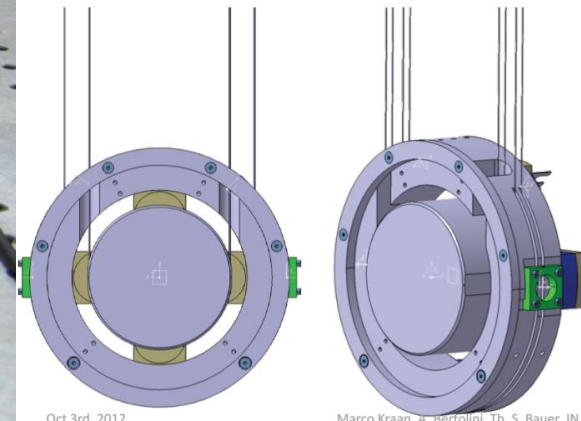
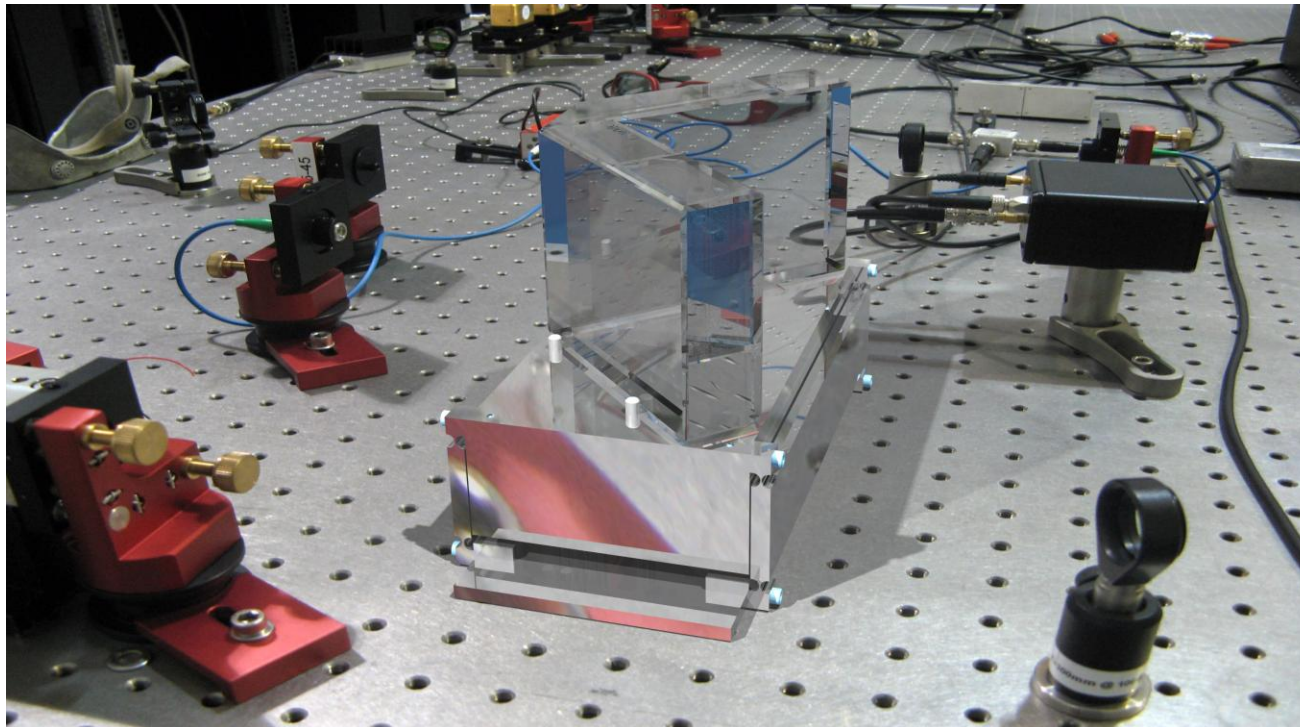
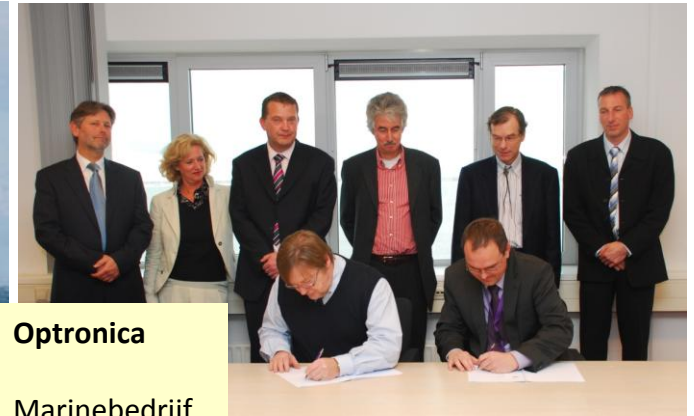
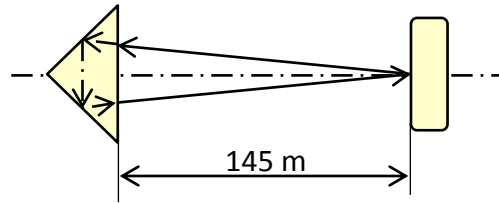
VIRGO optics layout



Input mode cleaner

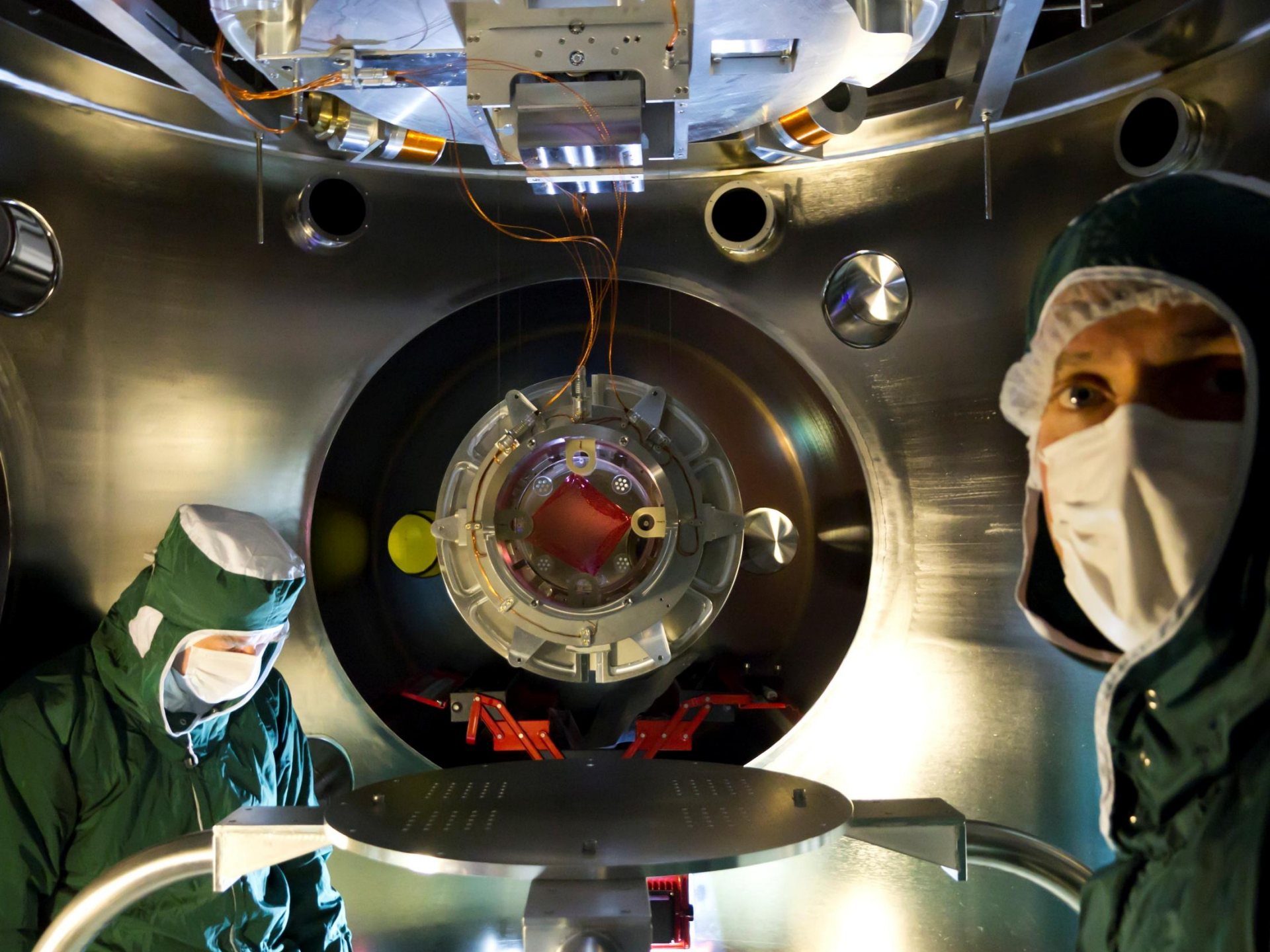
Industry

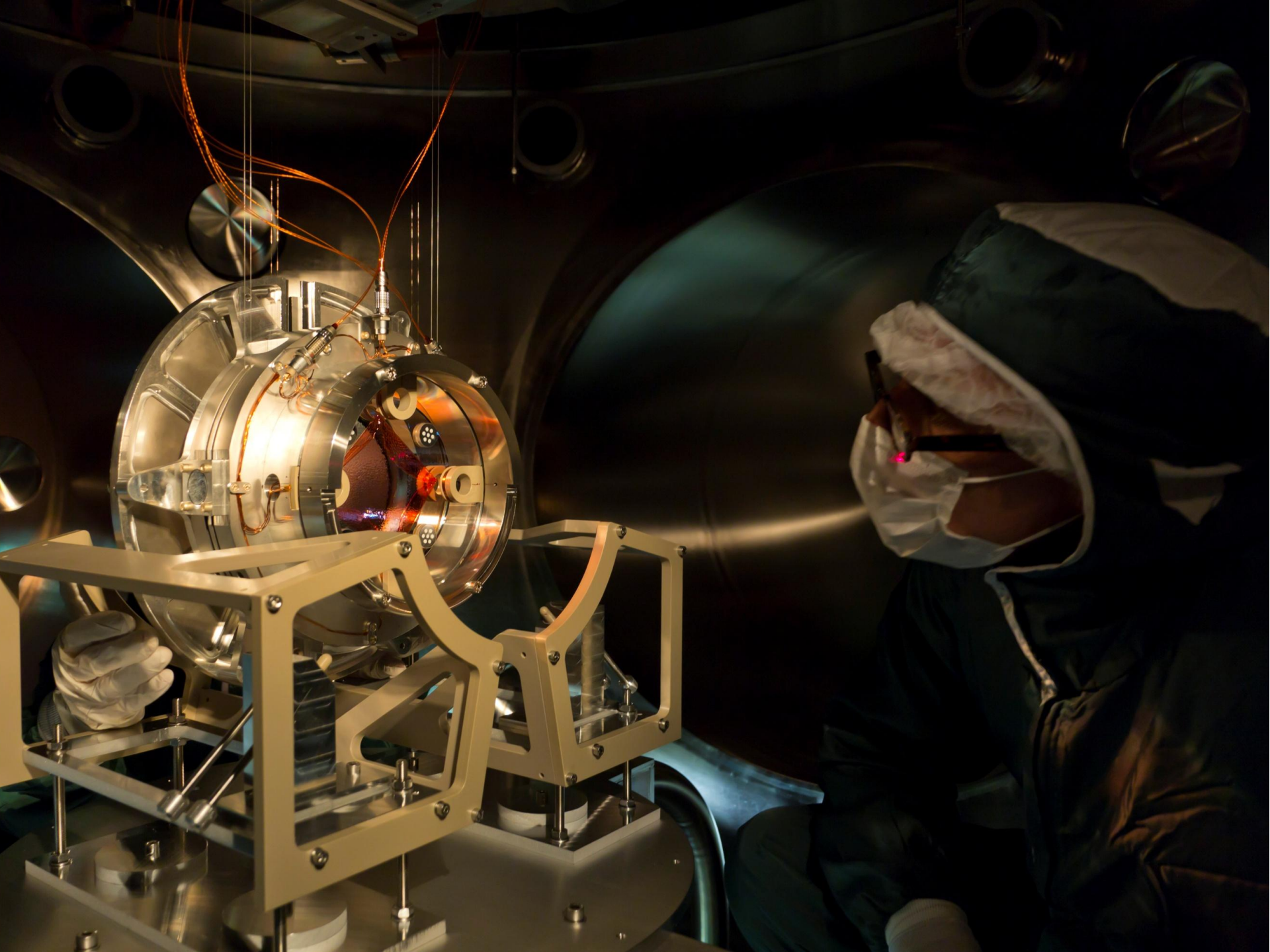
- Optics
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**Input mode cleaner
Advanced Virgo end mirror**







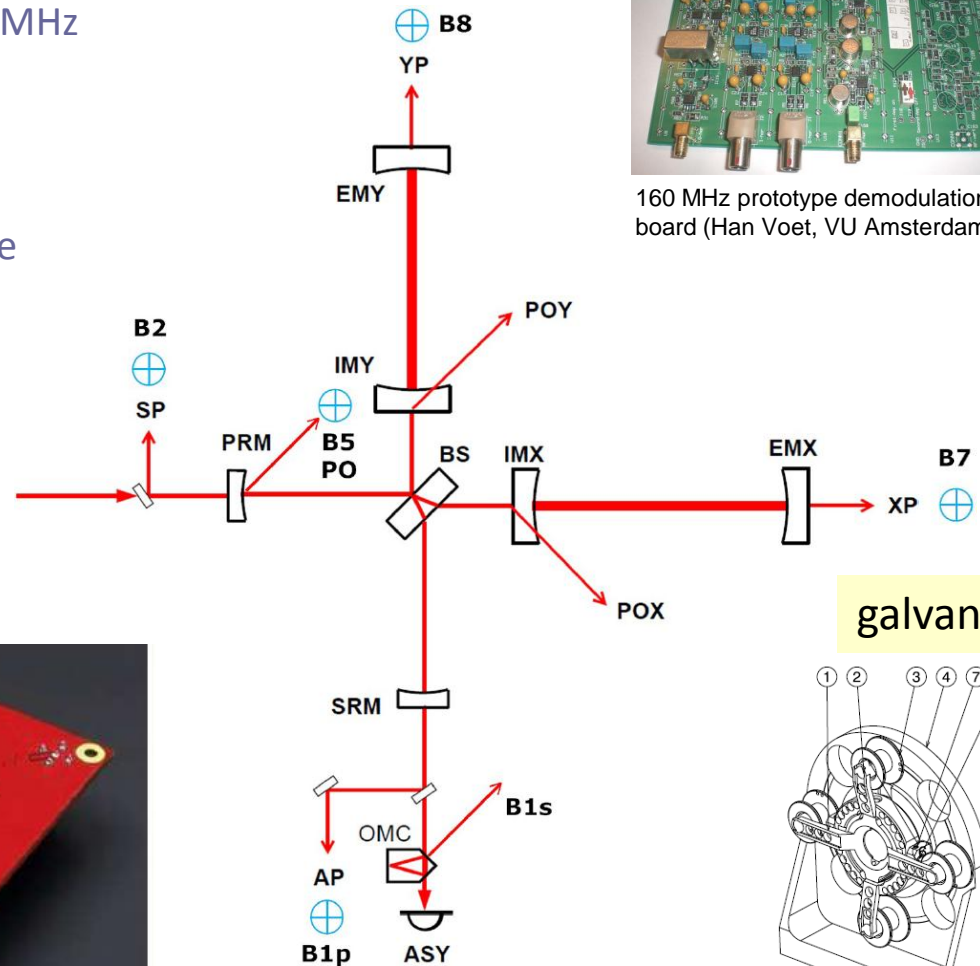
Angular cavity alignment systems

Niels van Bakel

- Angular control of optical elements
 - Modulate carrier
 - DC and 6.26, 8.35, 56 and 131 MHz
 - QPD front-end systems
 - Transimpedance amplifiers
 - Shot noise limited performance
 - Operate in vacuum



160 MHz prototype demodulation board (Han Voet, VU Amsterdam)



Isometric view
Scale: 1:1

Phase camera's: 3D imaging

Martin van Beuzekom

- Imaging of cavity fields

- Both carrier and sidebands

- $f_1 = 6.270\,777$ MHz
- $f_2 = 56.436\,993$ MHz
- $f_3 = 8.361\,036$ MHz
- $f_4 = 131.686\,317$ MHz
- $f_5 = 22.38$ MHz
- $f_H = 80.00$ MHz

- Amplitude and phase

- High speed imaging of HOM
- Avoid moving parts (CCD based)

- AdV optical design: MSRC

- Main diagnostics for Advanced Virgo

- Input for Thermal Compensation Systems

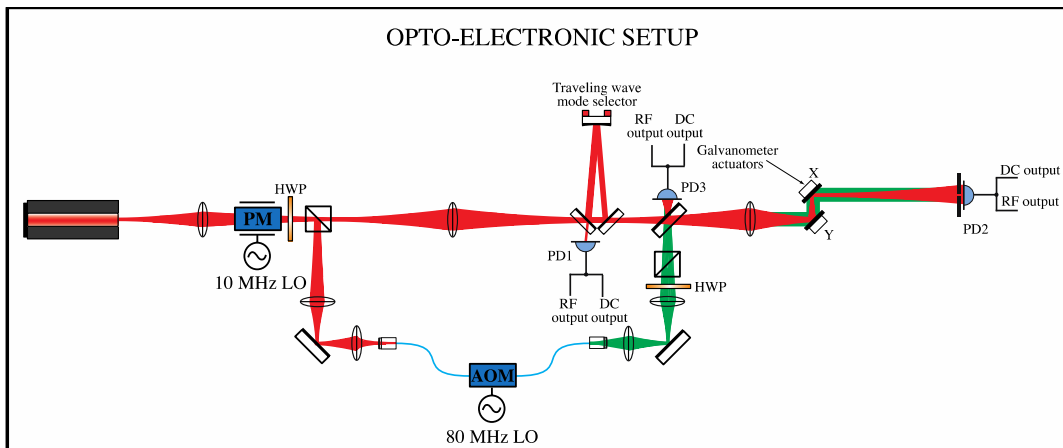
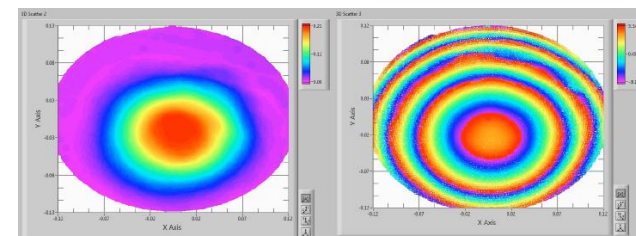
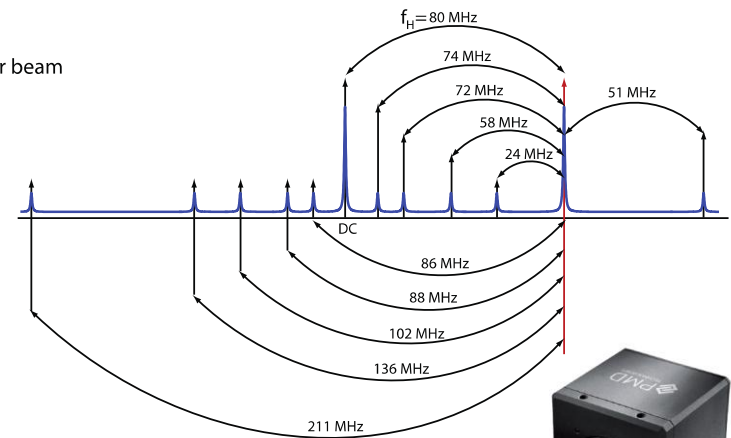
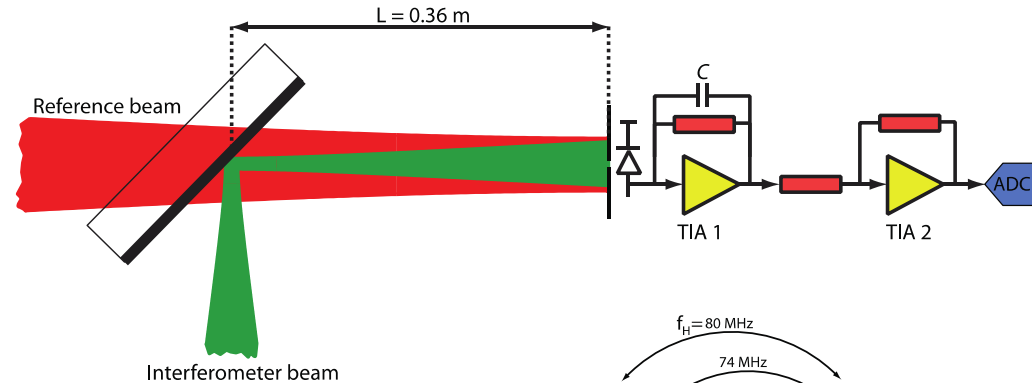
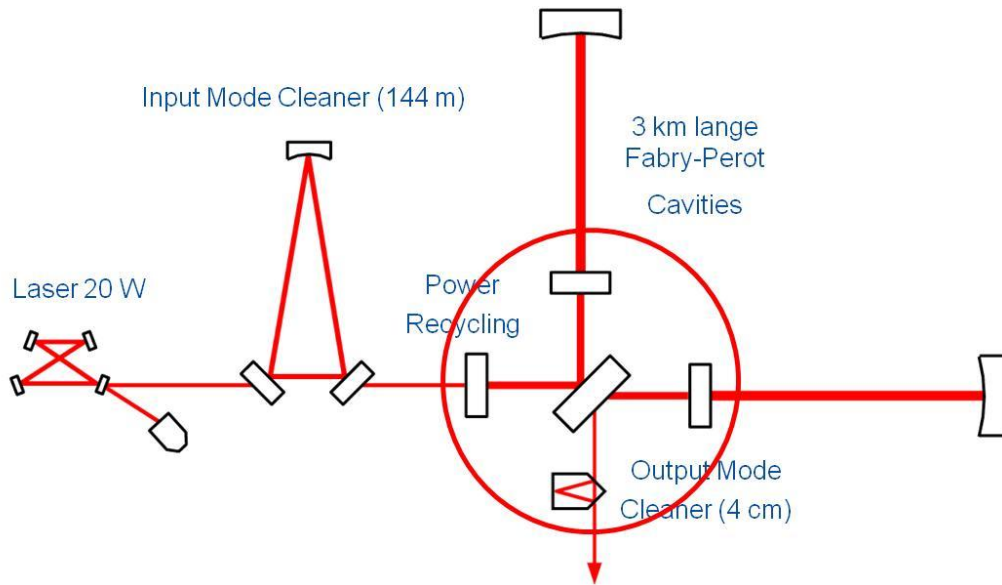


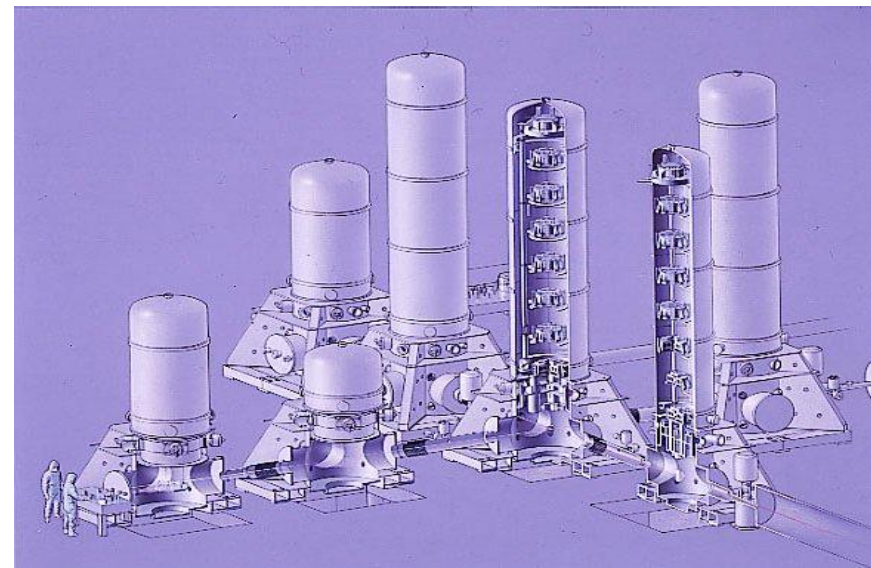
Figure 1: Current opto-electronic set up of the phase camera at Nikhef. The system uses modulation/demodulation techniques to allow for frequency selective wave-front sensing.

Central interferometer



Commissioning order

1. Injection system
2. IMC
3. CITF
4. ITF arms

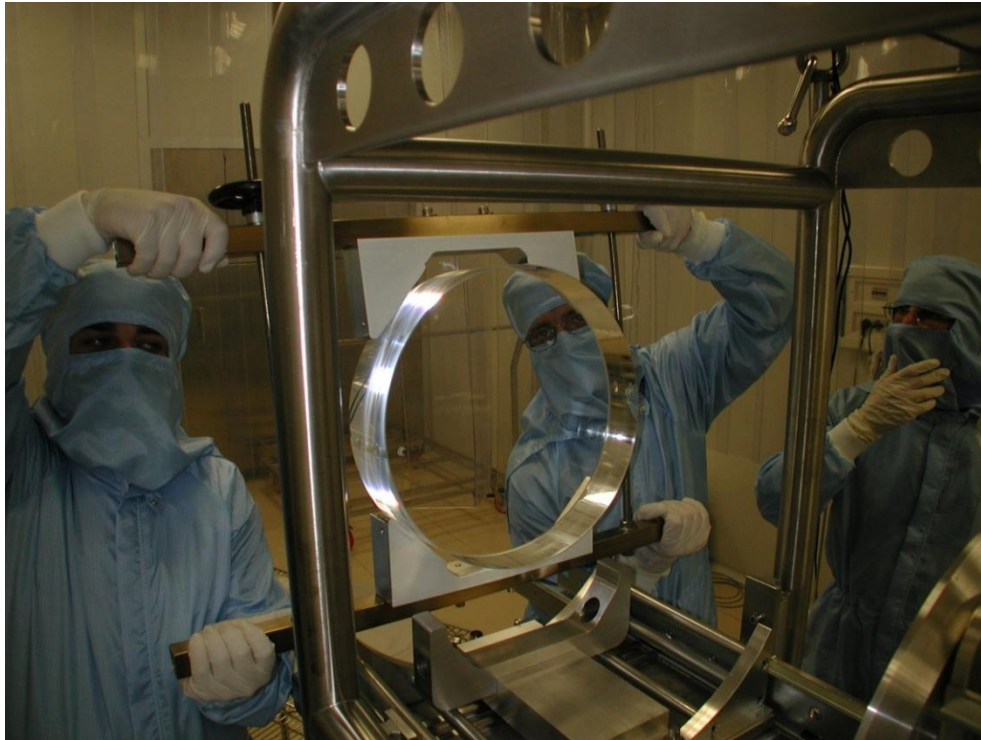


MIRRORS AS TEST MASSES

High quality quartz

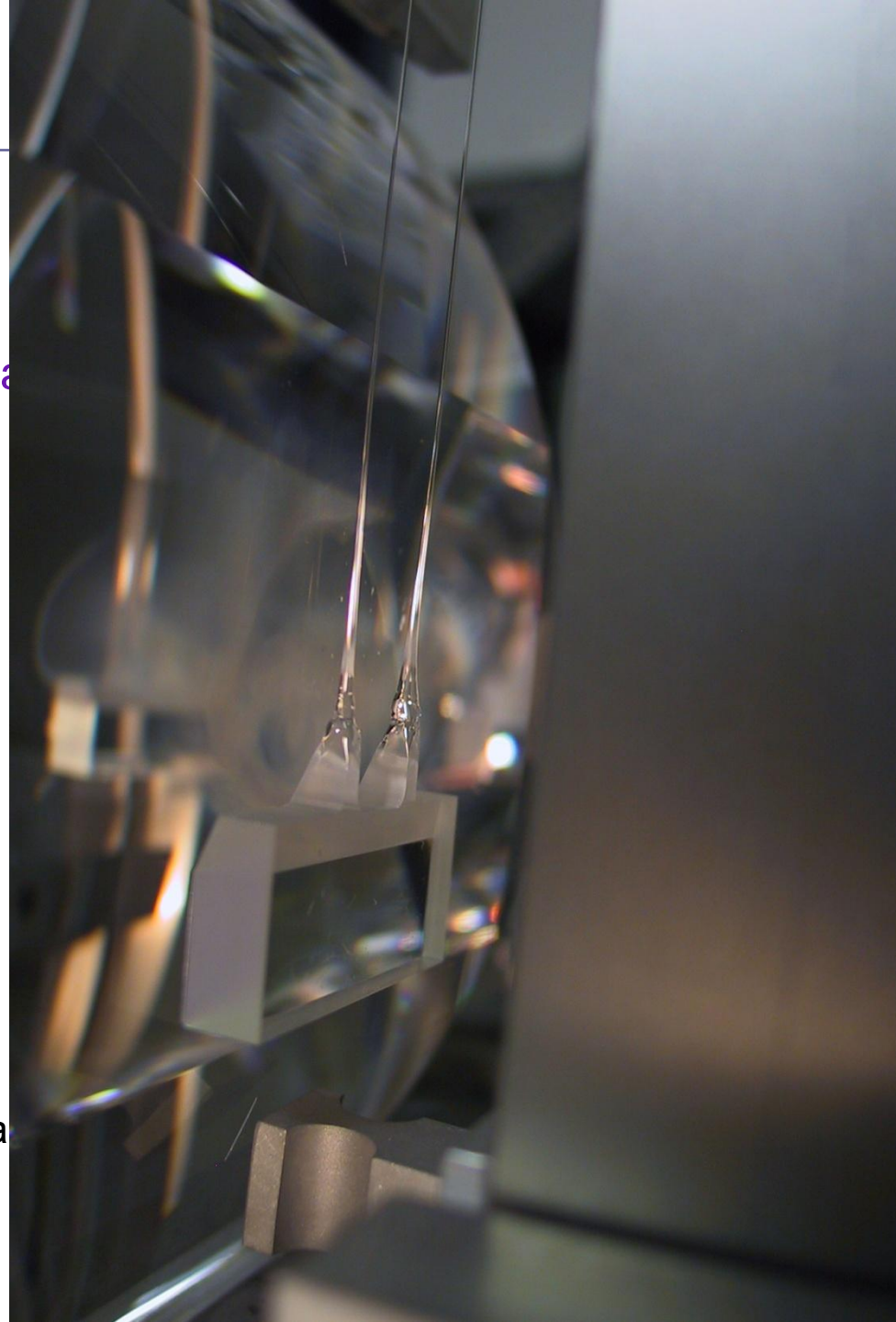
- 35 cm diameter, 20 cm thick, 40 kg mass
- Losses in ppm range
- Flatness smaller than 1 nm

Quantum effects are important

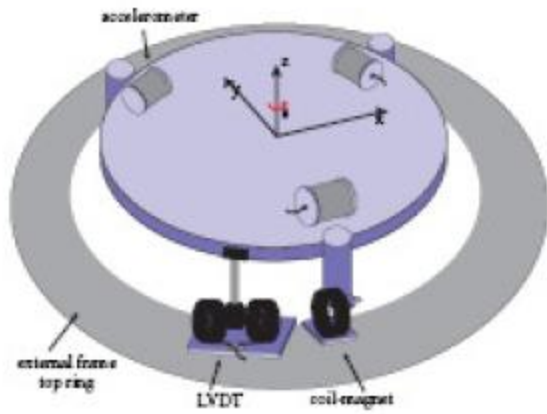


THERMAL NOISE

- Mechanical modes are in thermal equilibrium
 - Modes:
 - Pendulum mode
 - Wire vibrations
 - Mirror internal modes
 - Coating surface
 - Energy: $k_B T$
- Thermal spectrum:
 - Use special materials:
 - concentrate motion near resonant frequencies
- Strategy:
 - Use special materials:
 - concentrate motion near resonant frequencies



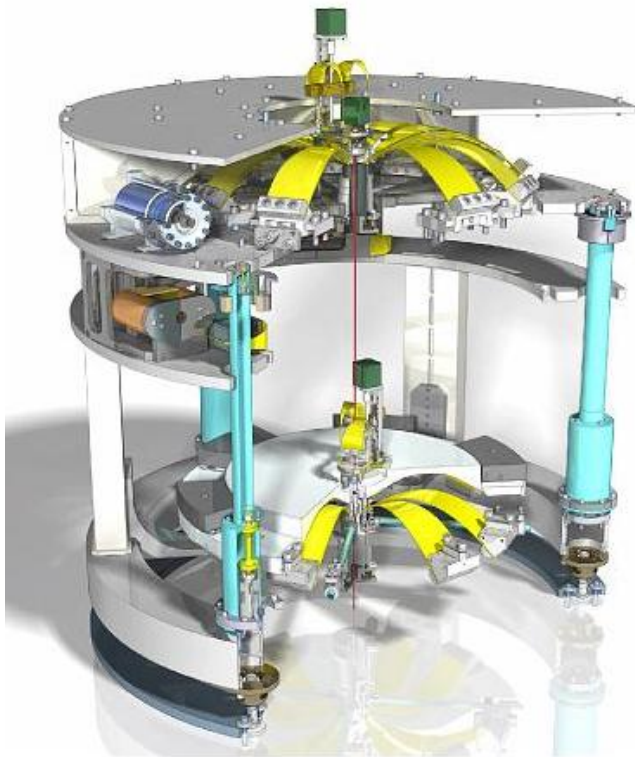
SUPERATTENUATORS



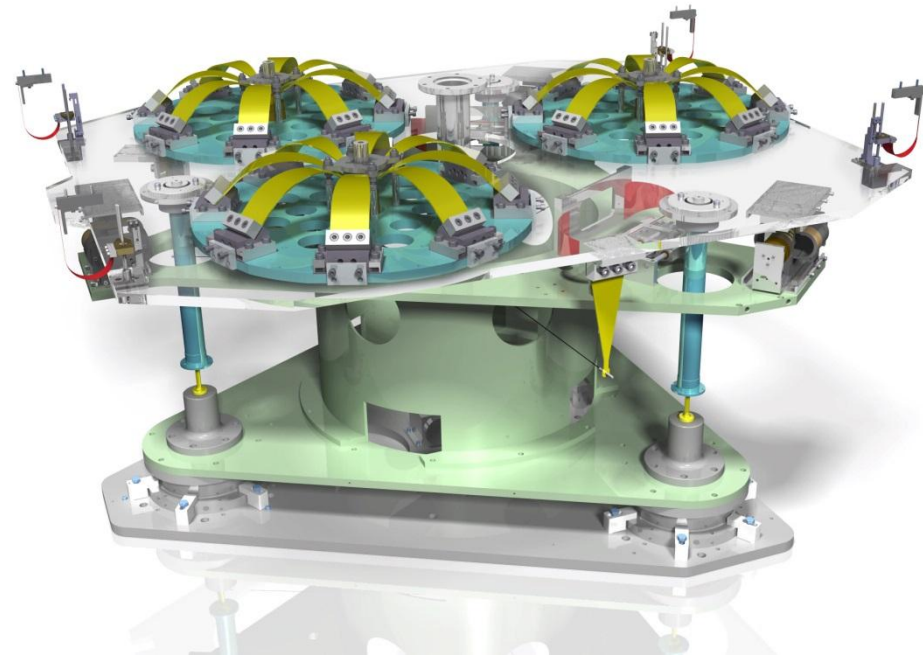
Vibration isolation – SBE

Nikhef responsibility

MultiSAS



EIBSAS



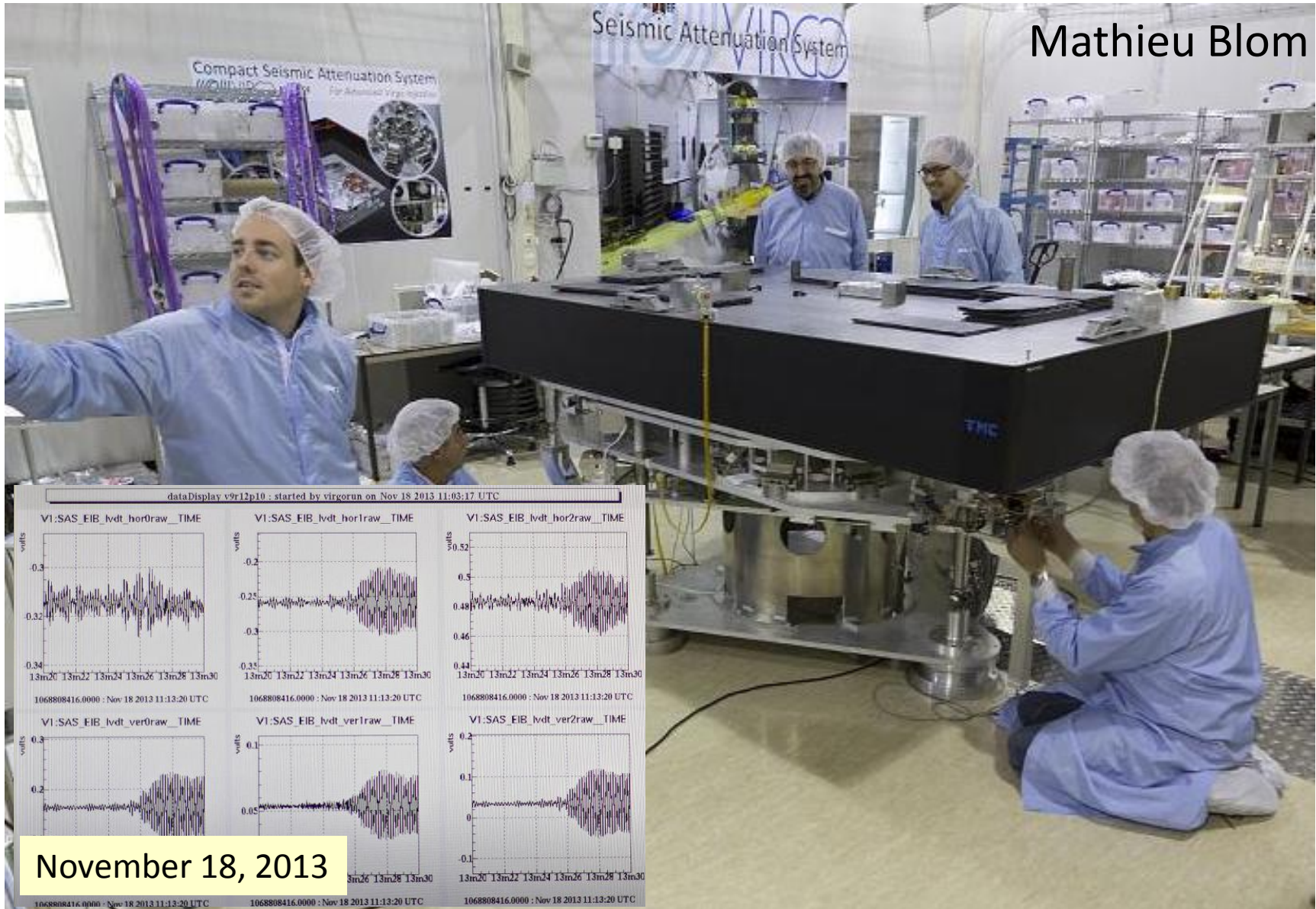
External injection bench

- SAS features
 - Single-stage attenuation system
 - Six degrees of freedom
 - Sensors: 6 accelerometers, 6 LVDTs
 - Consistent with 10^{-12} m/rtHz
 - Compact design
 - Installed and tested in Virgo



EIBSAS: finishing touch(es)

Mathieu Blom



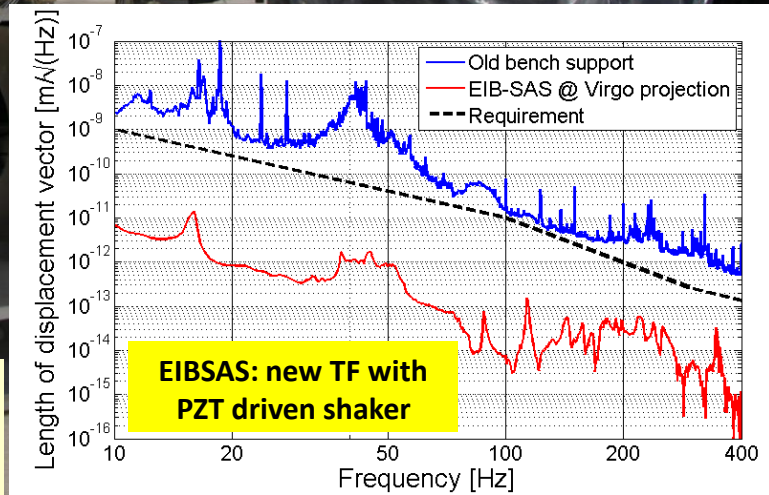
EIBSAS in Advanced Virgo

Laser bench

EIBSAS

IIB

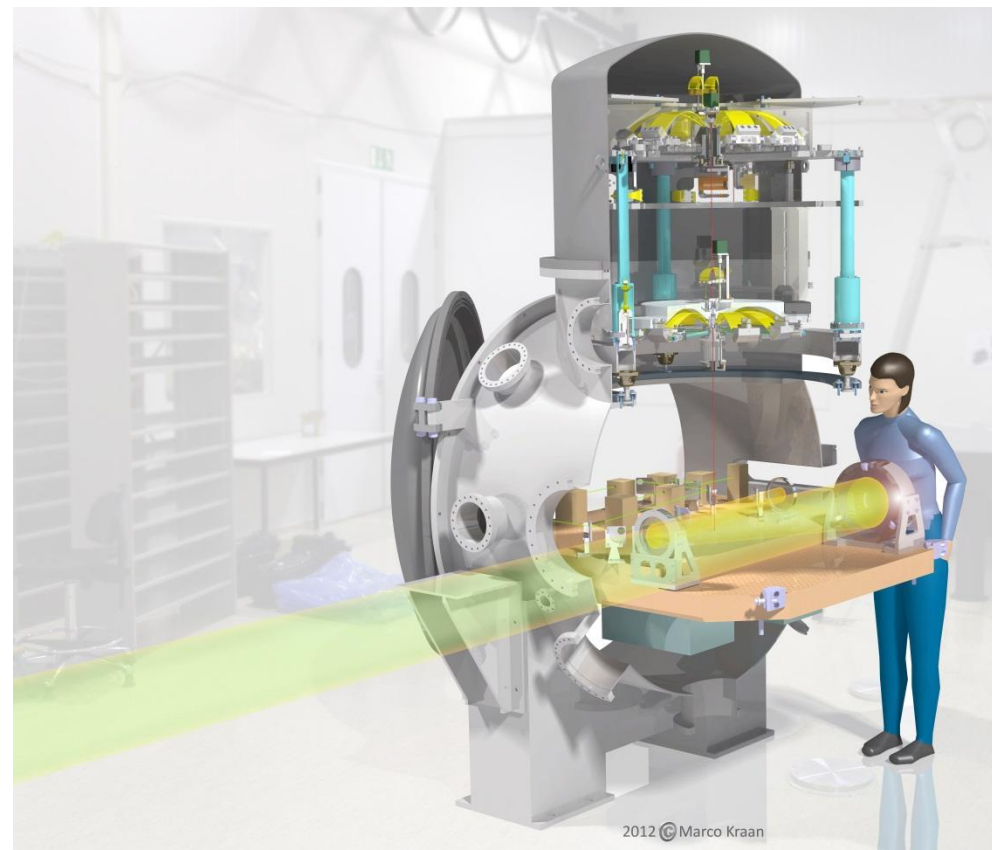
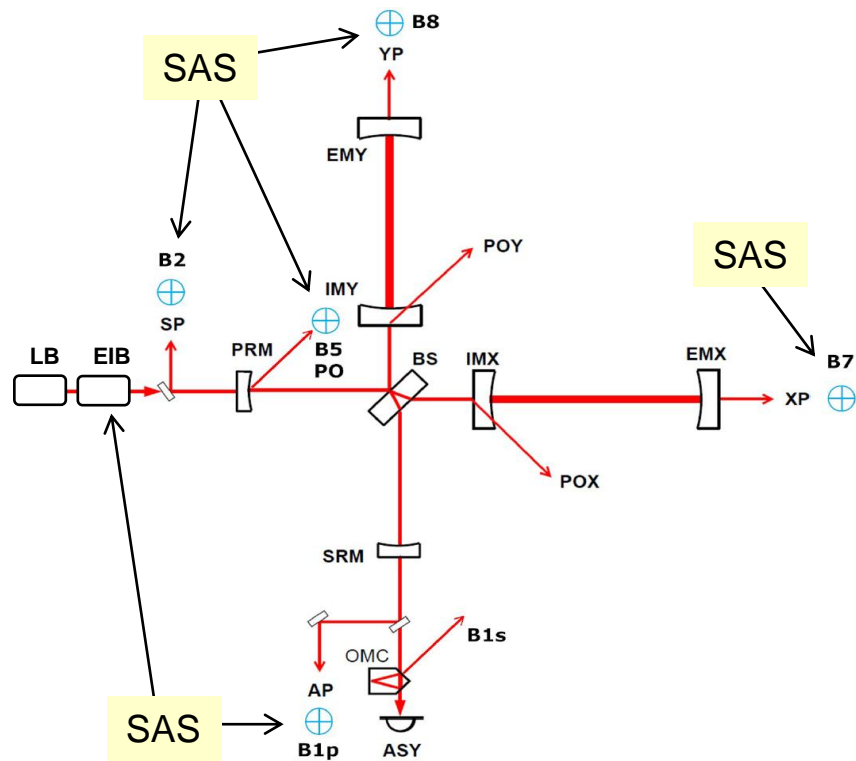
Install optics: Q1 2014
Commission controls: Q2 2014



MultiSAS: 6 systems

- Isolate optical components for AdV
 - Femtometer/rtHz level
 - Above 10 Hz, 6 DOFS
 - Active damping of resonances below 1 Hz

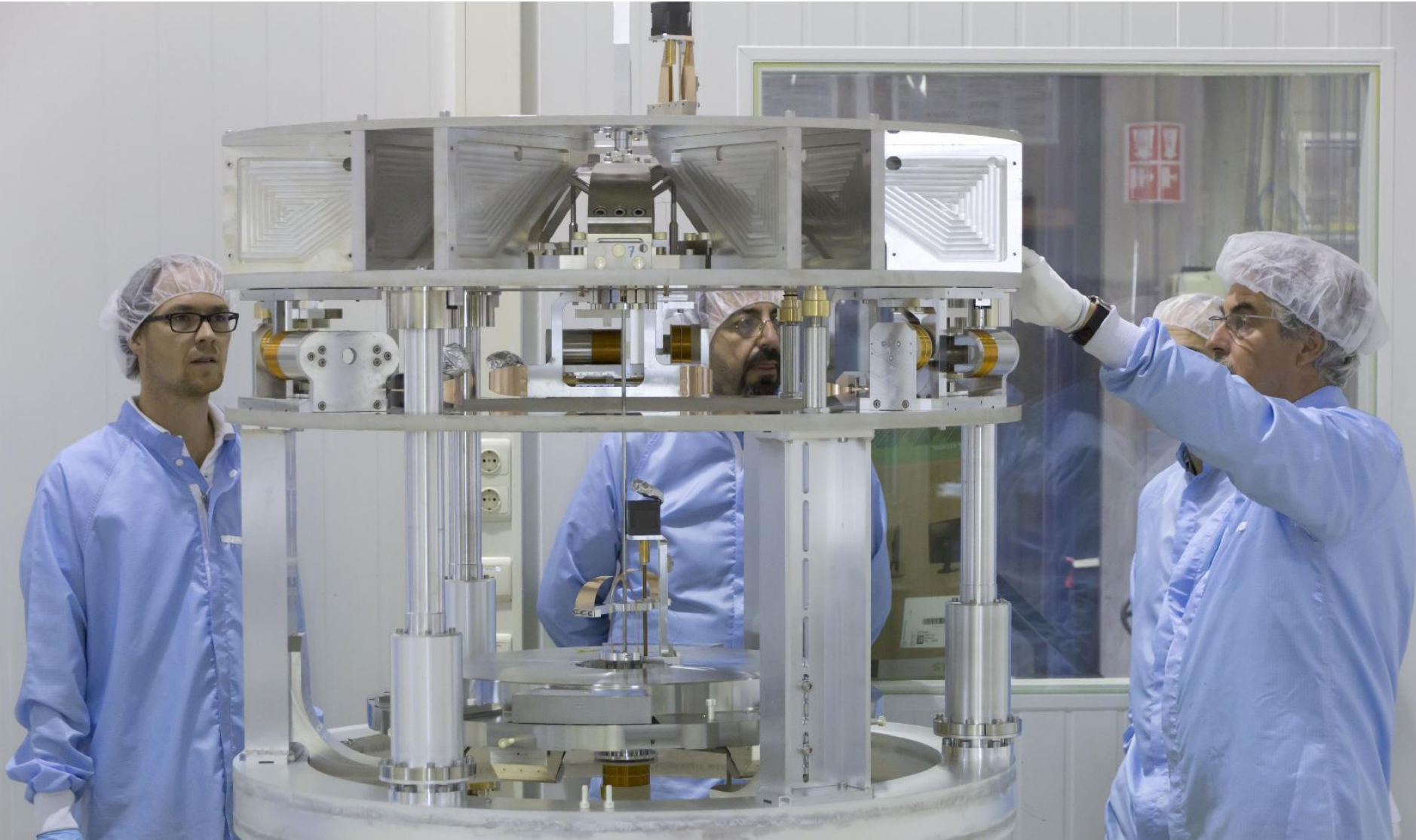
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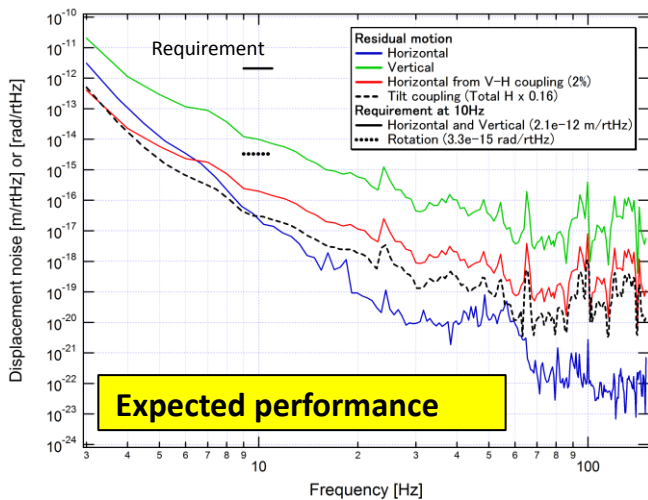
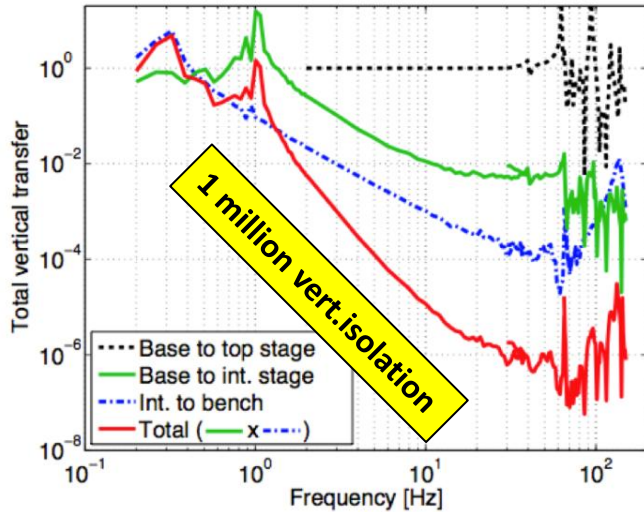
Seismic attenuation systems

- Prototype development

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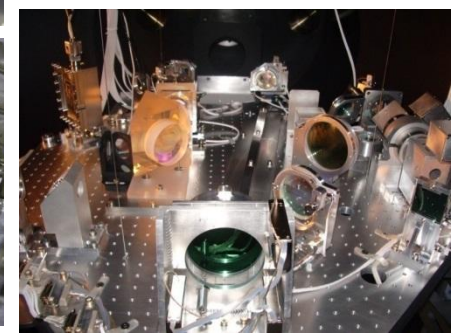
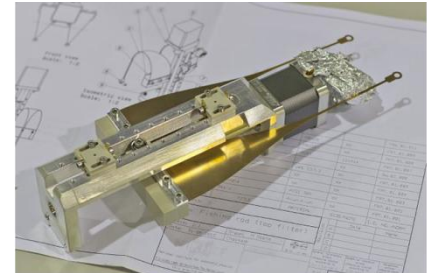
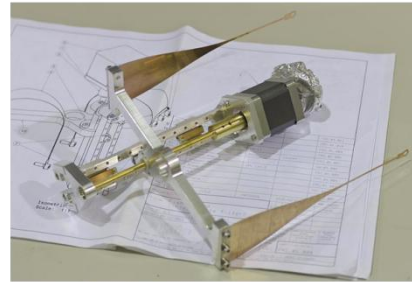
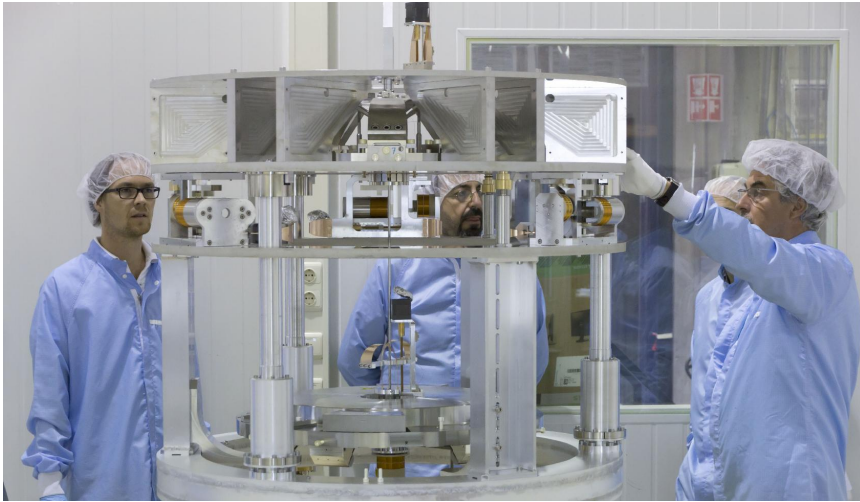


Vibration isolation



Used by industry

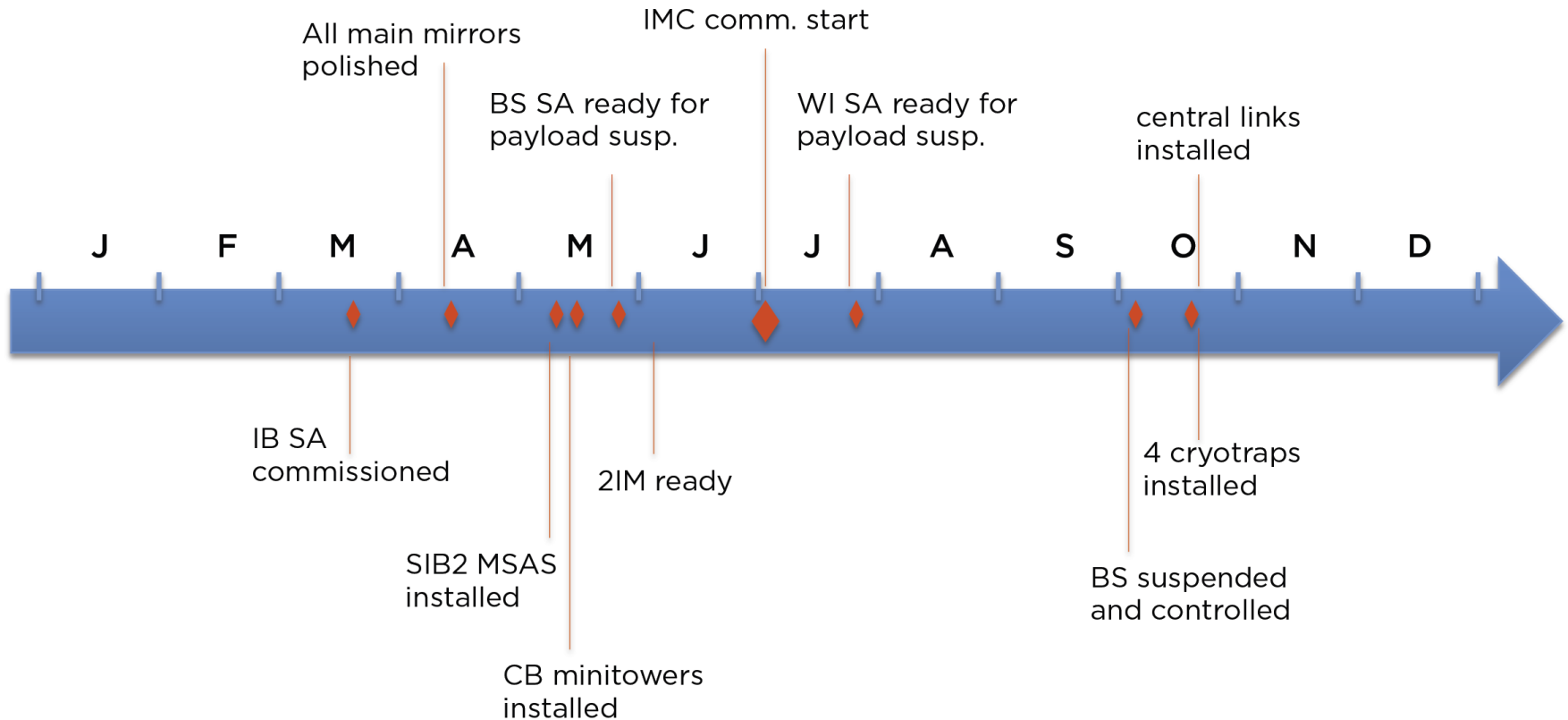
NL contributions to AdV



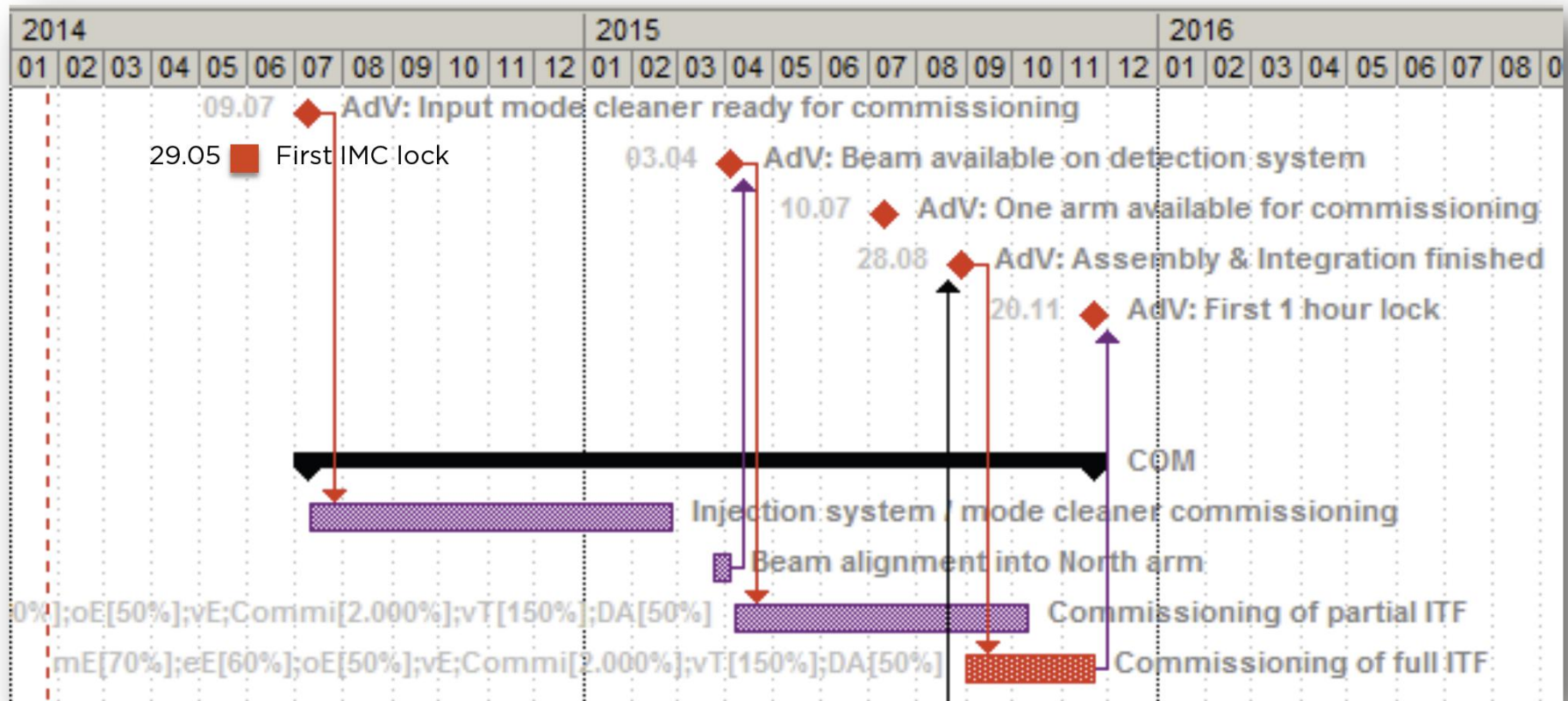


Milestones 2014

According to latest planning ...



Planning



Name	Ref. Plan	Diff.	Prev. Plan	Diff.	New Plan
AdV: Input mode cleaner ready for commissioning	08.09.14	-9	04.07.14	1	09.07.14
AdV: Beam available on detection system	03.03.15	-3	13.02.15	7	03.04.15
AdV: One arm available for commissioning	12.06.15	-5	11.05.15	9	10.07.15
AdV: Assembly & Integration finished	11.09.15	-8	17.07.15	6	28.08.15
AdV: First 1 hour lock	04.12.15	-5	30.10.15	3	20.11.15

Other projects

Multi-messenger astronomy



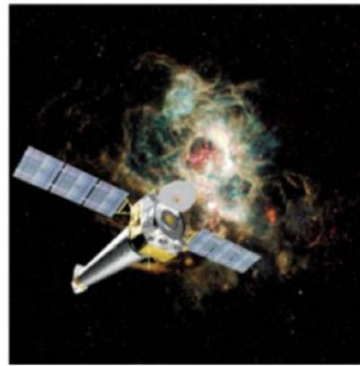
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infrared



visible



X-rays

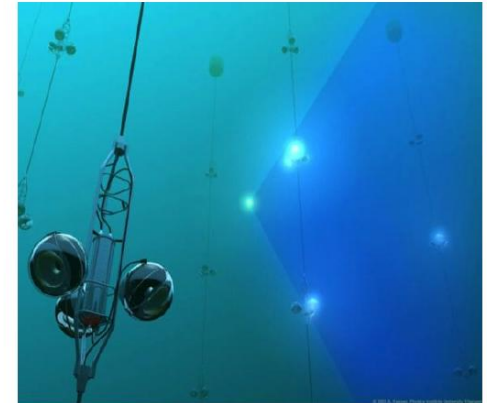
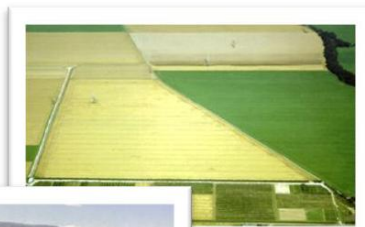
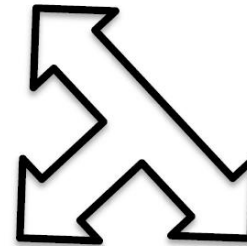


gamma-rays (keV)



gamma-rays (MeV)

OBSERVE THE SAME EVENT WITH DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS: DEEPER AND RICHER UNDERSTANDING OF ITS PHYSICAL NATURE



IDENTIFICATION AND FOLLOW UP OF ELECTROMAGNETIC COUNTERPARTS OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVE CANDIDATE EVENTS

The LIGO Scientific Collaboration (LSC) and the Virgo Collaboration currently plan to start taking data in 2015, and we expect the sensitivity of the network to improve over time. Gravitational-wave transient candidates will be identified promptly upon acquisition of the data; we aim for distributing information with an initial latency of a few tens of minutes initially, possibly improving later. The LSC and the Virgo Collaboration (LVC) wish to enable multi-messenger observations of astrophysical events by GW detectors along with a wide range of telescopes and instruments of mainstream astronomy.

In 2012, the LVC approved a statement ([LSC, Virgo](#)) that broadly outlines LVC policy on releasing GW triggers (partially-validated event candidates). Initially, triggers will be shared promptly only with astronomy partners who have signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with LVC involving an agreement on deliverables, publication policies, confidentiality, and reporting. After four GW events have been published, further event candidates with high confidence will be shared immediately with the entire astronomy community (and the public), while lower-significance candidates will continue to be shared promptly only with partners who have signed a MoU.

Through June to October 2013, we organized rounds of consultations with groups of astronomers that have expressed interest in the GW-EM follow-up program. Thanks to these consultations, we could define the framework and guiding rules for this program that are collected into a standard [MoU template](#).

OPEN CALL FOR PARTICIPATION TO GW-EM FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM, DUE FEB 16 2014.

On Dec 16 2013, we issued a call for proposals to sign standard MoU with the LVC. This call is open to all professional astronomers with demonstrated experience, and require that a partner bring some useful observing resource(s), not just astronomy expertise, to participate. GW triggers will be sent to groups that are in position to make observations in the course of next science runs circa 2015-2017 ([arXiv:1304.0670](#), [LIGO-P1200087](#), VIR-0288A-12). Our intent is to accept and sign MoUs with all qualified applicants. We expect to issue this call yearly in spring.

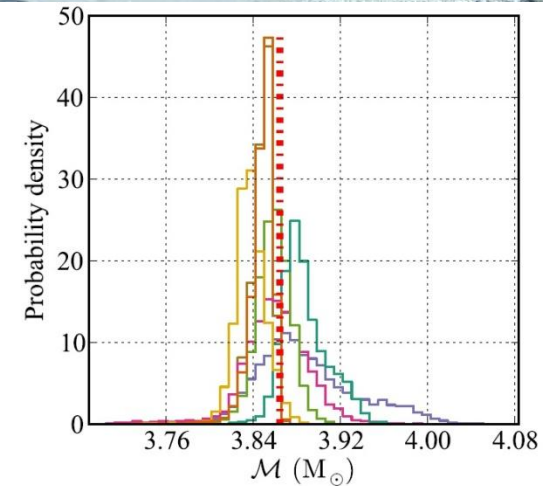
If you are interested in signing this agreement with LSC and Virgo, please read [this document](#) that provides important details of the GW-EM follow-up program, fill the application form in [LIGO-F1300021](#), and email it to emf@ligo.org. Also, please fill the information fields below (including the filename of the file you emailed to us) and submit it before Feb 16, 2014.



[Devour thy Neighbor](#): An artist's illustration of two neutron stars close to merger look misshaped, becoming more oblong the closer they get to one another. A black hole is then formed and gamma rays shoot out as a GRB. (Credit: NASA/Swift)

Electromagnetic follow-up

- **Astrophysics at RU**
 - Joined Virgo in May 2012
 - First Astrophysics group in Virgo
- **BlackGEM Proposal**
 - Approved by NOVA Phase-4 Instrum. Prop.
 - Design phase approved, with PHASE-I reservation
 - Black-hole merger GW-EM radiation array
 - <https://www.astro.ru.nl/wiki/research/blackgemarray>
- **Parameter estimation**
 - For example: chirp mass $\mathcal{M} = \frac{(m_1 m_2)^{3/5}}{(m_1 + m_2)^{1/5}}$
 - Determines leading-order GW amplitude (in GR)



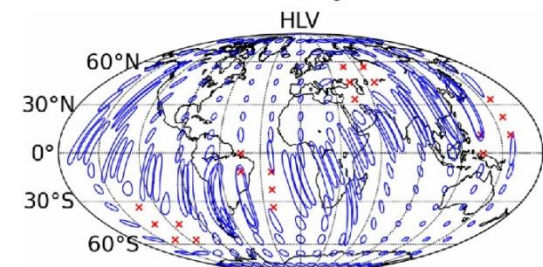
BlackGEM-Phase 1: Optical Array for Gravitational Wave Astrophysics

1. Applicants

Principal Investigator: Paul Groot (RU Nijmegen)
 Project Scientist: Gijs Nelemans (RU Nijmegen)
 Project Manager: Marc Klein-Wolt (RU Nijmegen)
 Team members: Anna Watts (UvA), Elena Rossi (UL), Frank Verbunt (RU), Simon Portegies Zwart (UL), Michiel van der Klis (UvA), Alex de Koter (UvA), Onno Pols (RU), Huib Henrichs (UvA), Rudolf le Poole (UL), Marco Spaans (RUG), Peter Jonker (SRON/RU), Ralph Wijers (UvA), Elmar K rding (RU), Tom Heskes (RU Computer Science), Jo van den Brand (VU/Nikhef), Ben Stappers (Manchester), Patrick Woudt (UCT), Stephan Rosswog (Stockholm), Andrea Vicer  (Urbino)



Figure X: Proposed site of BlackGEM at ESO La Silla, on the parking lot of the defunct 1m Marly telescope



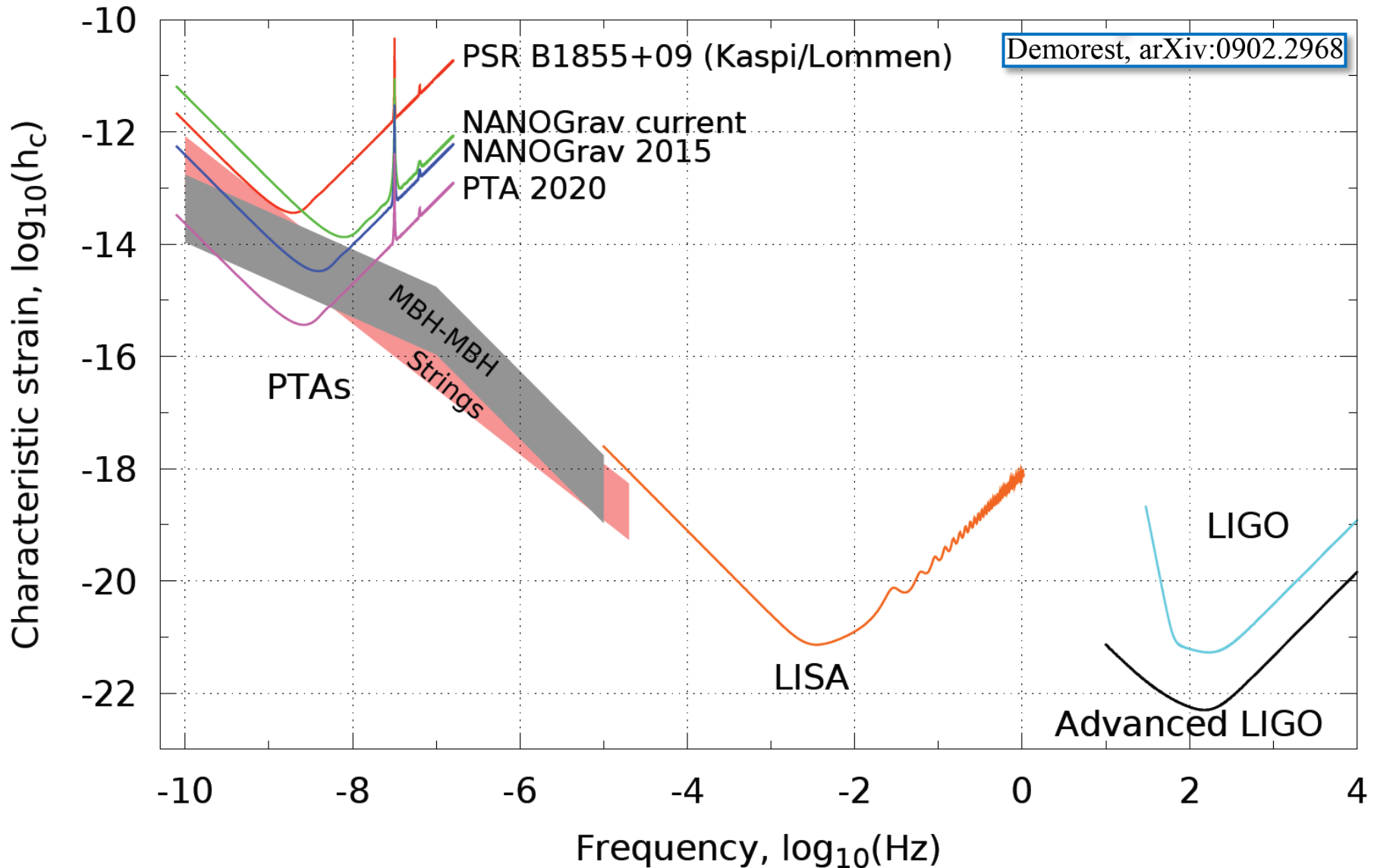
Kagra



- Kamioka gravitational-wave antenna
 - Towards 3rd generation GW detectors
 - See <http://www.et-gw.eu>
 - EU funding via approved ELiTES proposal
 - ELiTES Japanese-European collaborative FP7 project, between ET and Kagra
 - Technology transfer from Nikhef to Kagra
 - Europe House in Tokyo



PULSAR TIMING ARRAYS



Design Study Proposal approved by EU within FP7

Large part of the European GW community involved

EGO, INFN, MPI, CNRS, Nikhef, Univ. Birmingham, Cardiff, Glasgow

Listed as A topic for Horizon 2020 future integration call

Recommended in Aspera / Appec roadmap

Einstein Telescope CDR

Jo van den Brand: site selection coordinator

ET infrastructure

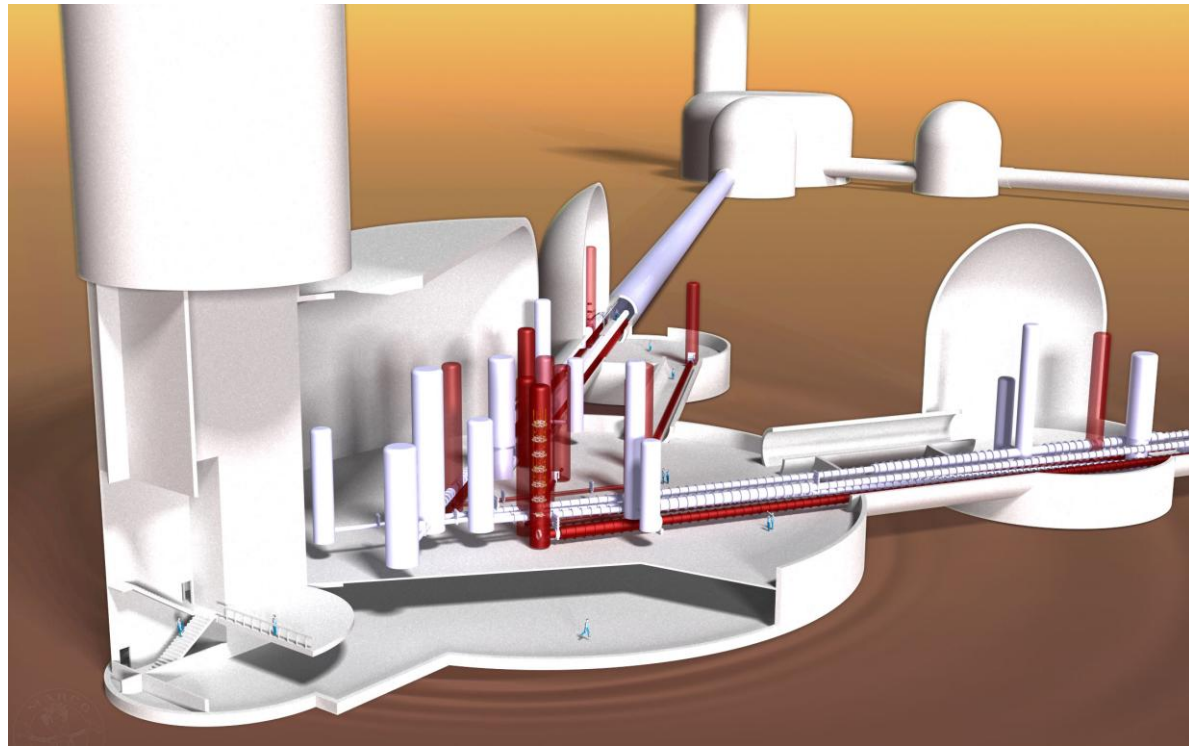
■ Infrastructure: largest cost driver

- Tunnels, caverns, buildings
- Vacuum, cryogenics, safety systems
- Collaborate with industry
 - Underground construction
 - Vacuum systems
 - Vibrationless cooling



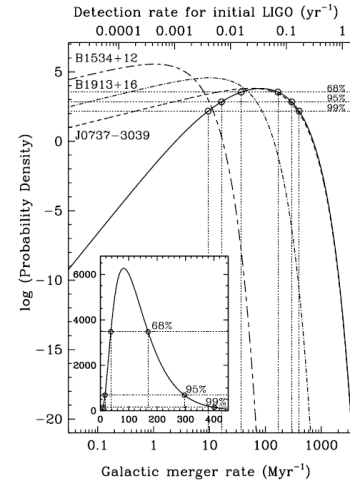
■ Experience

- LIGO, Virgo, GEO
- Underground labs
 - Gran Sasso, Canfranc,
 - Kamioka, Dusek, etc.
- Mines
- Particle physics
 - ILC, Cern, Desy, FLNL
- Seismology
 - KNMI, Orfeus
- Geology

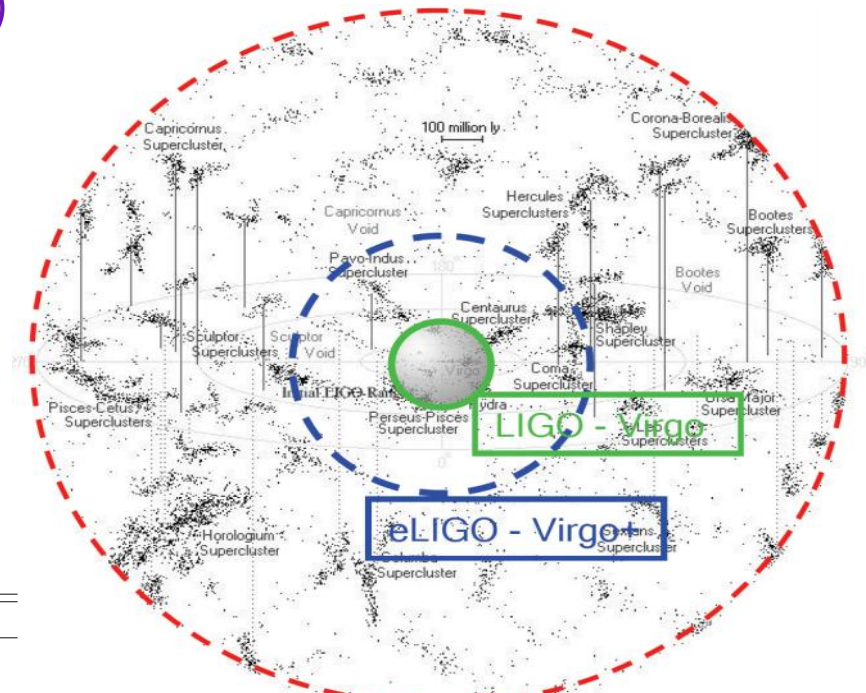


EVENT RATE ESTIMATES

- **Advanced Virgo**
 - Improve sensitivity by factor 10
- **Probable sources**
 - Binary neutron star coalescence
 - Binary black holes mergers, supernovae, pulsars
- **BNS Rates: (most likely and 95% interval)**
 - Initial Virgo (30Mpc)
 - 1/100yr (1/500 - 1/25 yr)
 - **Advanced detectors (350Mpc)**
 - 40/yr (8 - 160/yr)
- **BBH more difficult to predict**



**Astronomy:
we know GW
sources exist!**



AdvLIGO - AdvVirgo

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

November 28, 2013: eLISA approved!

eLISA

We will observe gravitational waves in space

eLISA: THE MISSION

LISA PATHFINDER

NEW ASTRONOMY

CONTEXT 2028

eLISA COMMUNITY



A New Astronomy

Selected: The Gravitational Universe

ESA decides on next Large Mission Concepts

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

ESA today announced a new vision to study the invisible universe and L2 and L2 science concepts

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Make history!

The Gravitational Universe: You can support the Gravitational Universe science theme, as addressed by the eLISA mission concept.



eLISA will be a large-scale space mission designed to detect one of the most elusive phenomena in astronomy - gravitational waves. With eLISA we will be able to survey the entire universe directly with gravitational waves, to tell us about the formation of structure and galaxies, stellar evolution, the early universe, and the structure and nature of spacetime itself. Most importantly, there will be enormous potential for discovering the parts of the universe that are invisible by other means, such as black holes, the Big Bang, and other, as yet unknown objects.

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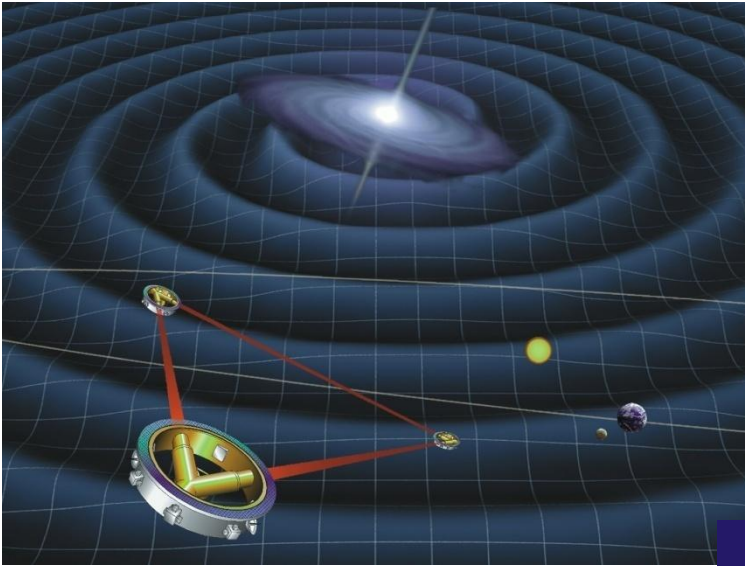


SELECTED: THE GRAVITATIONAL UNIVERSE
ESA DECIDES ON NEXT LARGE MISSION CONCEPTS

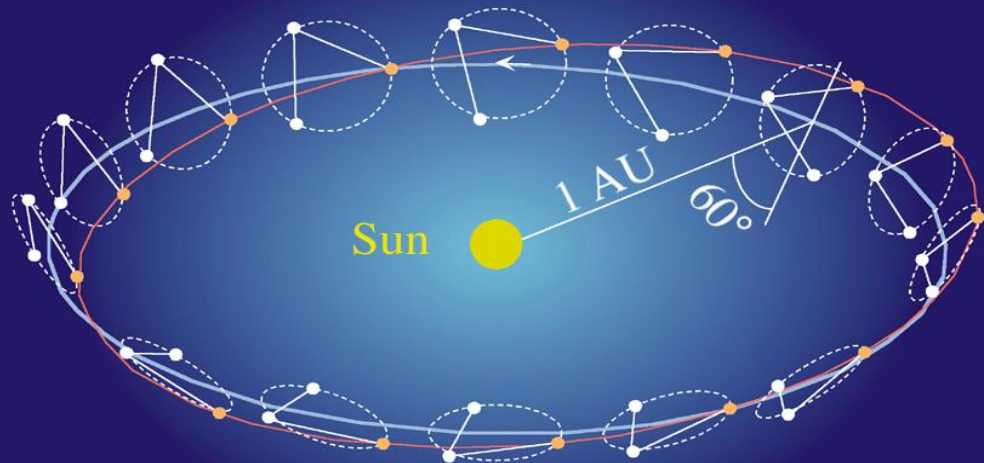
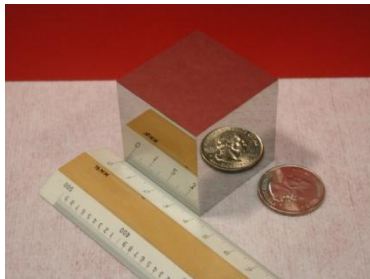
28 November 2013

ESA today announced that the hot and energetic Universe and the search for elusive gravitational waves will be the focus of ESA's next two large science missions.

GW antenna in space - eLISA



- 3 spacecraft in Earth-trailing solar orbit separated by 10^6 km.
- Measure changes in distance between fiducial masses in each spacecraft
- ESA funded
- Launch date 2034



LISA pathfinder

eLISA We will observe gravitational waves in space

Scheduled to launch in 2015
Paving the way for eLISA with LISA Pathfinder

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Links
Latest LPF hardware delivery is 'jewel in the crown' | 24 June 2013
ESA website for LISA Pathfinder

Attached images
Optical bench delivered to Astrium Friedrichshafen

LISA Pathfinder
The quietest place in the solar system
LISA Pathfinder (LPF) will place two test masses in a nearly perfect gravitational free-fall, and will control and measure their relative motion

LISA Pathfinder
The journey to L1
A Team Effort
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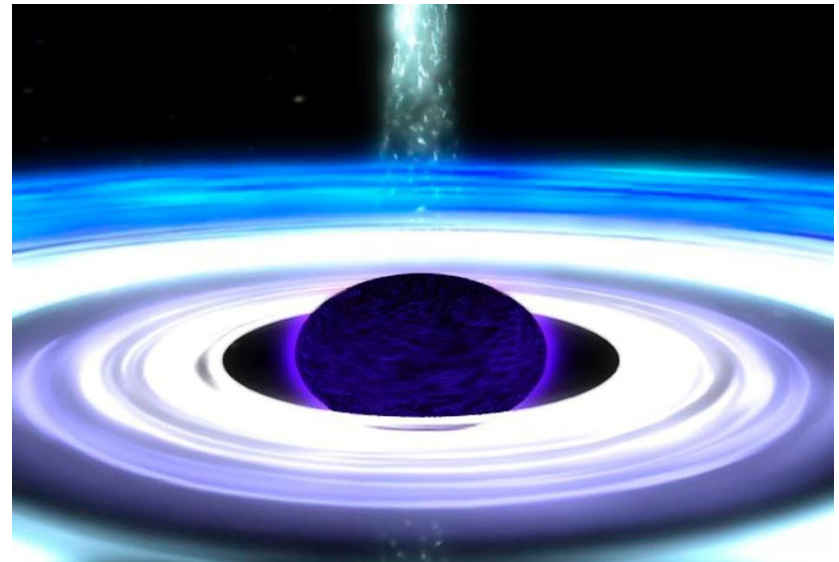


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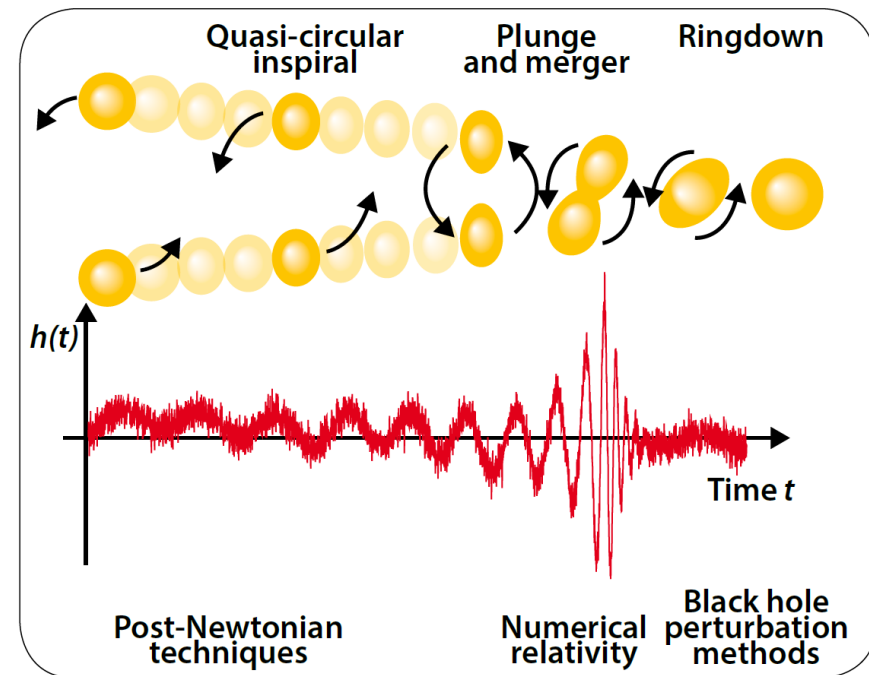
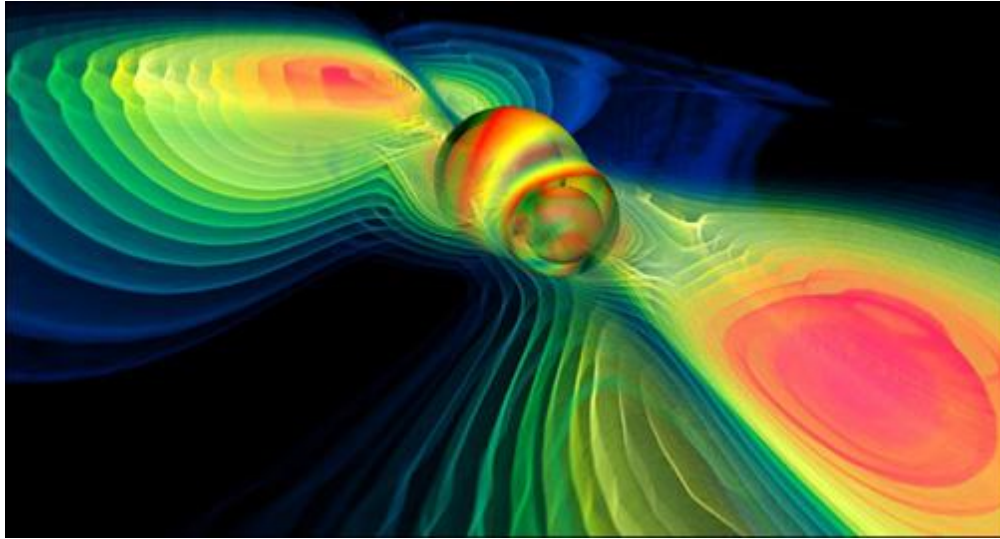


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Coalescence of compact binaries



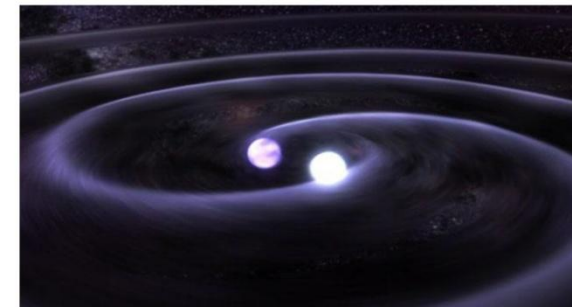
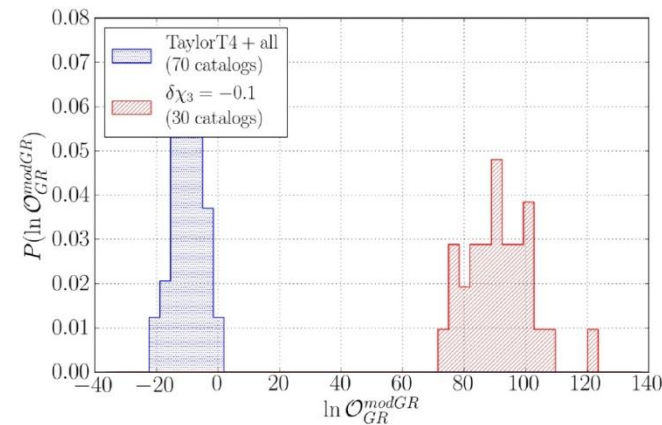
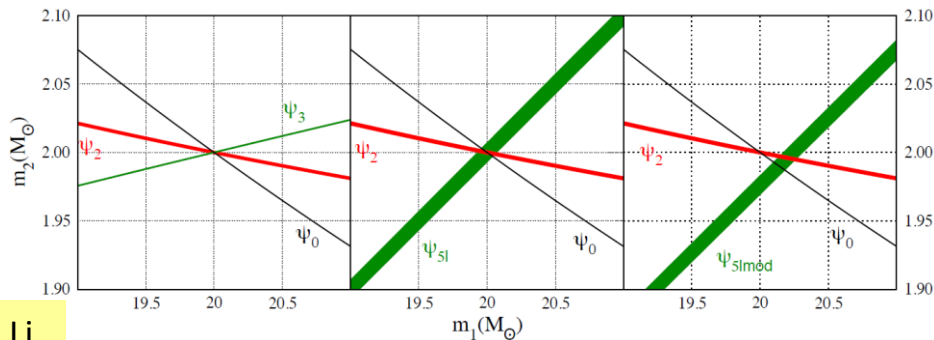
TESTS OF POST-NEWTONIAN THEORY

Test of GR without assuming alternative model

- Based on post-Newtonian phase expansion of BBH inspiral signal

$$\Psi(f) = \sum_{j=0}^7 [\psi_j + \psi_{jl} \ln(f)] f^{(j-5)/3}$$

- Single (2, 20) M_{sun} BBH merger (zero spin): PN coefficients *all* depend on only the component masses. Thus only two are independent
- Fit to a model where three PN coefficients are treated as independent
- Test non-linear predictions (*e.g.* tail terms, logarithmic terms)



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Towards a generic test of the strong field dynamics of general relativity using compact binary coalescence:
Further investigations

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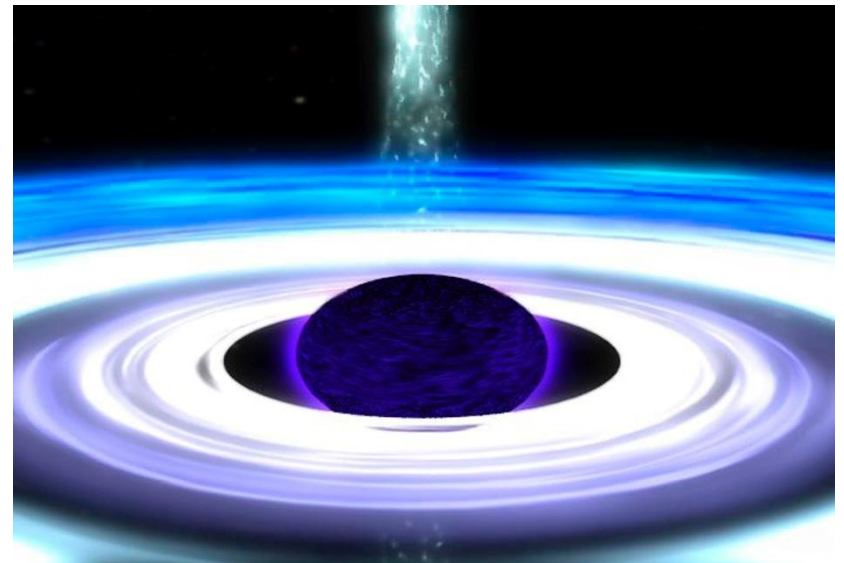
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First model-independent precision test of strong field dynamics of spacetime using signals from coalescing compact binaries

Robust against unknown instrumental features
(e.g. calibration errors)

Robust against currently unknown GR effects
(e.g. neutron star tidal effects)

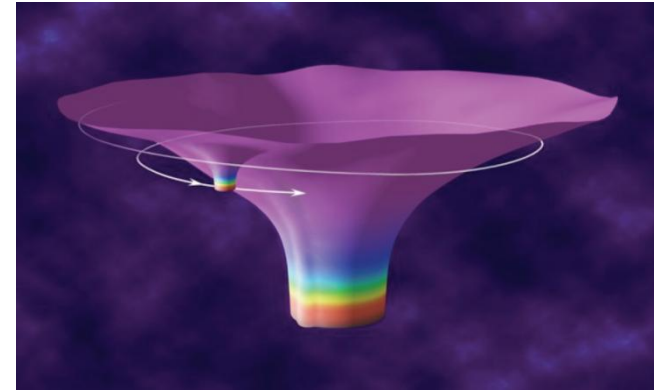
Expand to BBH, pure spacetime process, rich dynamics

Prompted formation of new LSC-Virgo technical sub-group, led by Del Pozzo

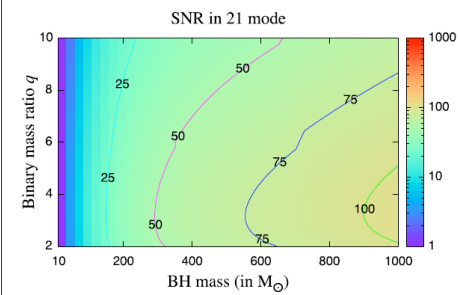
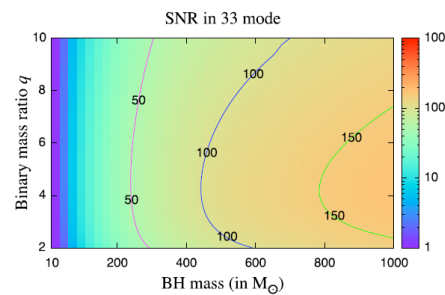
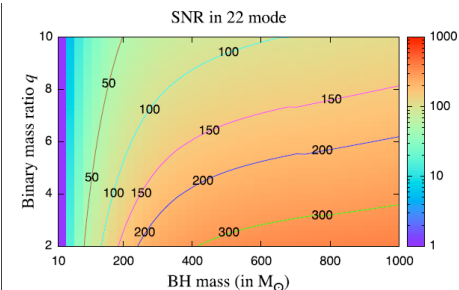
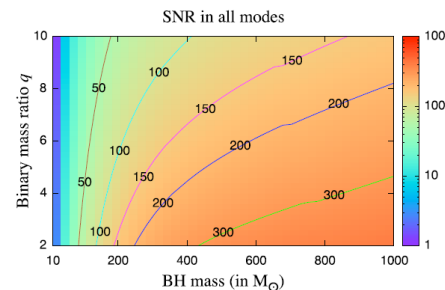
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TEST OF BH UNIQUENESS THEOREM

- Kerr metric is the unique end state of gravitational collapse
 - Based on assumptions
 - Spacetime is vacuum, axisymmetric (stationary), asymptotically flat
 - There is a horizon in spacetime
- IMRI can map spacetime
 - ET can see IMRIs out to $z \approx 3$
 - See few % deviation quadrupole
- BH no-hair theorem
 - Perturbed GW has QNM given by M and S
 - Kerr relation for multipole moments



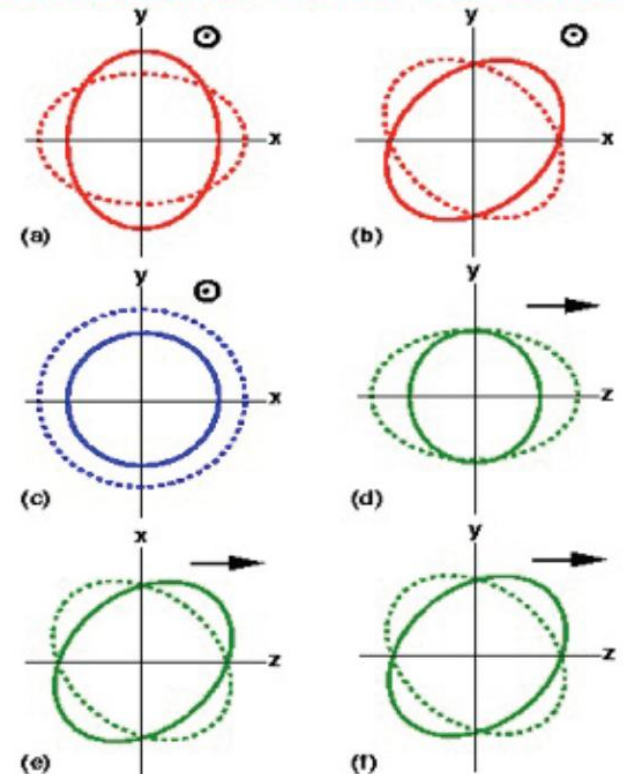
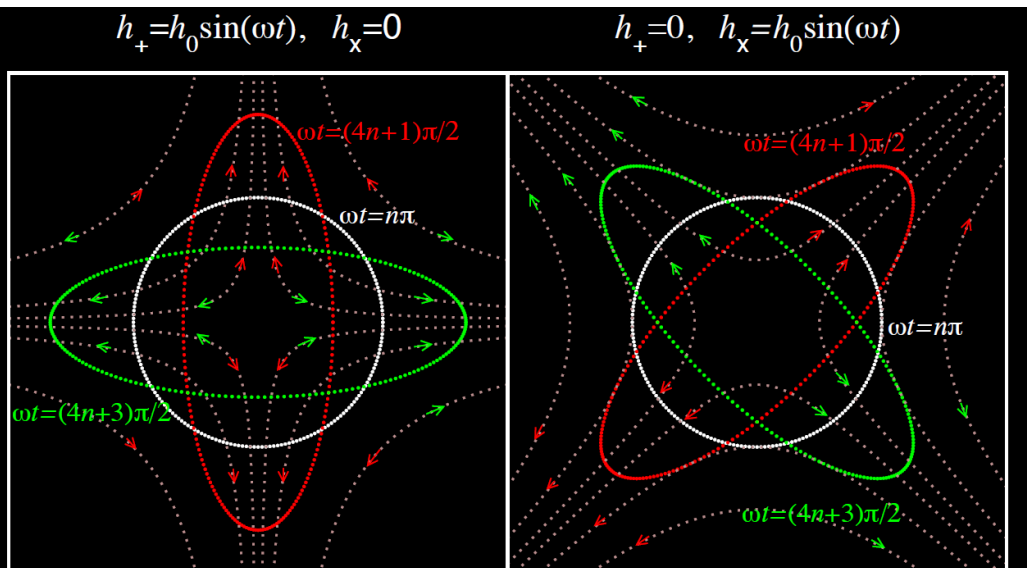
$$\omega_{\ell m} = \frac{F_{\ell m}(j)}{M}, \quad \tau_{\ell m} = M G_{\ell m}(j)$$



COUNTING POLARIZATION STATES

- Polarization tests are qualitative tests
- A single measurement is good enough to rule the theory out
- Only two states in GR
 - Plus and cross polarizations
- Polarization states in a scalar-tensor theory
 - Six different polarization modes

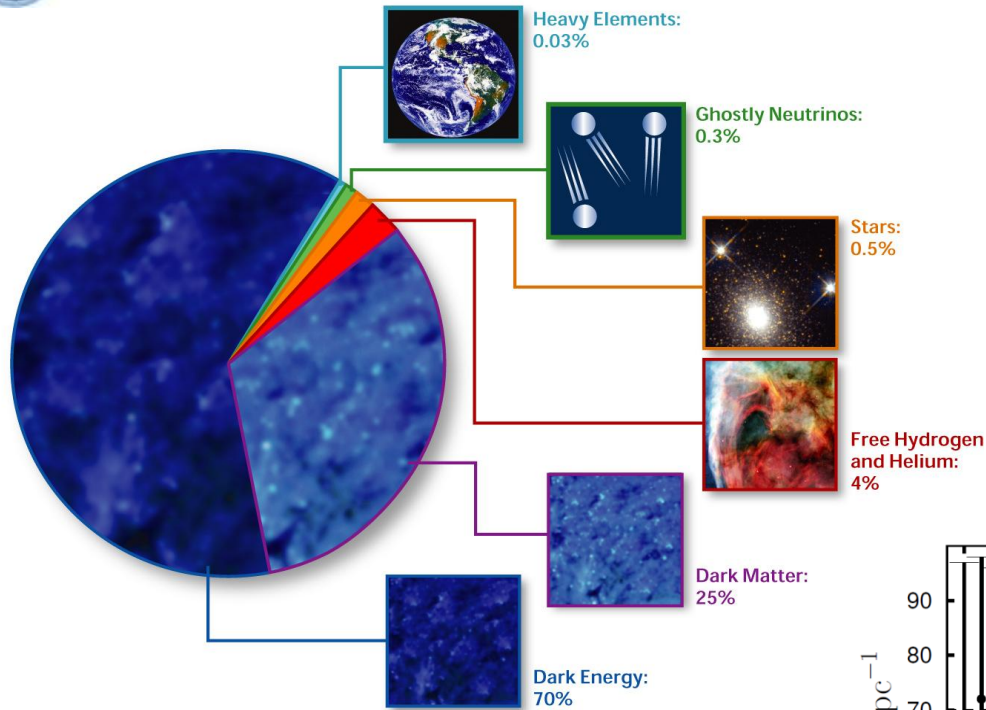
Cliff Will, Living Rev. in Relativity
Gravitational-Wave Polarization



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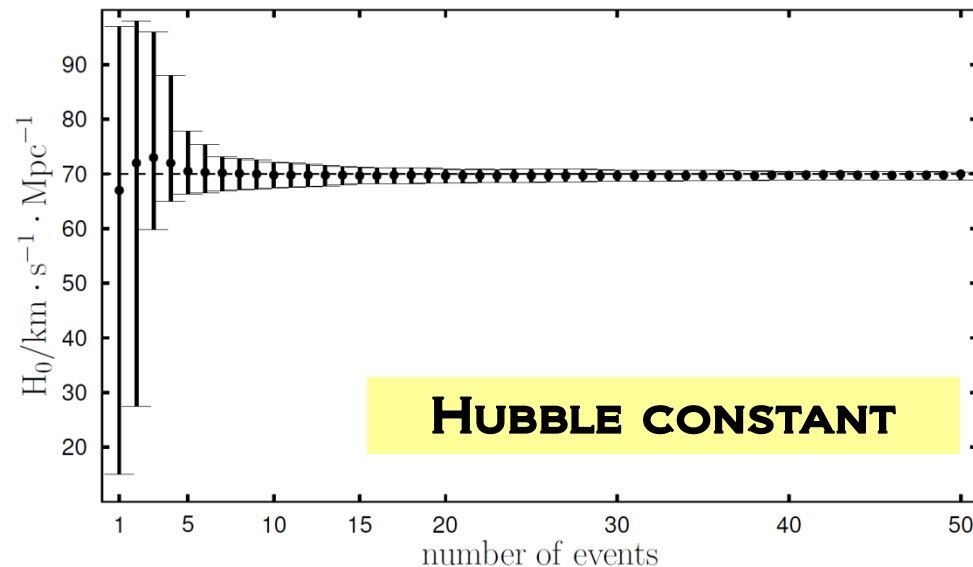


WHAT IS THE MYSTERIOUS DARK ENERGY PULLING THE UNIVERSE APART?



CBC AS STANDARD CANDLES (SIRENS)

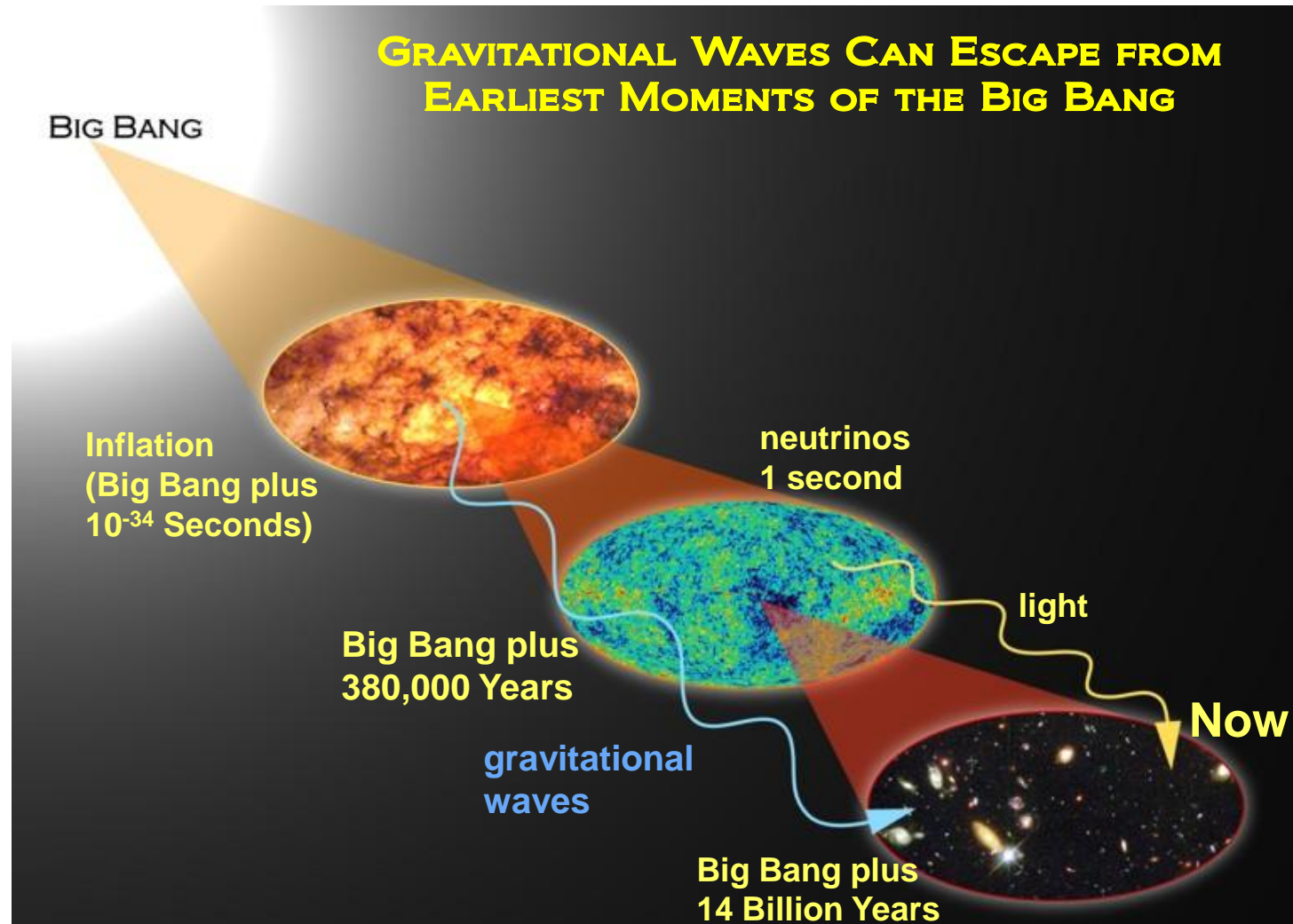
DARK ENERGY AND MATTER INTERACT THROUGH GRAVITY



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WHAT POWERED THE BIG BANG?



Nature 460, 990-994 (20 August 2009)

An upper limit on the stochastic gravitational-wave background of cosmological origin

The LIGO Scientific Collaboration & The Virgo Collaboration

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- ❑ Interferometer technology demonstrated
- ❑ LIGO/Virgo upgrades to 2nd generation funded, construction in progress. More detectors to come.
- ❑ Preparing for multi-messenger observation
- ❑ First long run in 2016: stay tuned!

2016: CENTENNIAL OF GENERAL RELATIVITY
We look forward to celebrating it with a discovery