

# Noises in Interferometry

The image shows two individuals in white cleanroom suits and masks, kneeling inside a large, dark, cylindrical structure. They are looking at a smartphone held by one of them. The interior is illuminated with a strong green light, highlighting the complex machinery and structural elements of the interferometer. The scene is a cleanroom environment, typical for precision optical experiments.

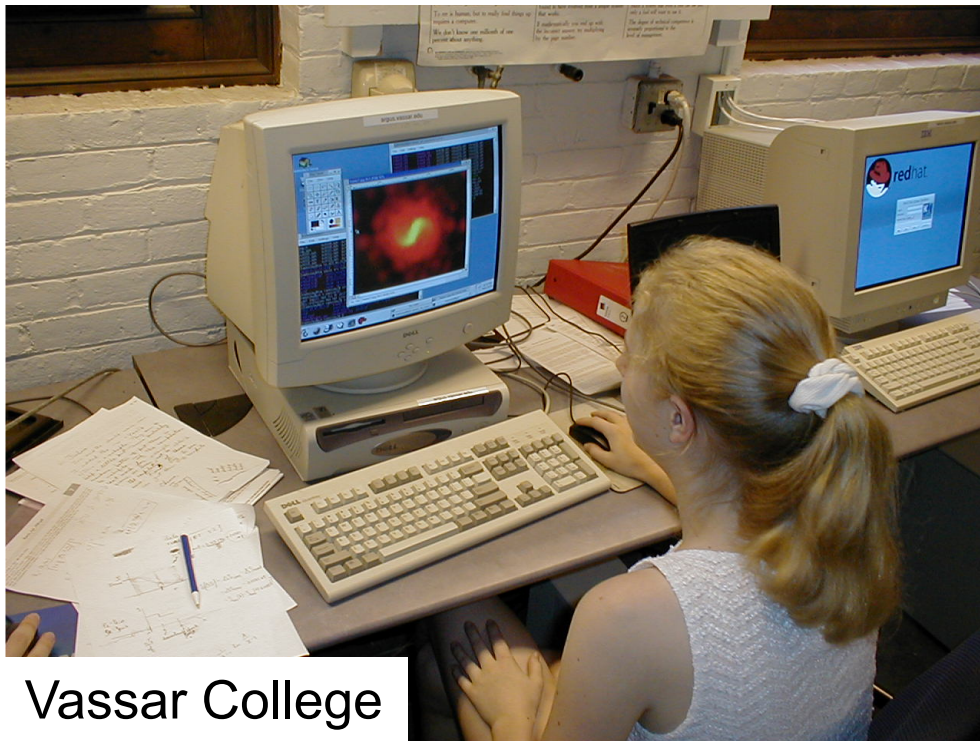
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# Undergraduate summer research experiences

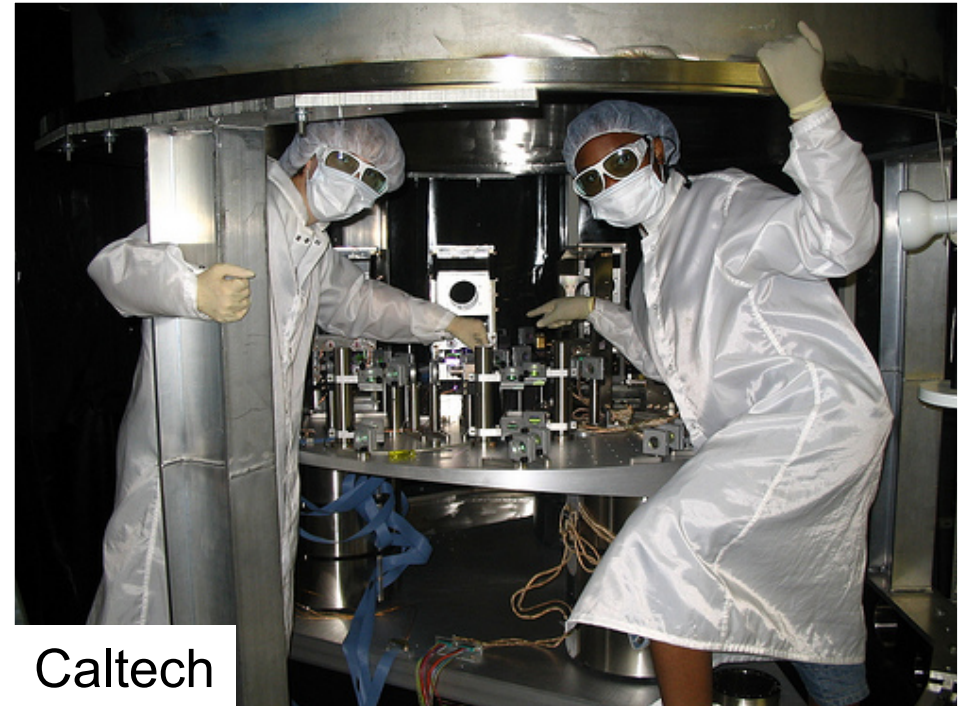


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- Modeling
- Data analysis
- Experiment

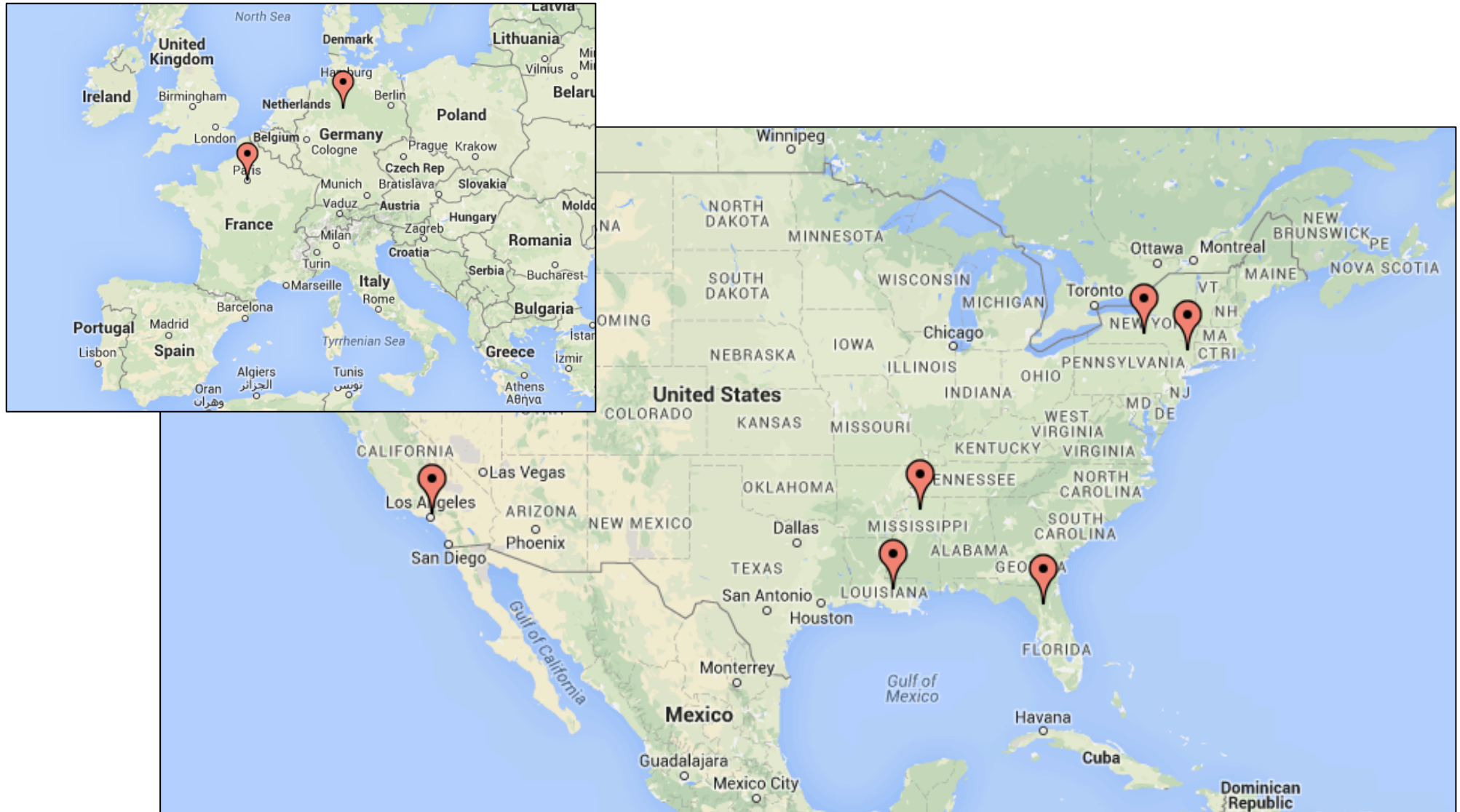


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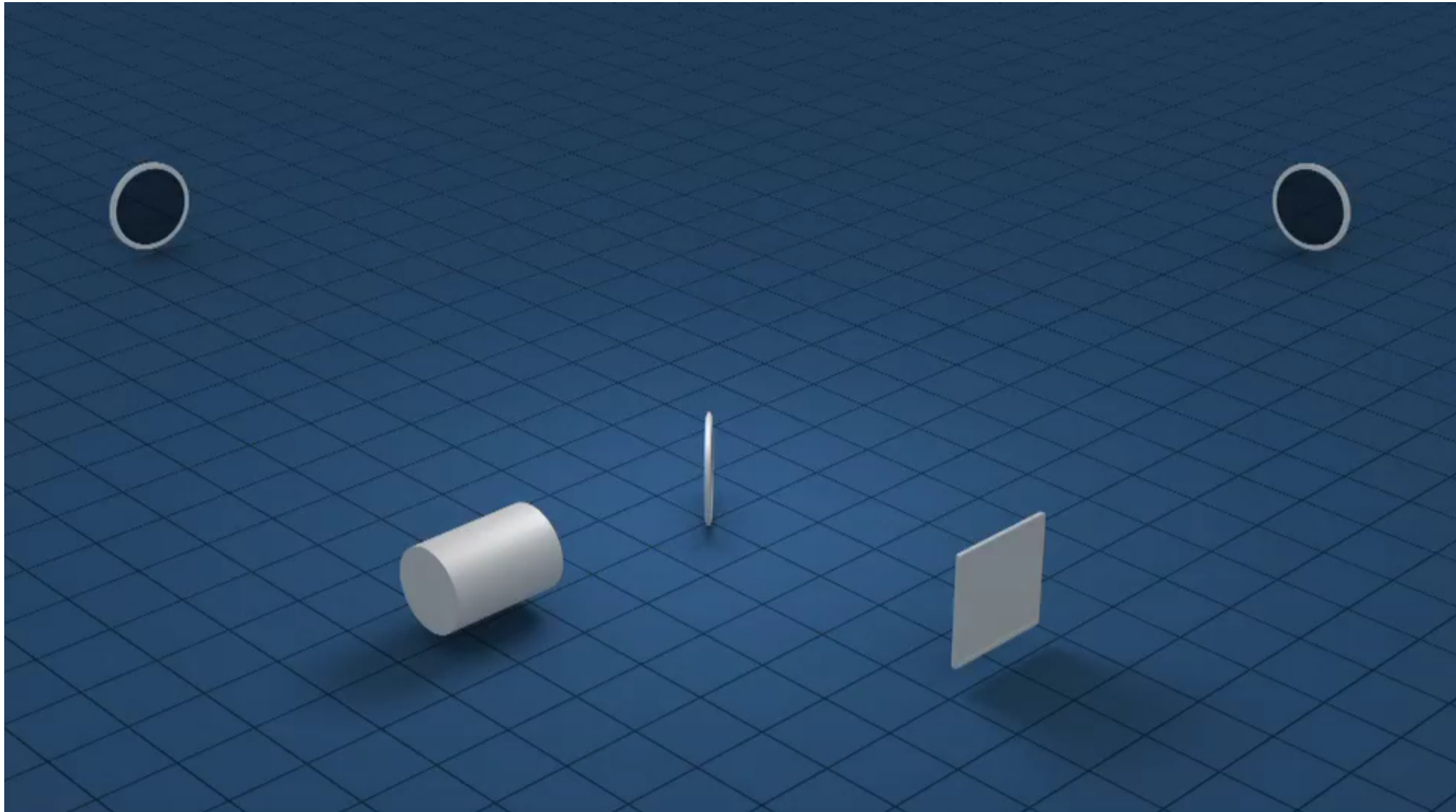


The places I've lived (+ Cardiff!)

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# The gravitational wave detectors

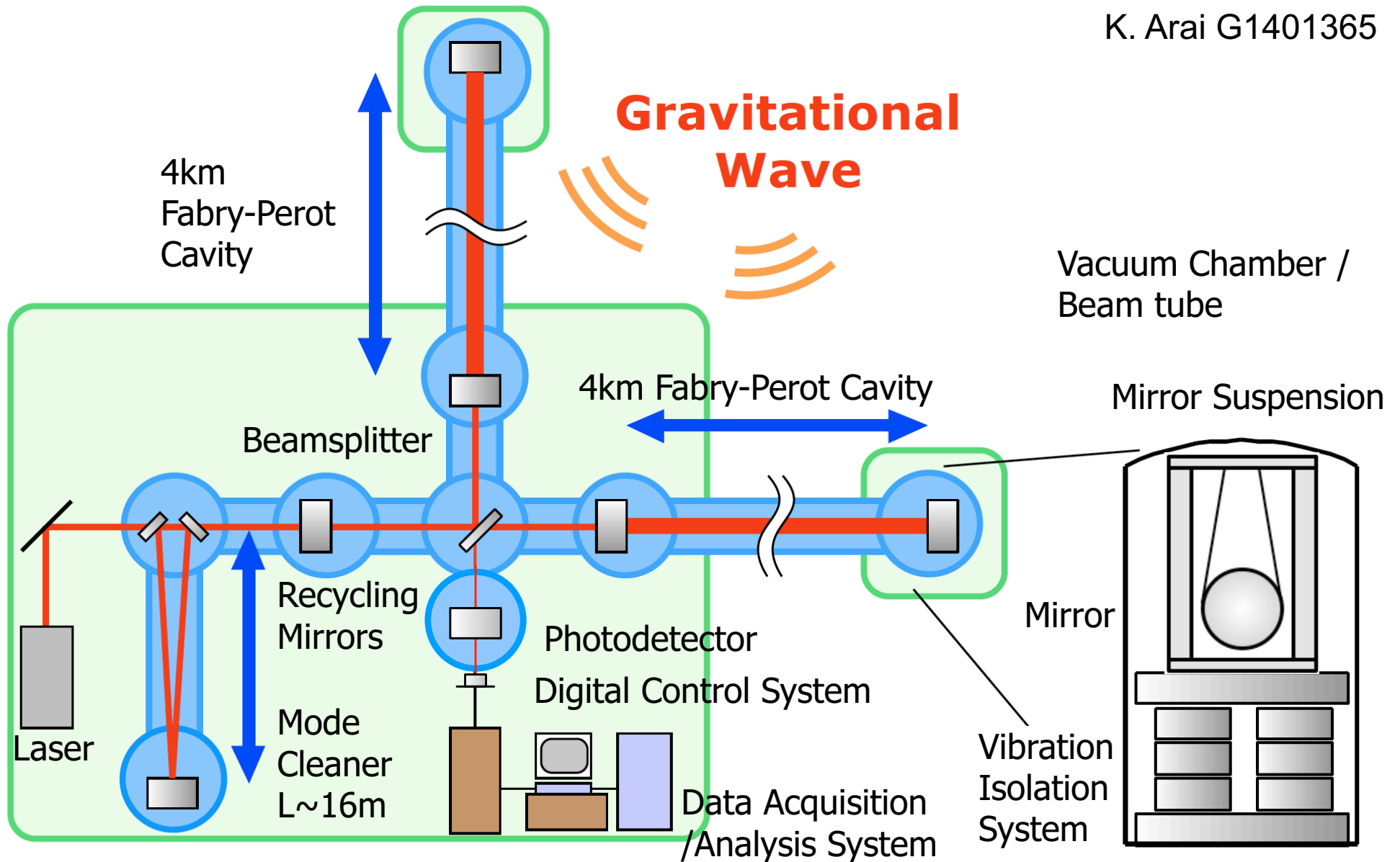


The most precise ruler ever constructed.



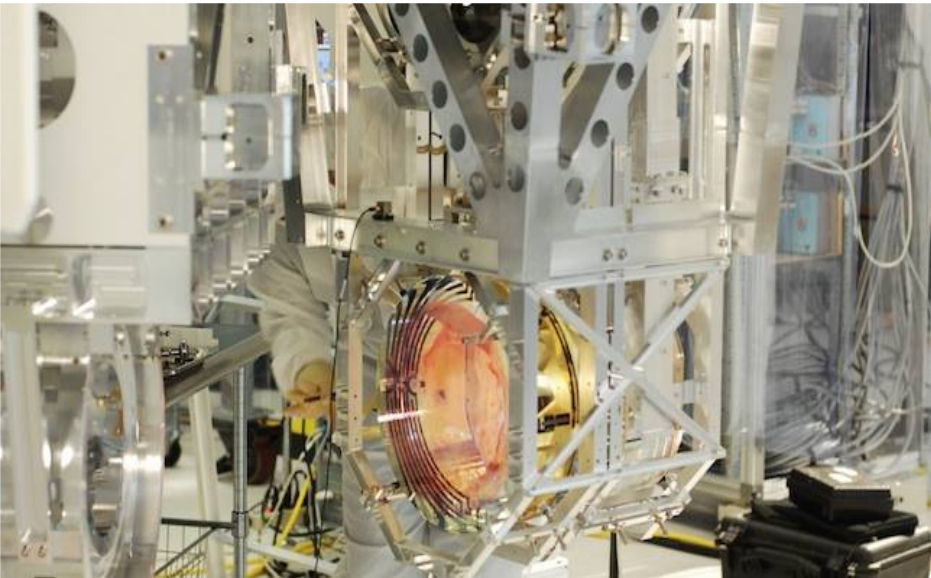
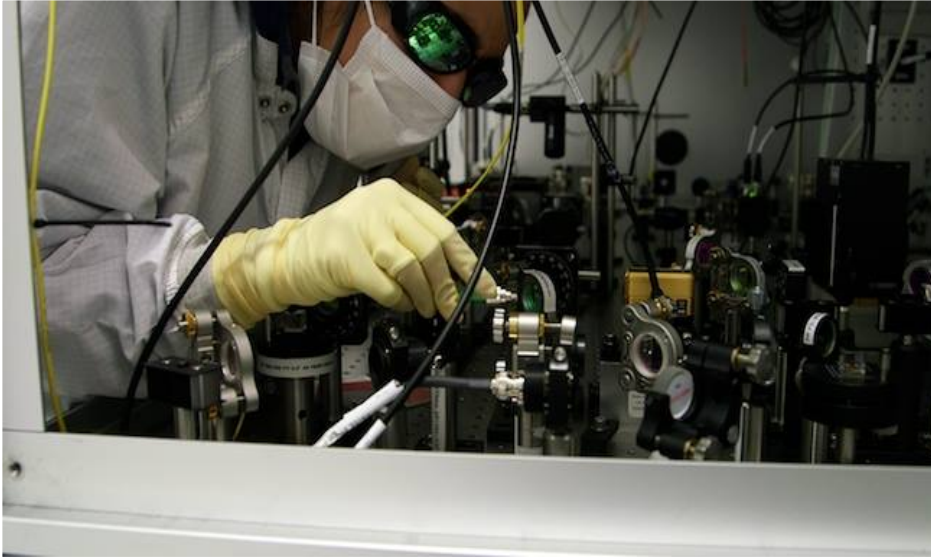
# Components of the interferometer

K. Arai G1401365



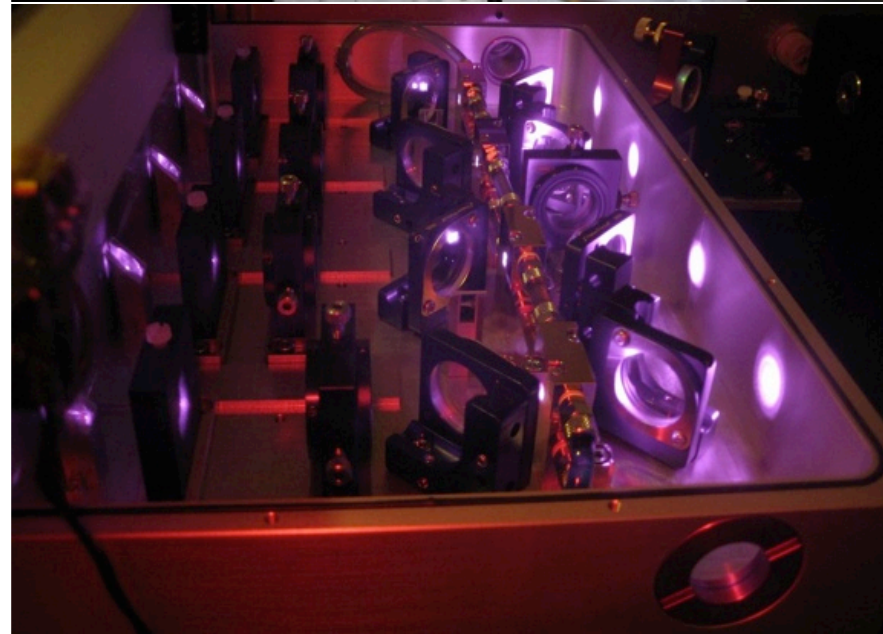


# What the detectors really look like



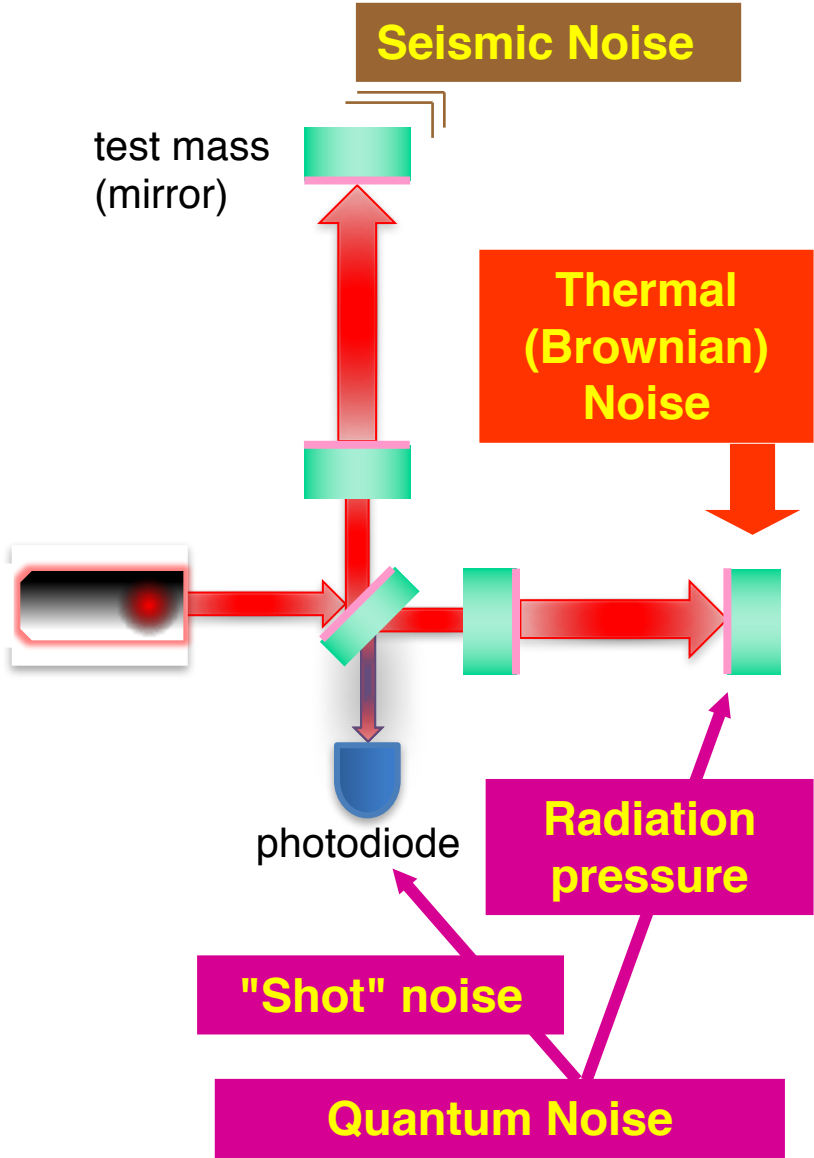
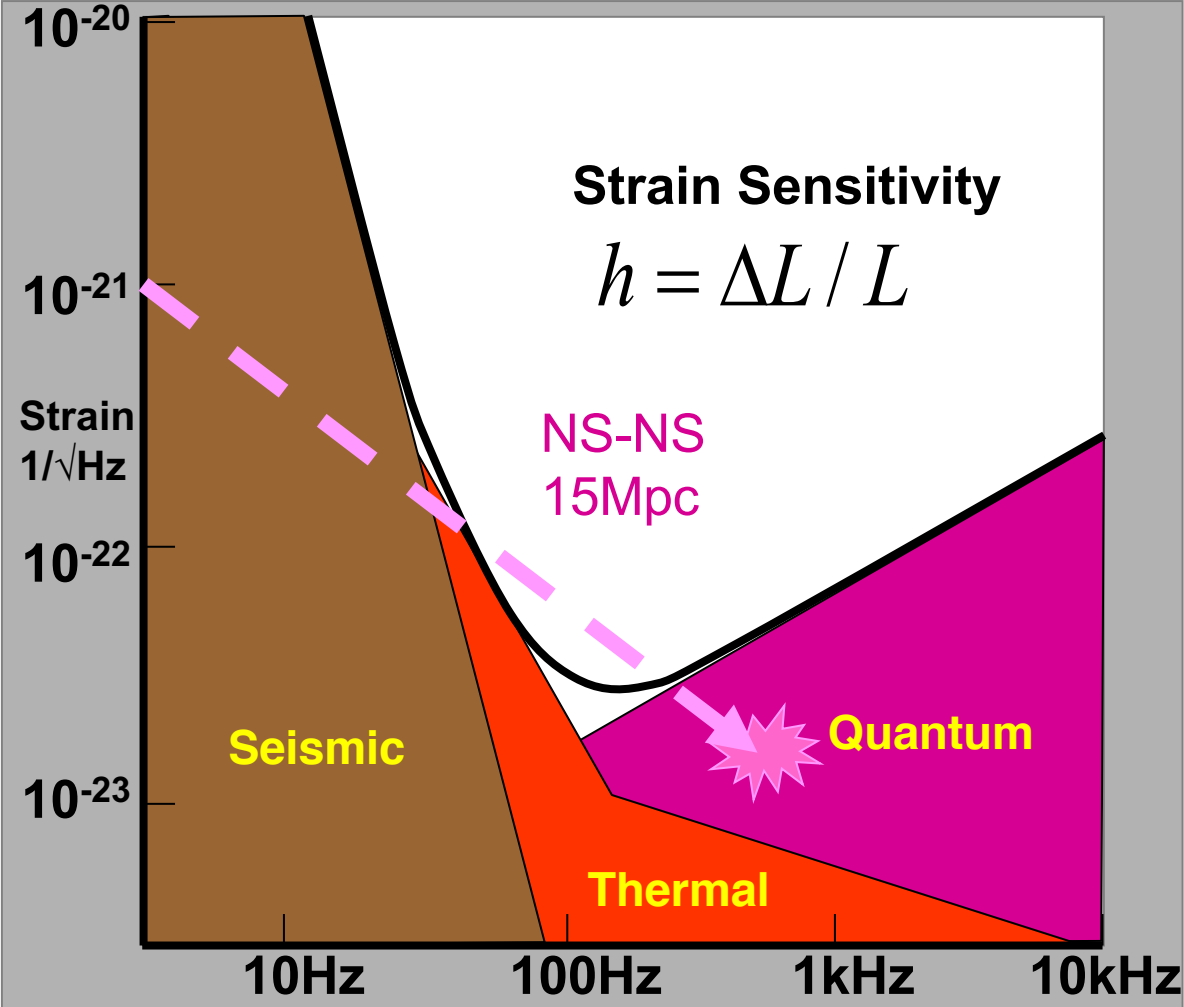


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# Noise categories



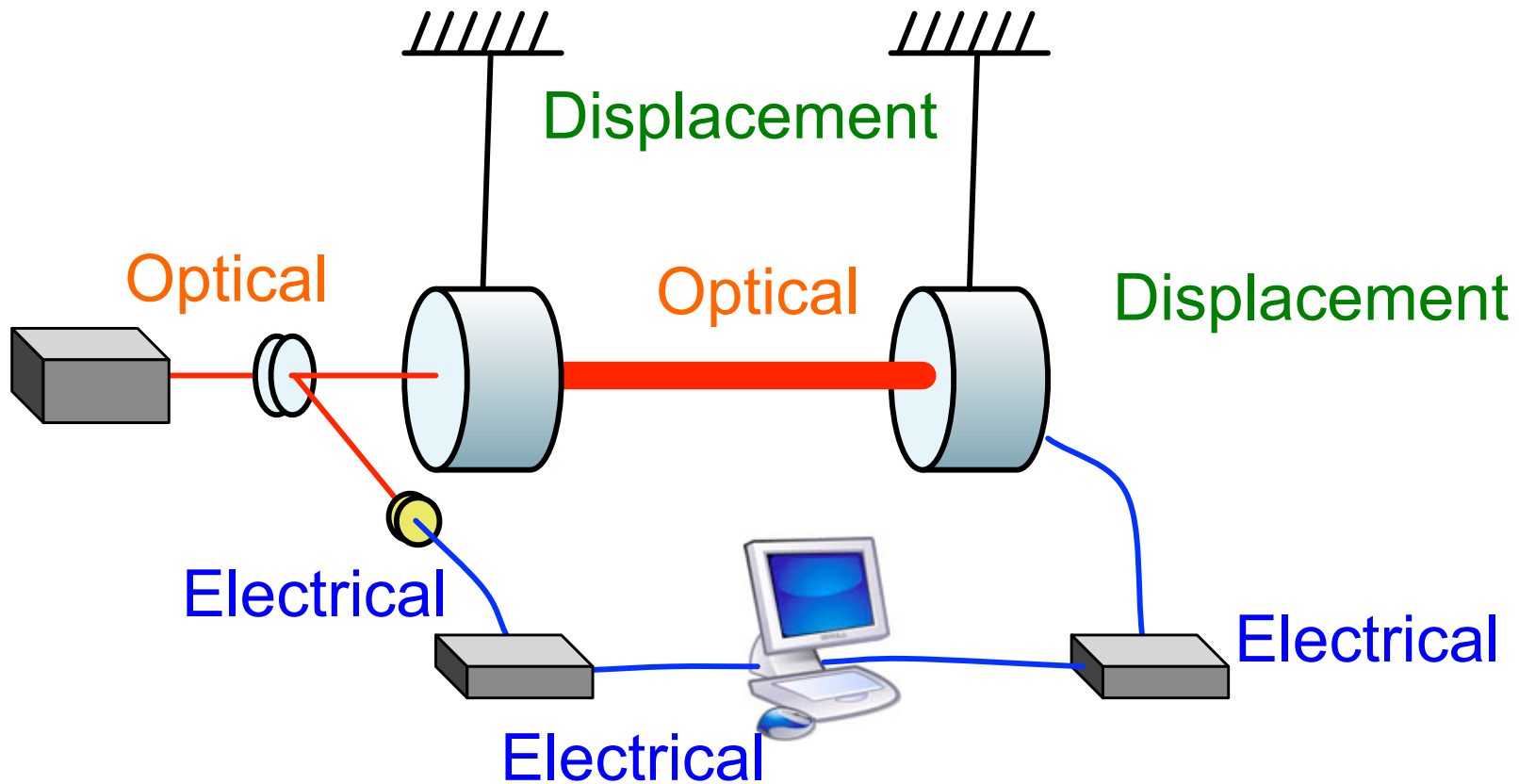
# Noise categories

3 fundamental types of noises:

Mechanics → Displacement noises

Optics → Optical noises

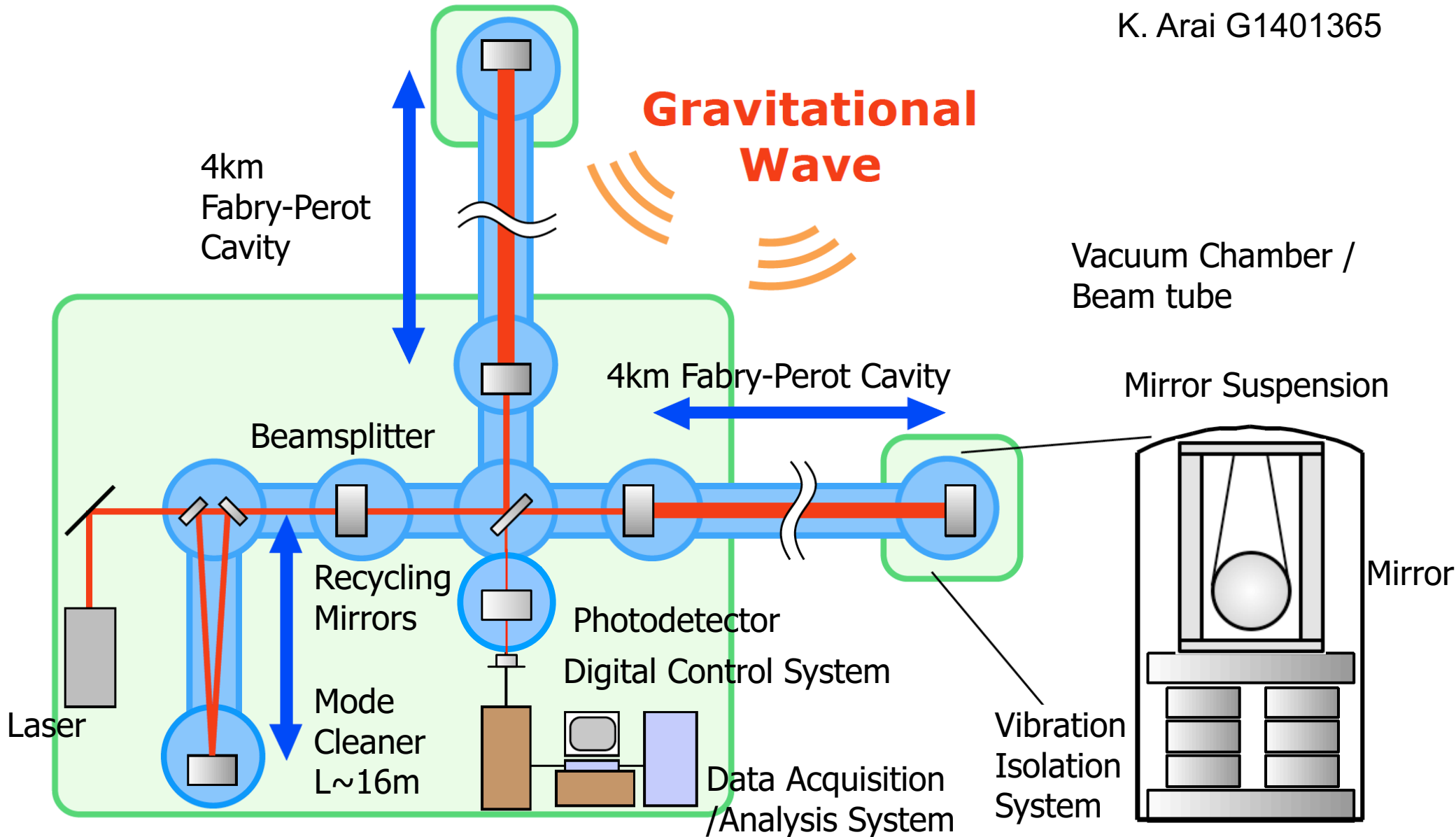
Electronics → Electrical noises



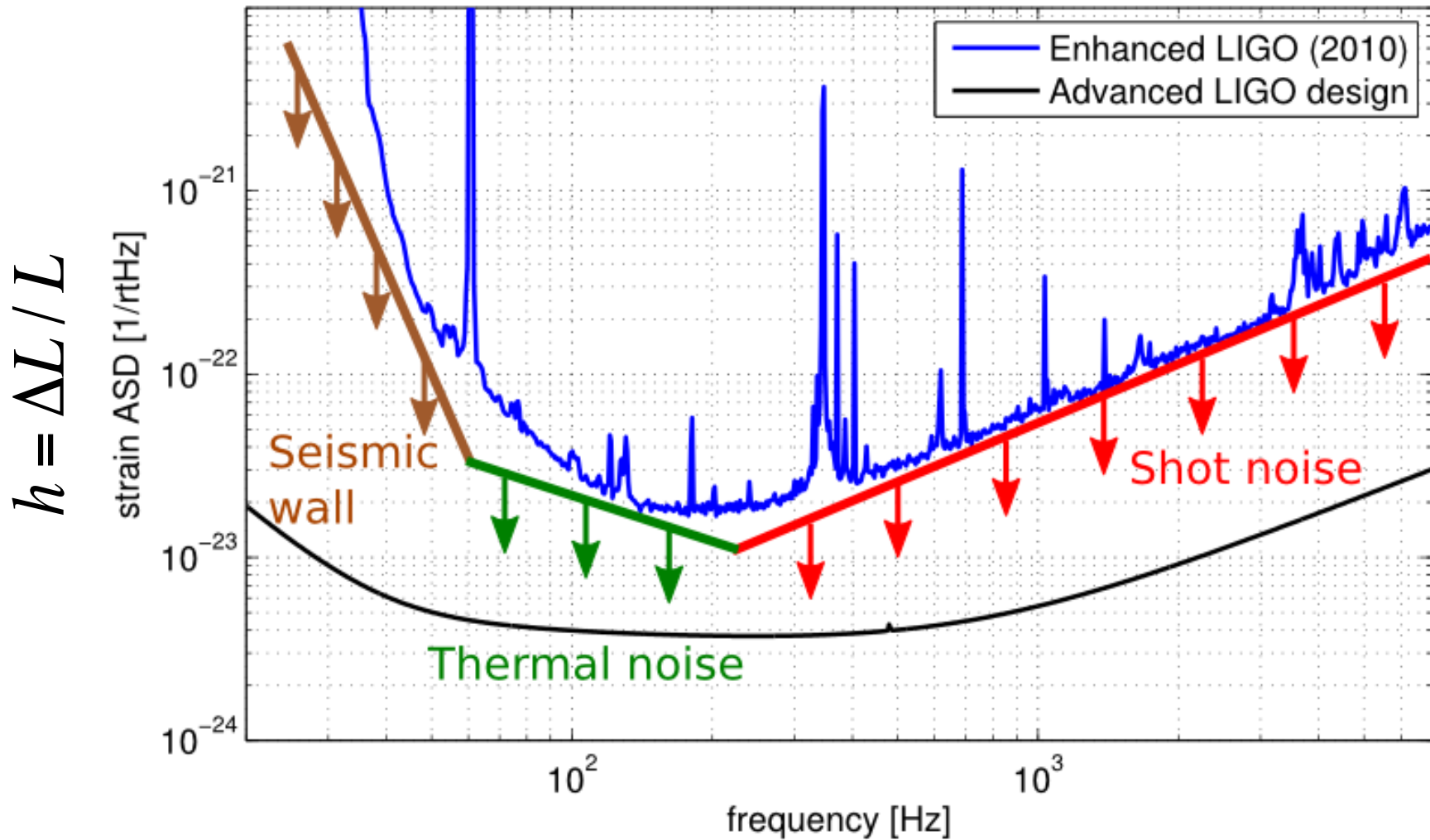


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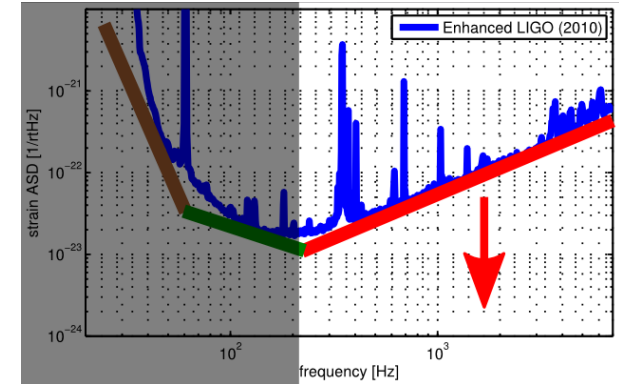
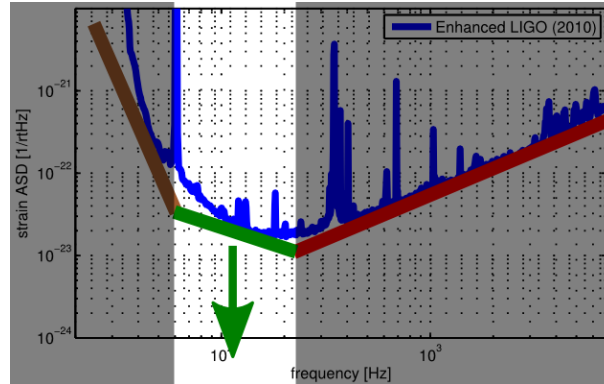
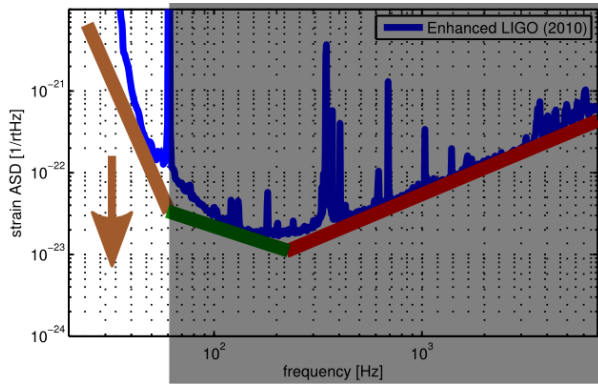


# Experimental challenge: noises

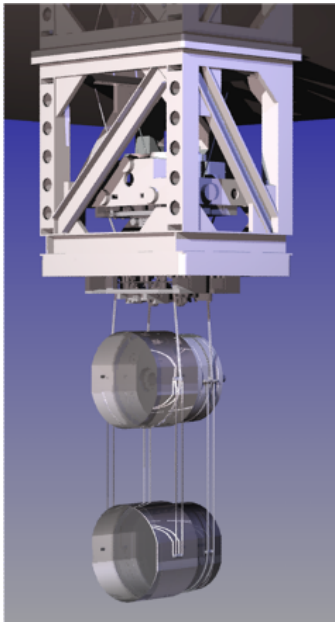




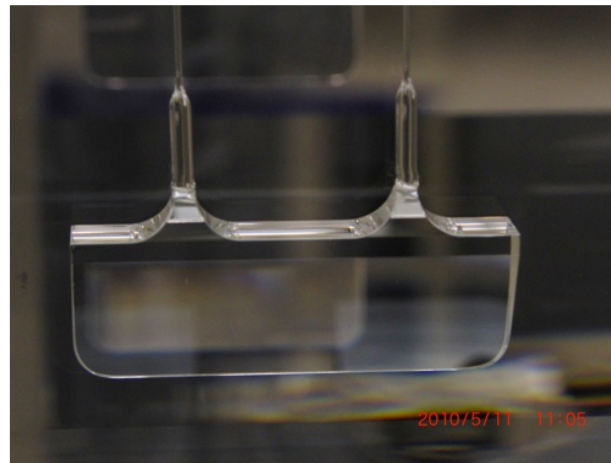
# Background: From Initial to Advanced LIGO



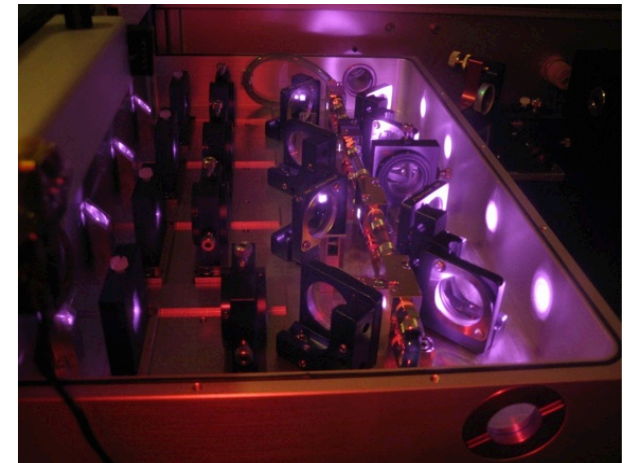
Extreme isolation



Better optics



Higher power



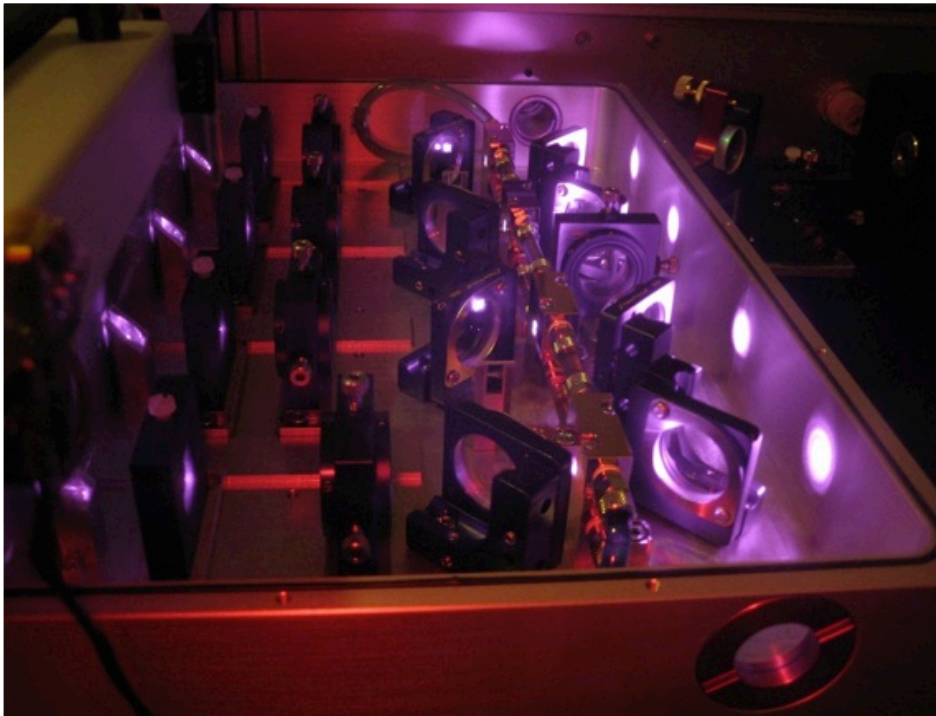
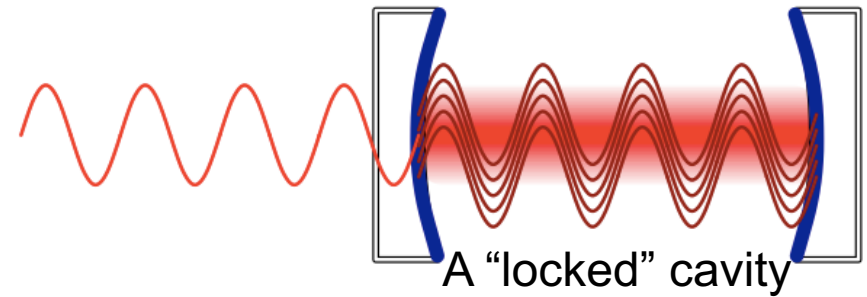
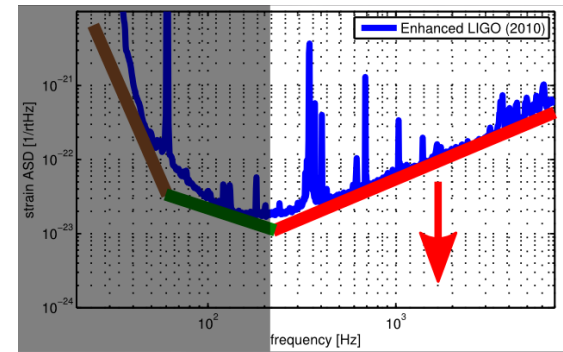
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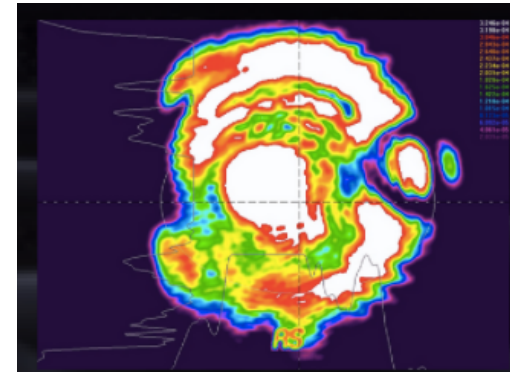
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# More power...

- 100 W input power
- 5 kW on beam-splitter
- 1 MW in arm cavities

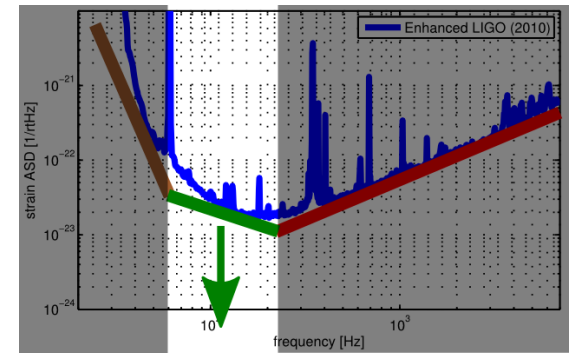


Radiation pressure and thermal effects become a serious problem

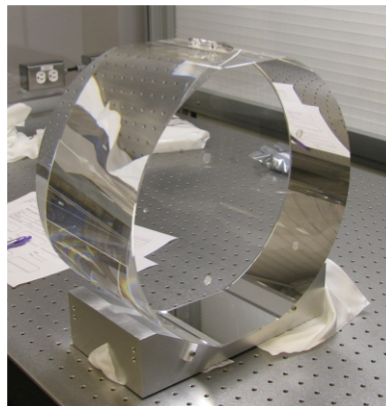
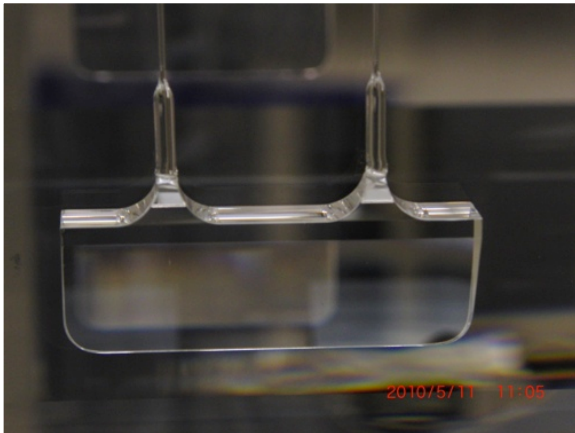




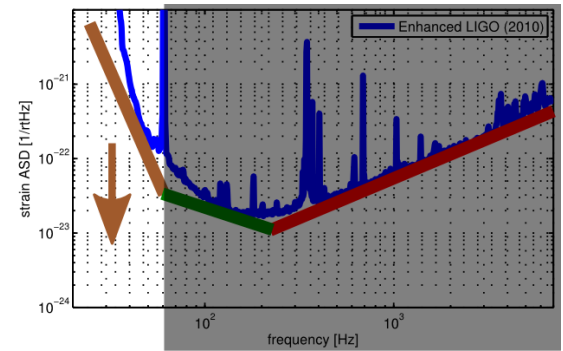
...better optics...



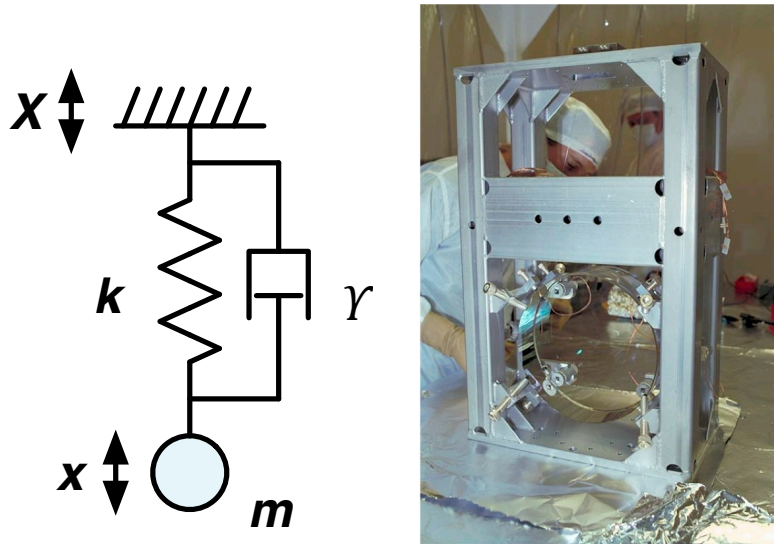
- Better coatings (titania-doped layers)
- Monolithic suspensions
- Larger beam spots



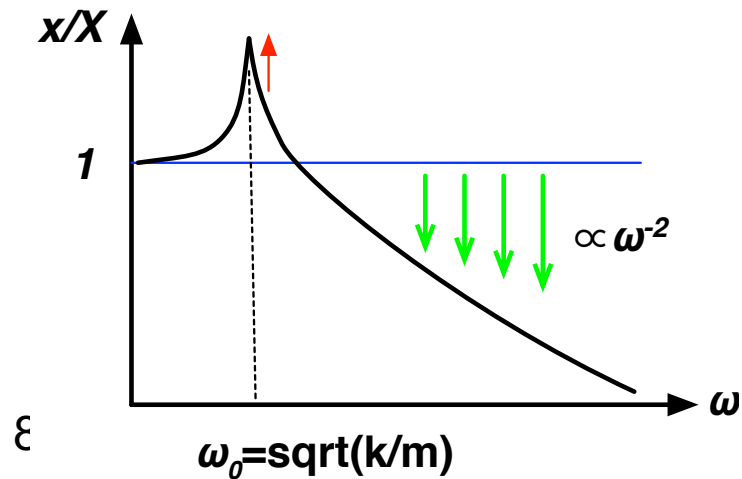
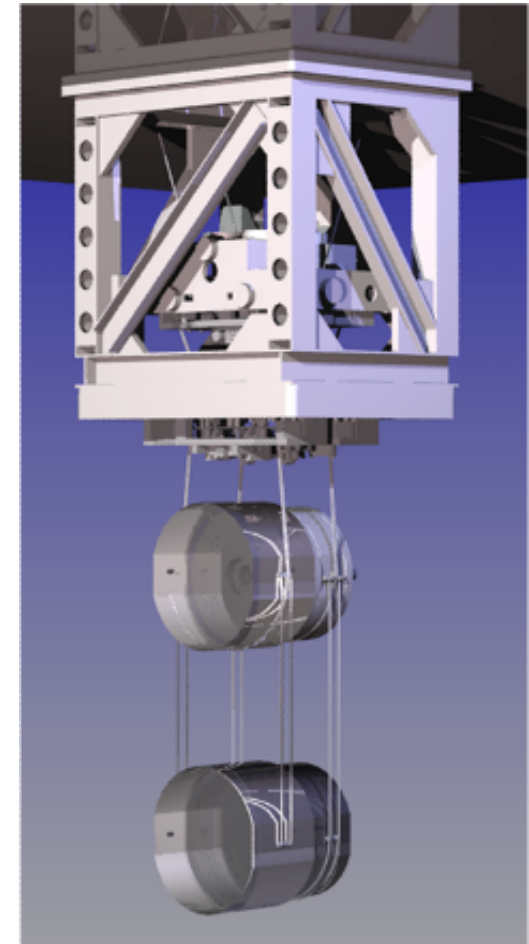
# ...extreme isolation



Initial LIGO: single-stage suspensions



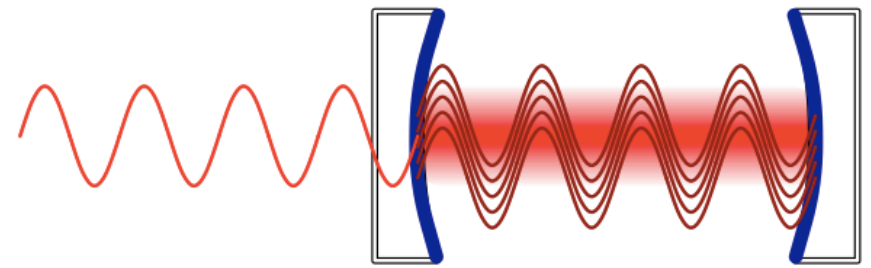
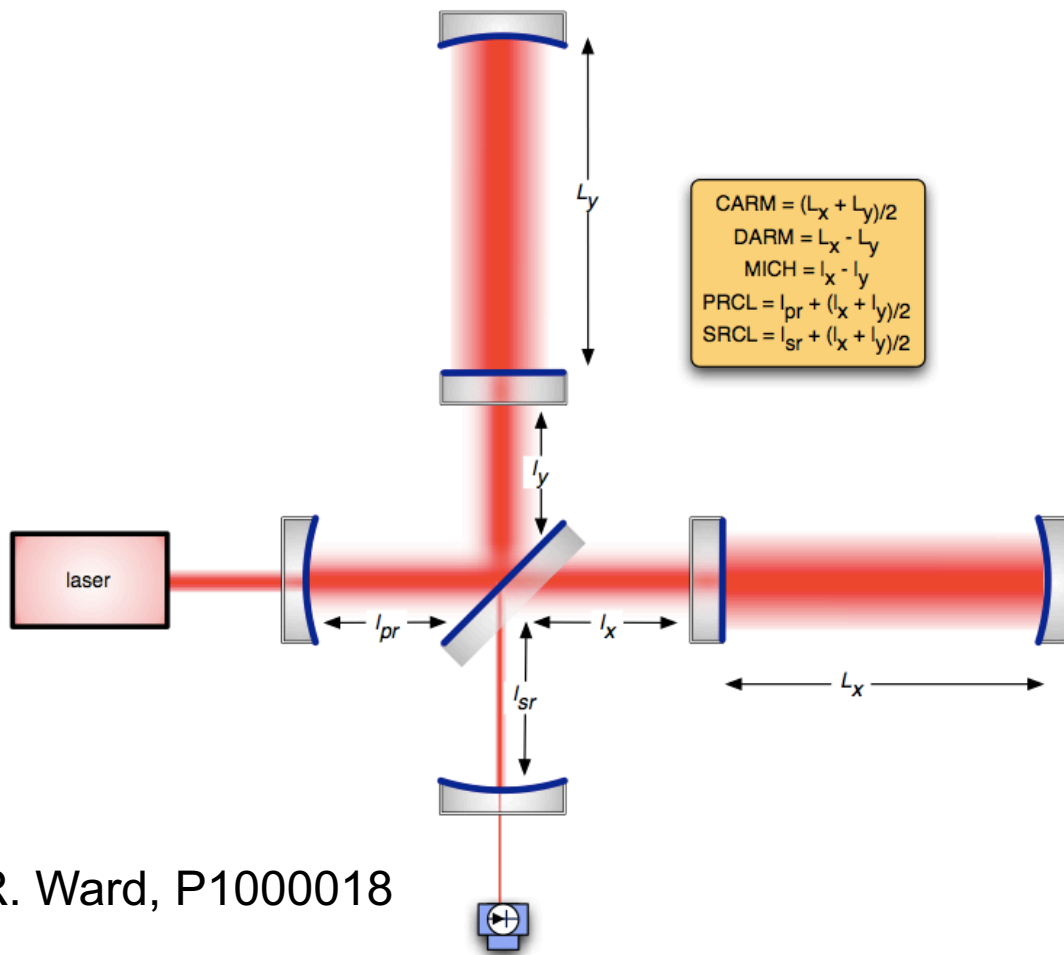
Advanced LIGO:  
quadruple-stage  
suspensions





# Why mirror motion is not tolerable

- 5 cavities  $\rightarrow$  5 length degrees of freedom

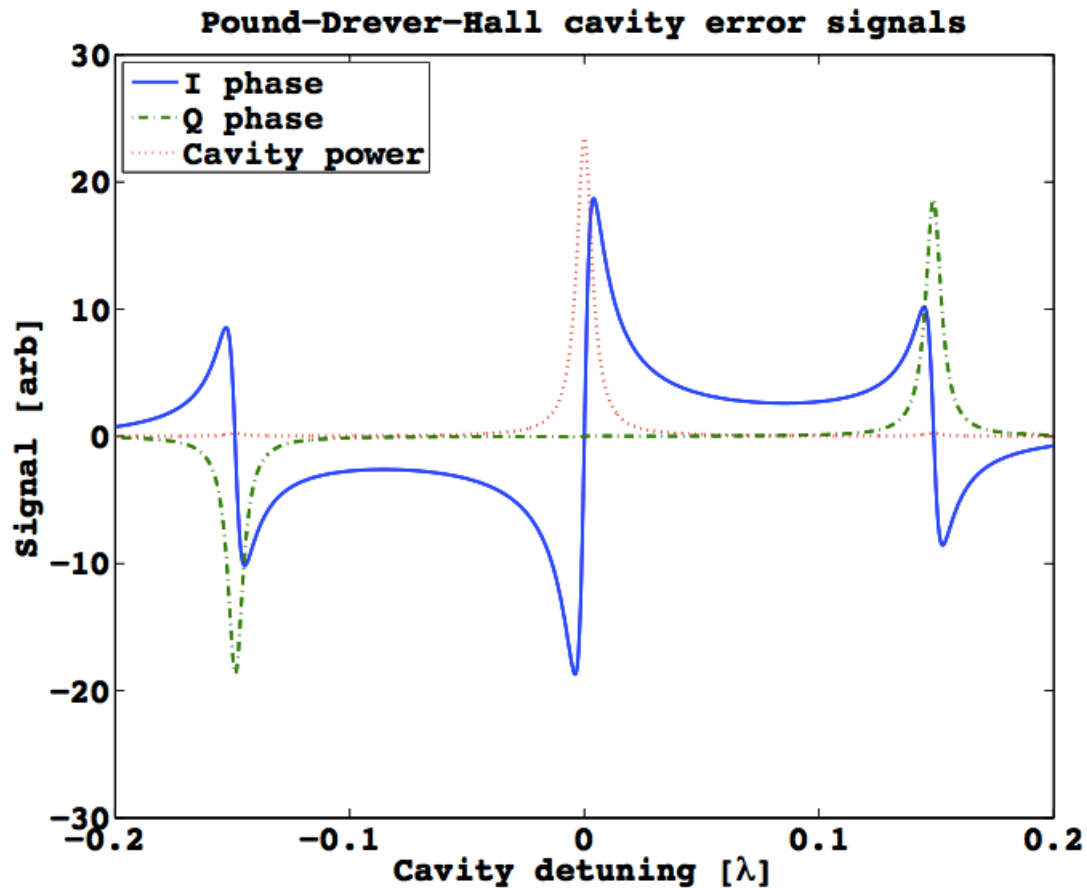


A "locked" cavity.

All cavities must be locked simultaneously.

# Why mirror motion is not tolerable

- GW detection relies on operation in the linear regime

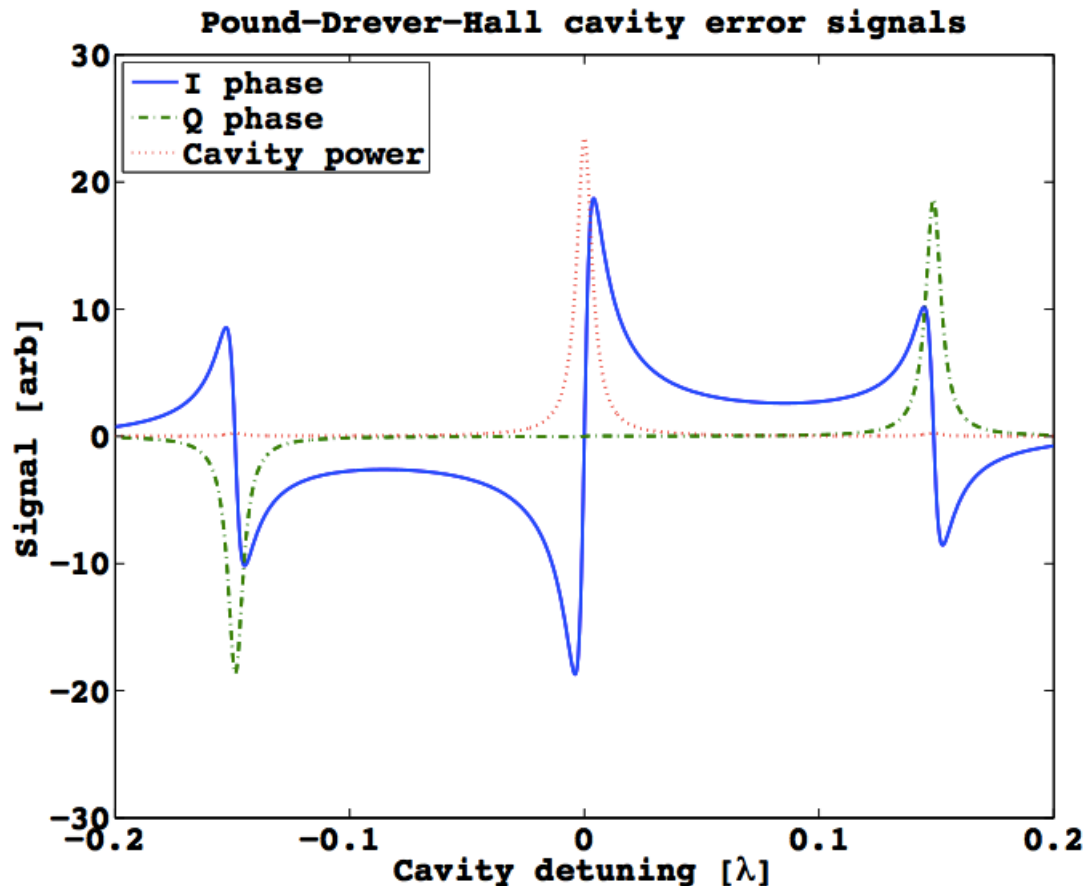


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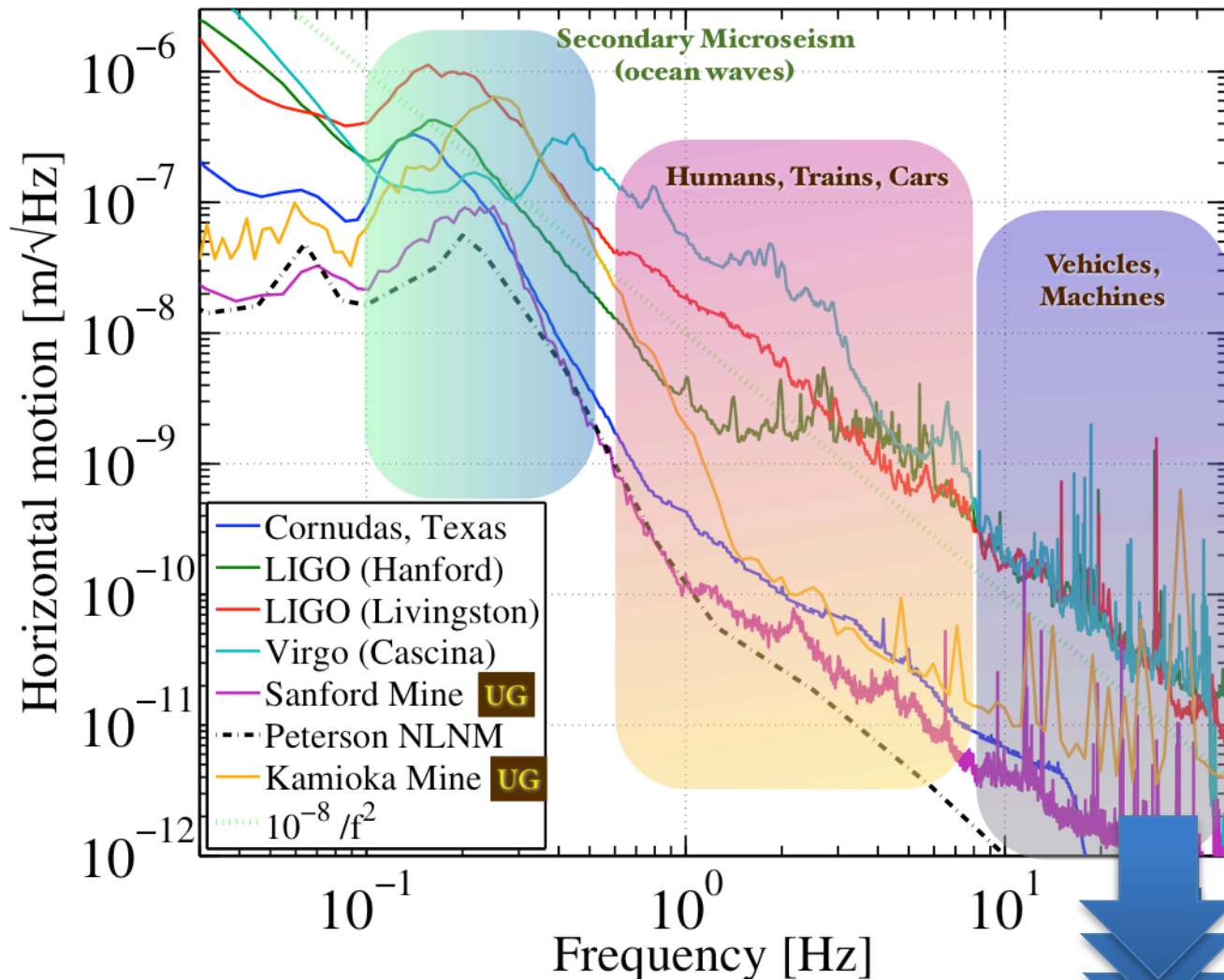
- But the ground motion is:

$$1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m RMS !}$$



# Seismic noise

Even when there is no noticeable earth quake...



Need:

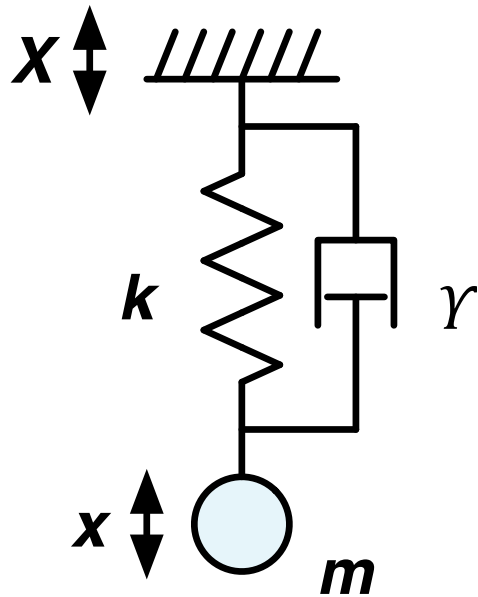
- 10 orders of magnitude isolation at 30 Hz
- 9 orders of magnitude isolation at 0.15 Hz

**Target displacement noise:**

**$10^{-20}$  m/rHz at 30 Hz**

# Passive isolation

**Vibration isolation ~ use a harmonic oscillator**  
**A harmonic oscillator provides vibration isolation**  
**above its resonant frequency**



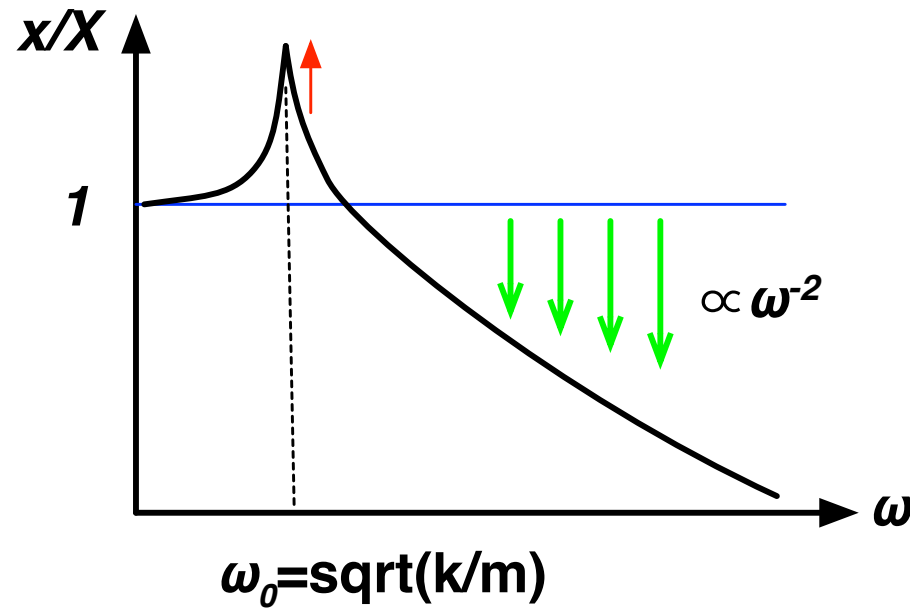
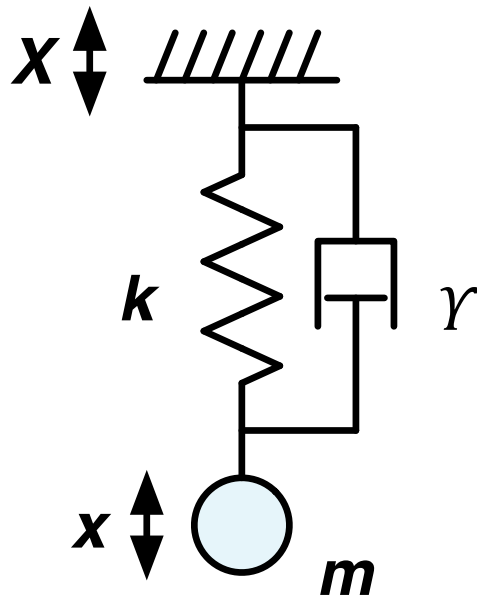
$$m\ddot{x} = -k(x - X) - \gamma(\dot{x} - \dot{X})$$
$$\left(\omega_0^2 + i\frac{\gamma}{m}\omega - \omega^2\right) \tilde{x} = \left(\omega_0^2 + i\frac{\gamma}{m}\omega\right) \tilde{X}$$
$$\frac{\tilde{x}}{\tilde{X}} = \frac{\omega_0^2 + i\frac{\gamma}{m}\omega}{\omega_0^2 + i\frac{\gamma}{m}\omega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

Recall:

$$F[d/dt f(t)] = i w F(w)$$

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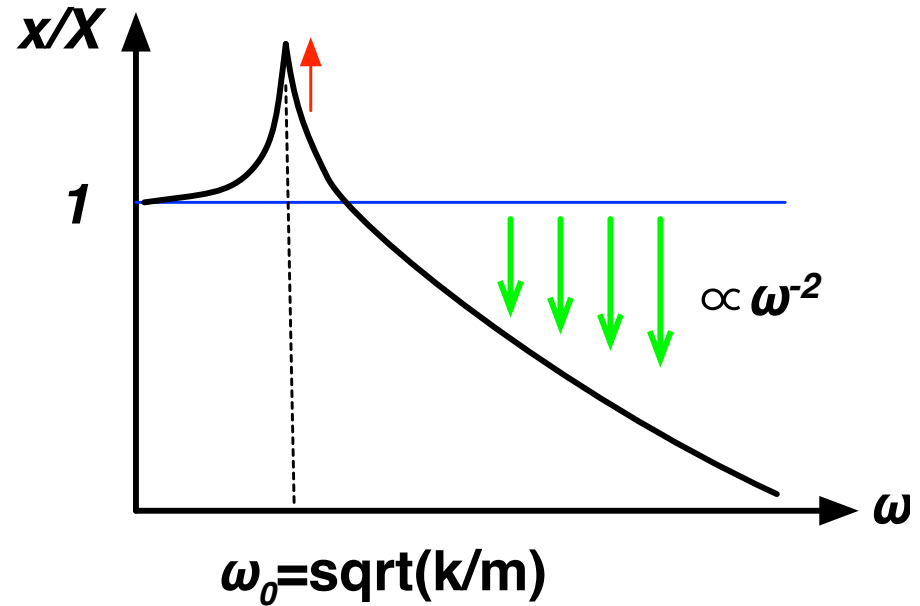
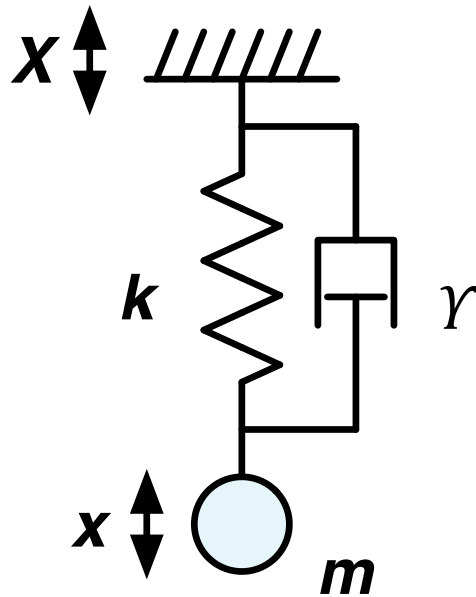


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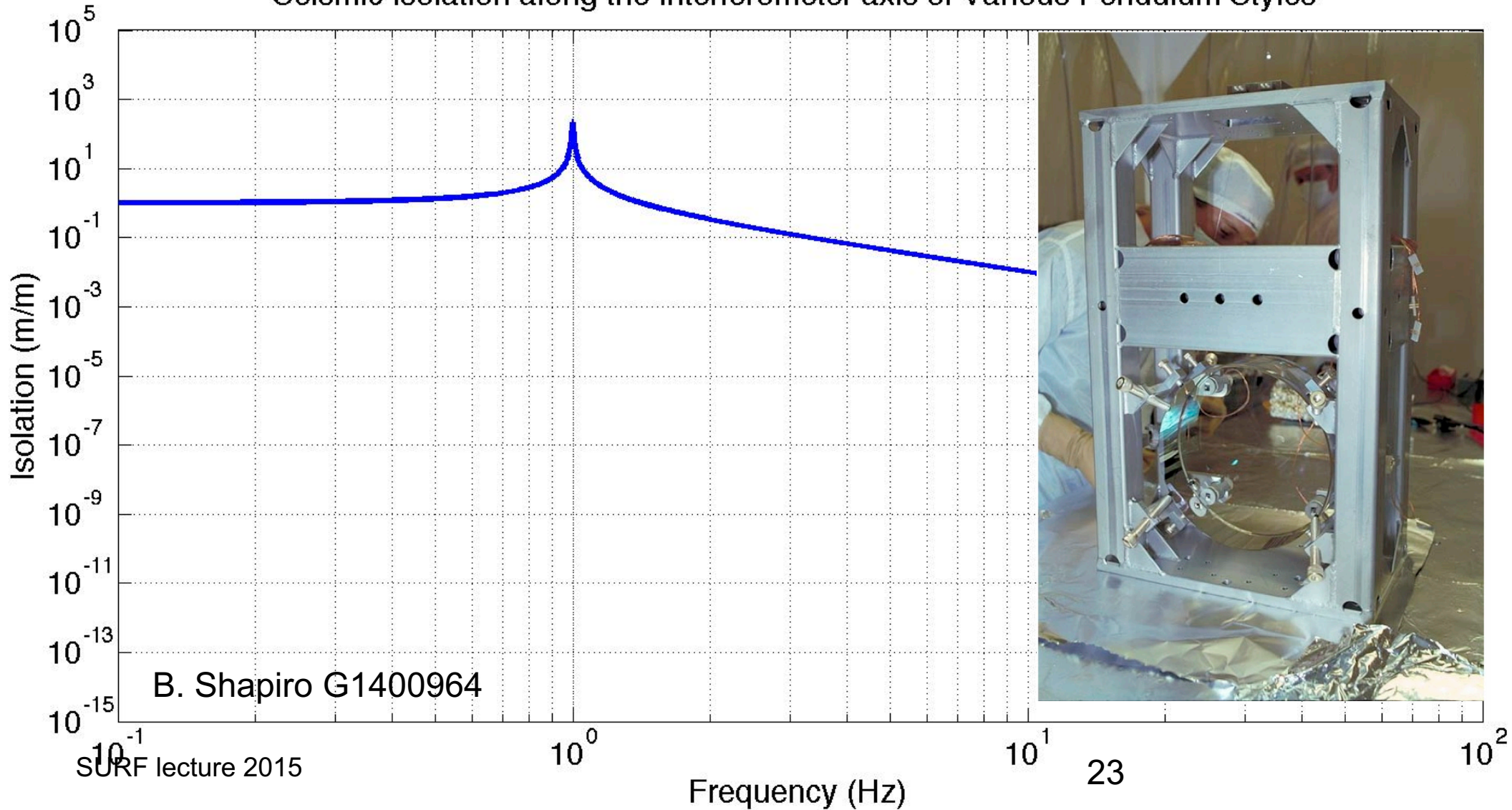


For  $\omega_0 = 1\text{Hz}$ ,  
 $|x/X| \sim 1/1000$  @  $30\text{Hz}$

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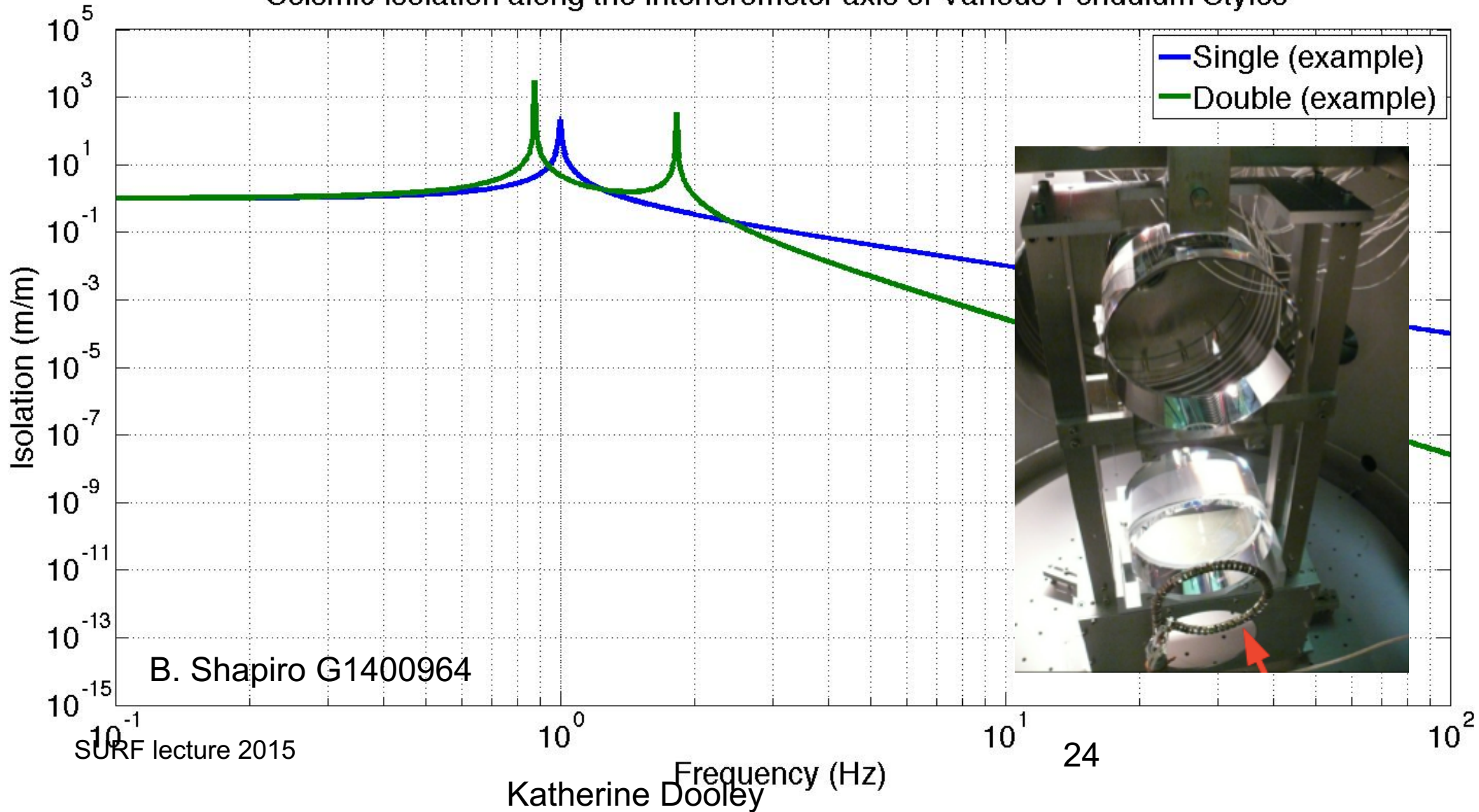
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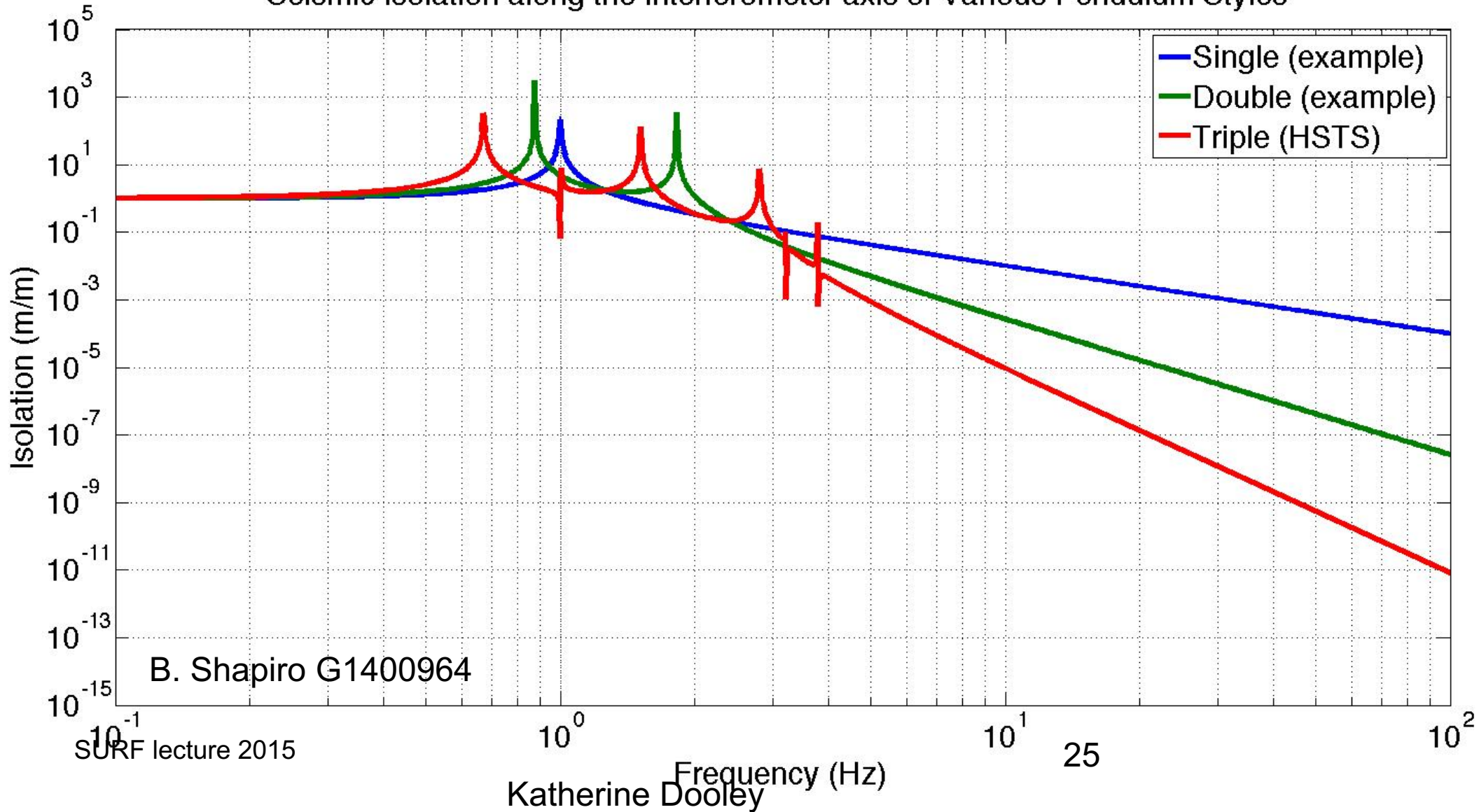


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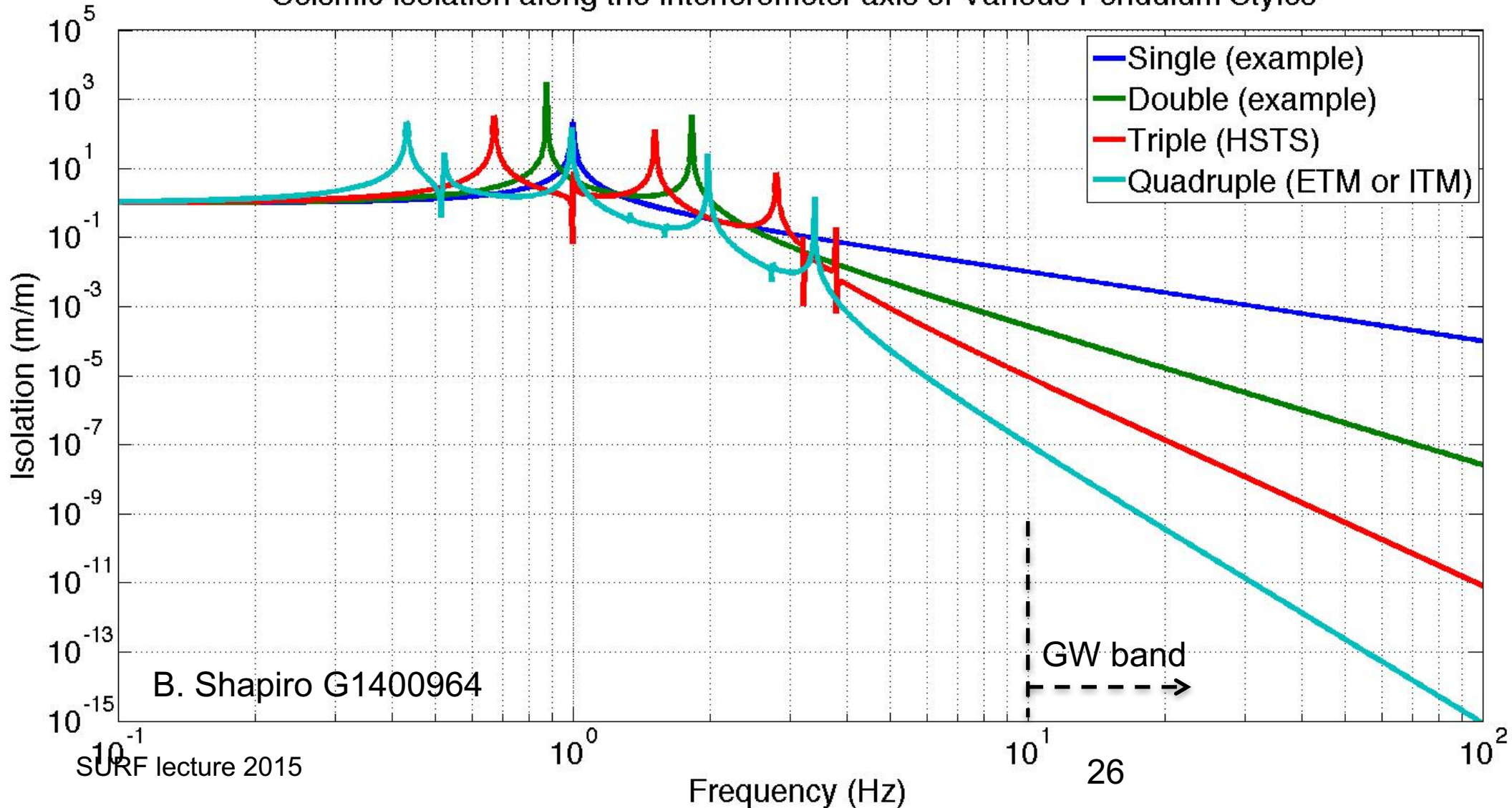
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# Suspension Isolation: Initial LIGO (~2005) to Advanced LIGO (~2014)

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# Advanced LIGO quadruple suspension

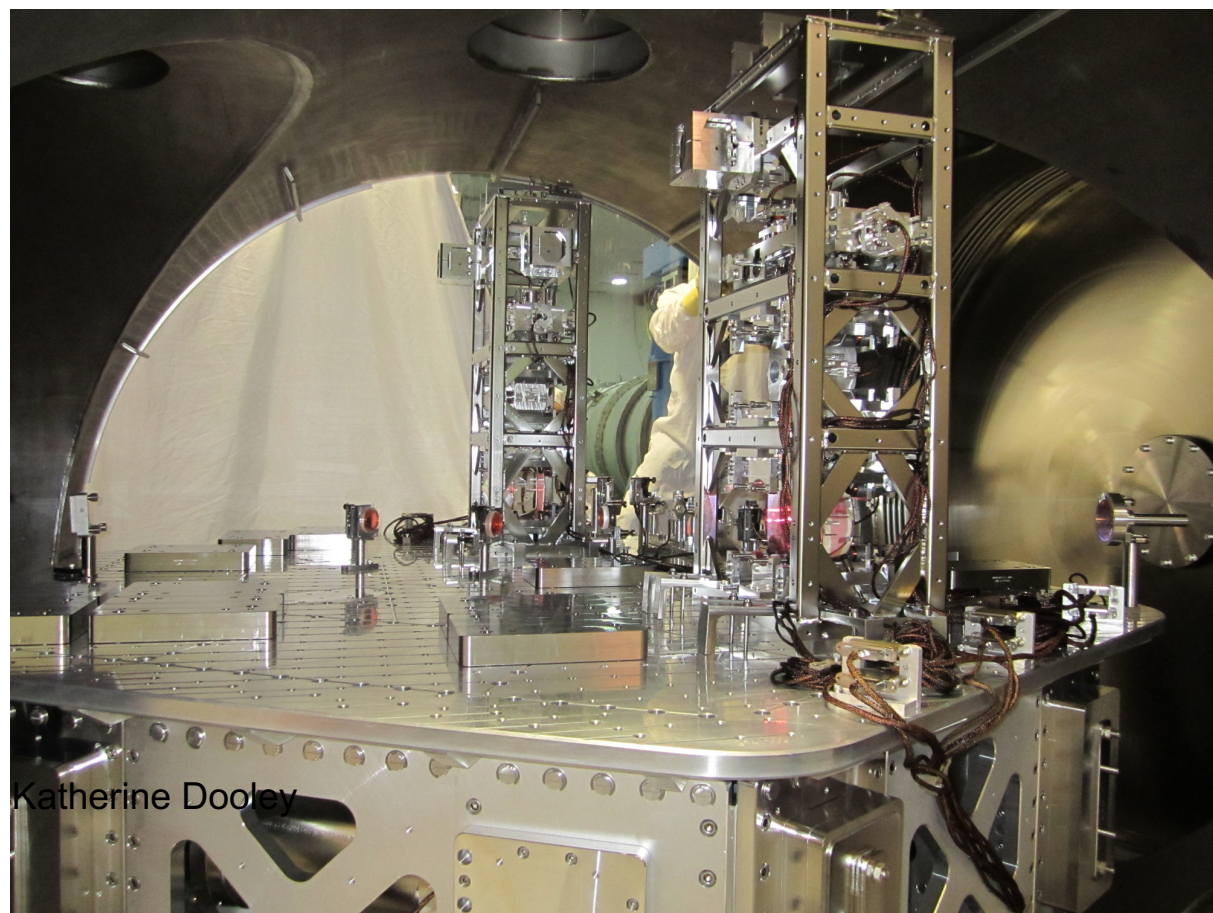
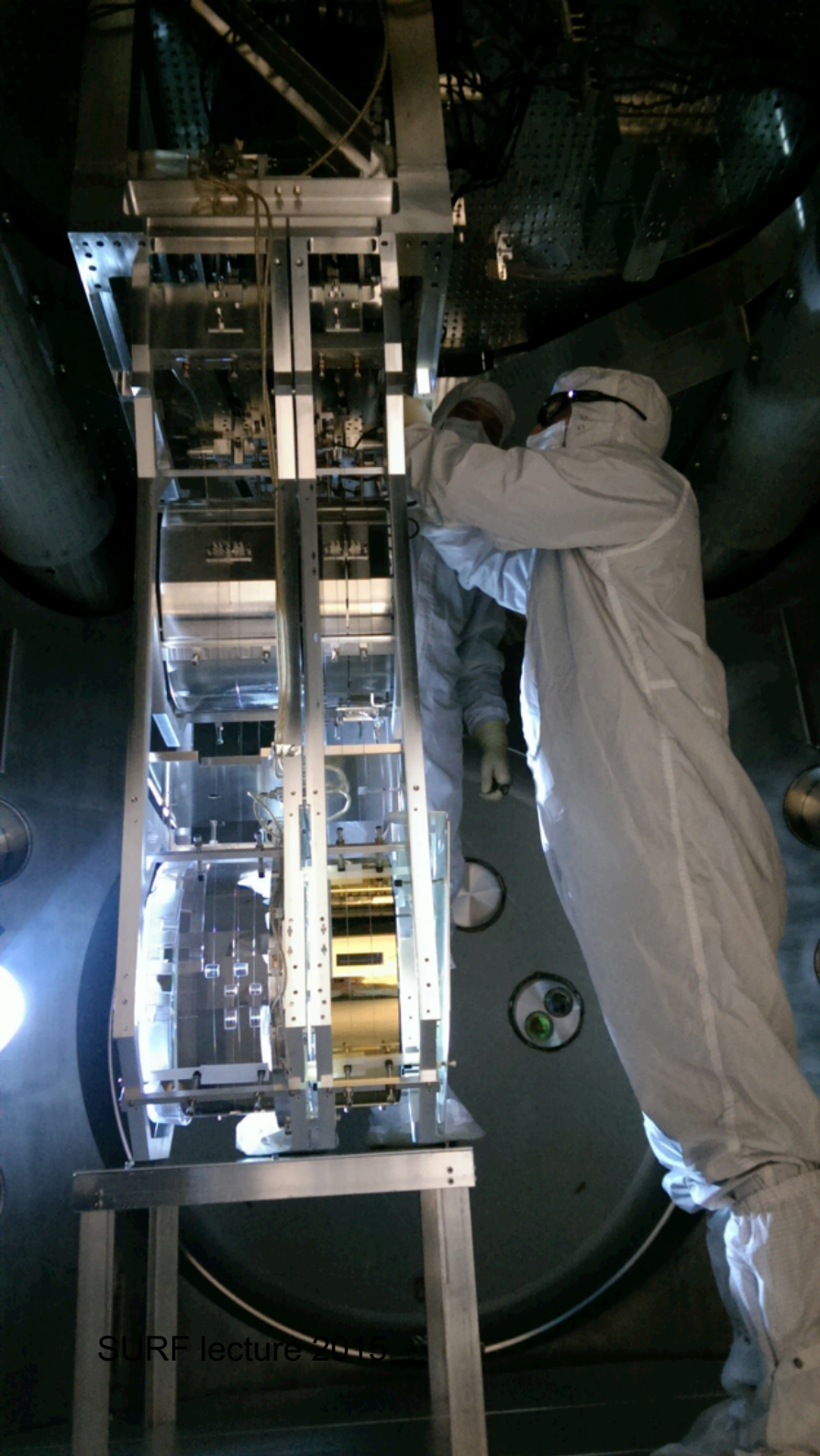




Test mass suspension on 2-stage in-vacuum isolation table

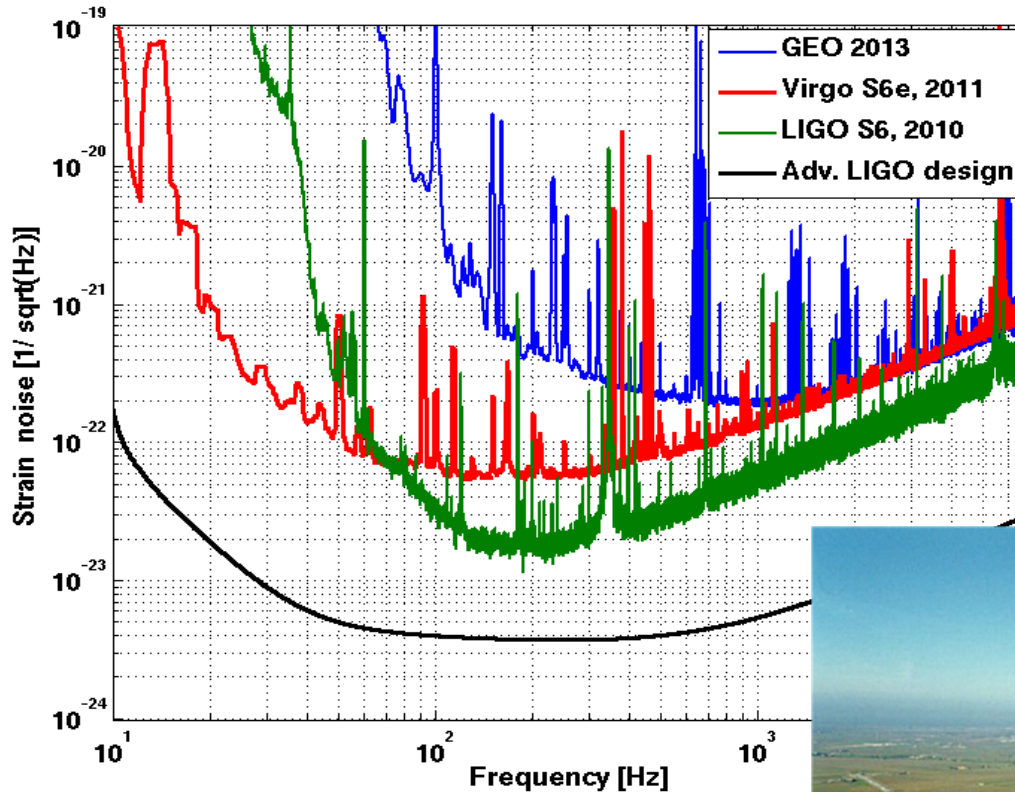
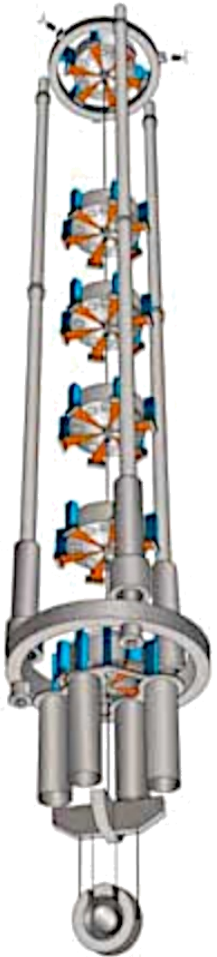


Auxiliary optics on 1-stage in-vacuum isolation table





# Virgo seismic isolation



Managed by suspending the mirrors from extreme vibration isolators

Virgo Super attenuator:  
8 stages







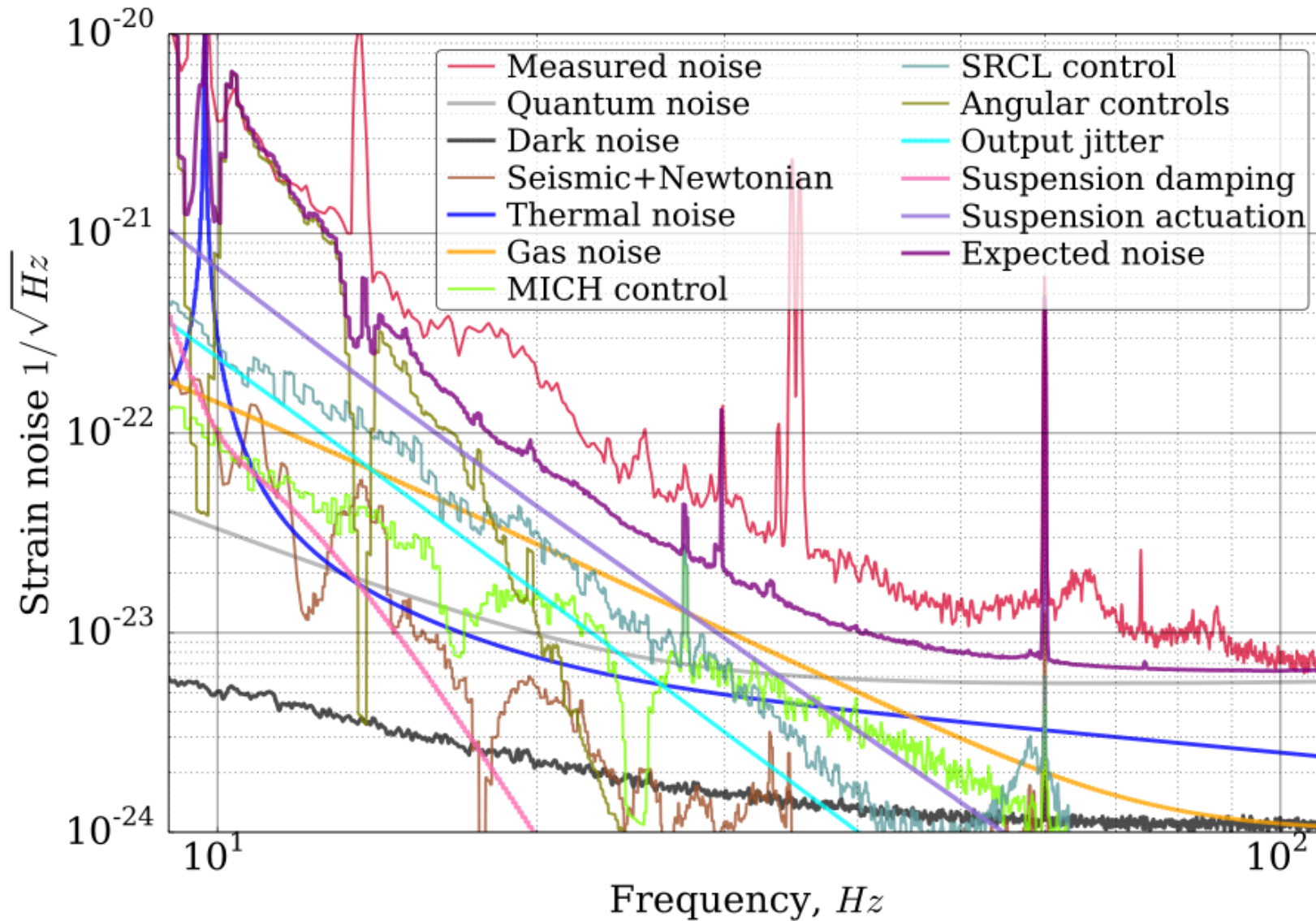
# Virgo super-attenuators being upgraded

8 m high!





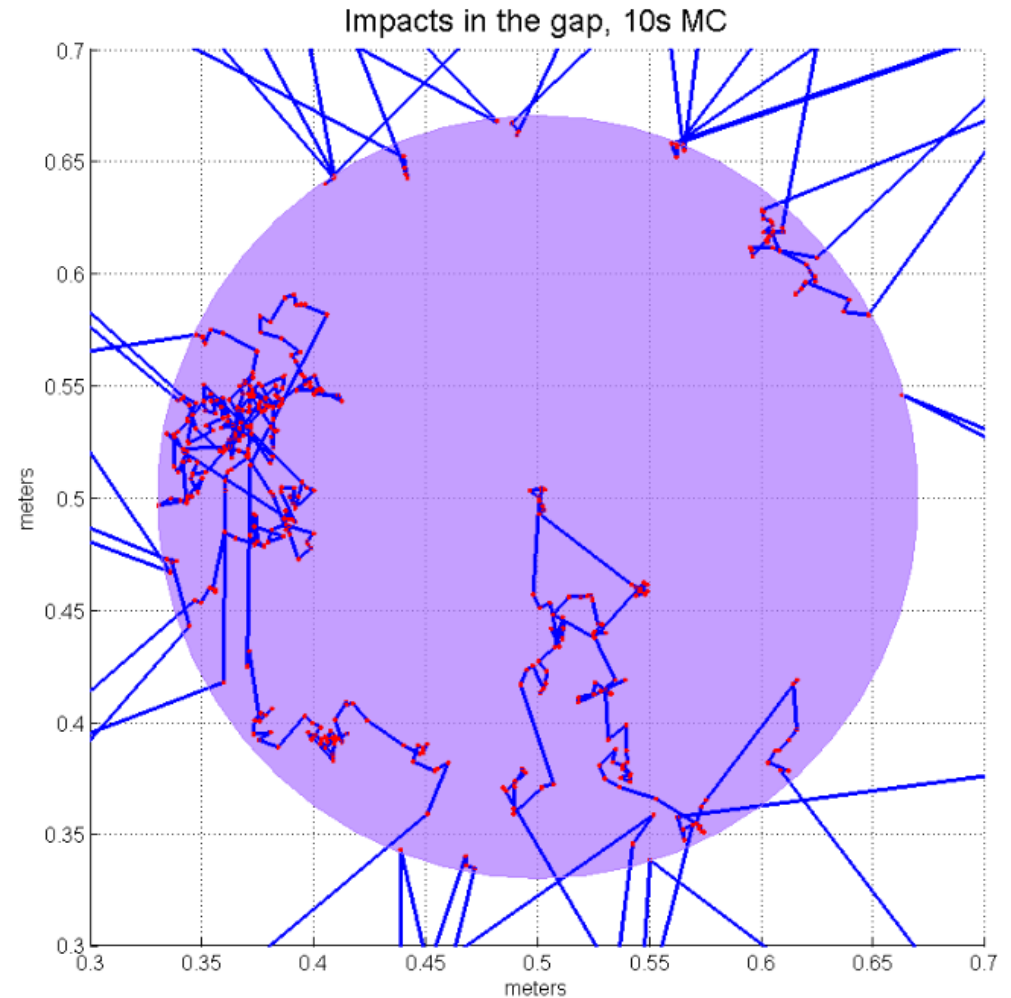
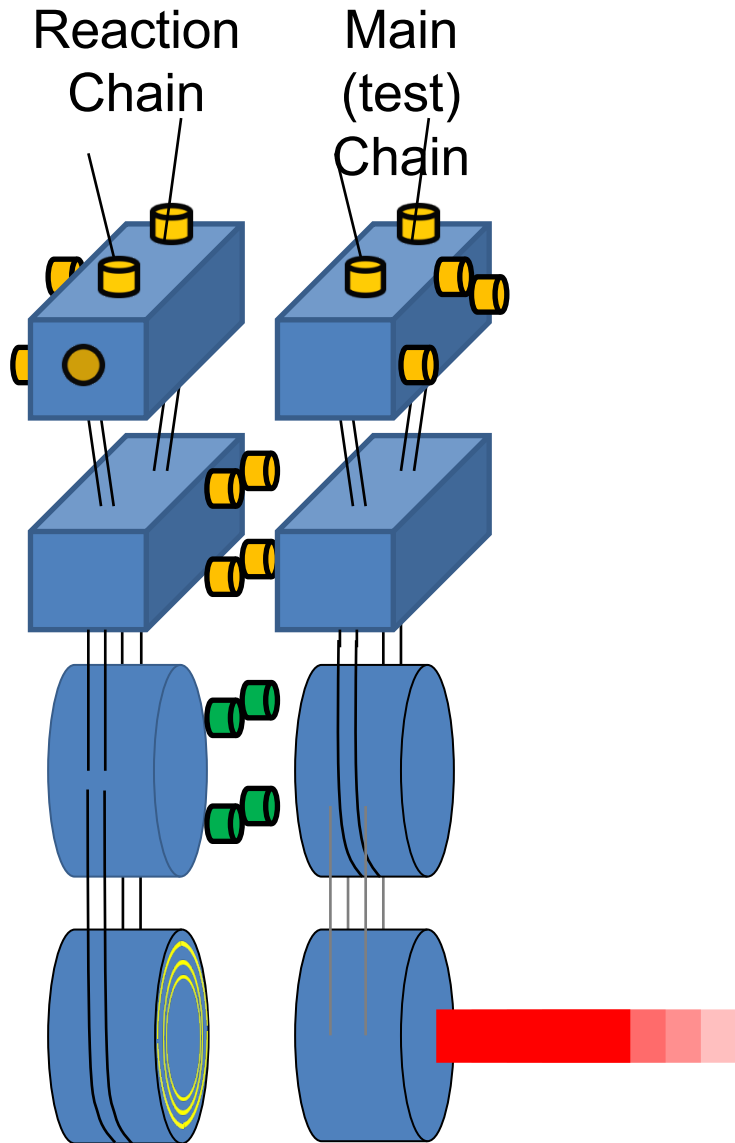
# Advanced LIGO Noise budget



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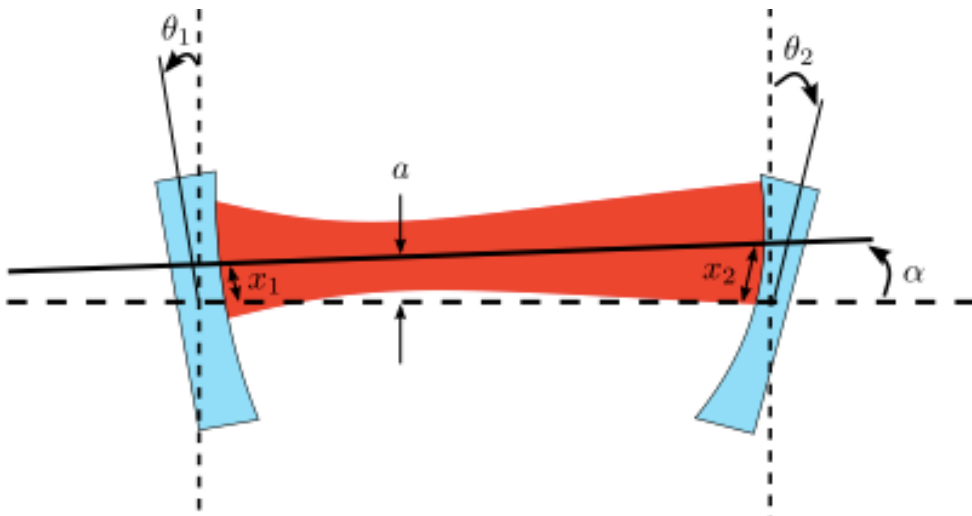
# Challenges: squeezed film damping



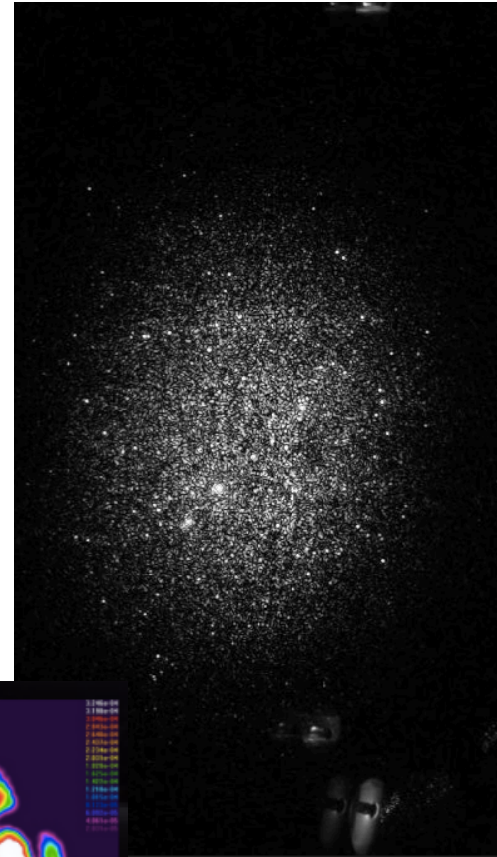
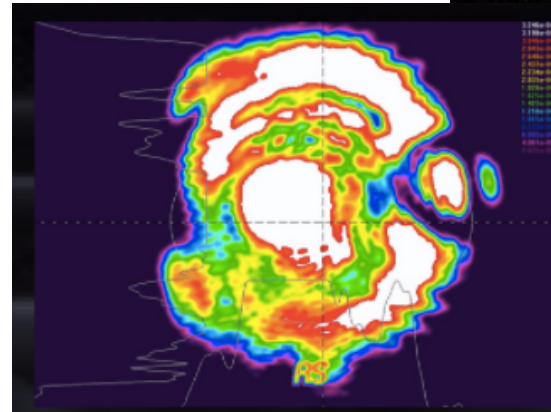
View onto test mass 'through' reaction mass

# Challenges: higher power

Radiation pressure and thermal effects become a technical challenge

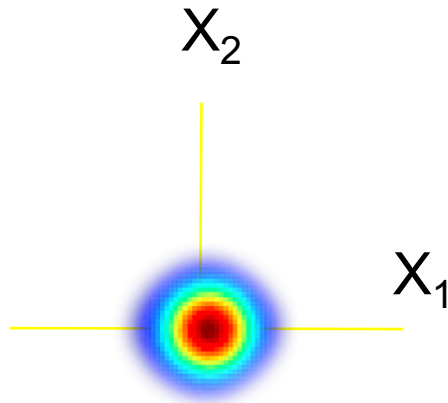


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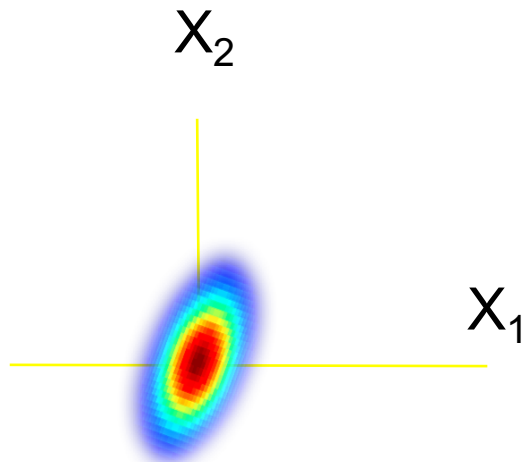


SNR scales with  $\sqrt{\text{power}}$

# Squeezed vacuum...



Vacuum fluctuations



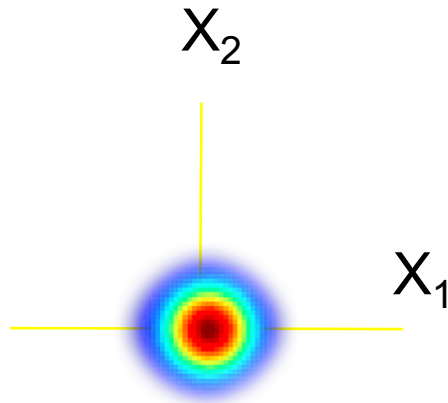
Squeezed vacuum

The uncertainty principle:

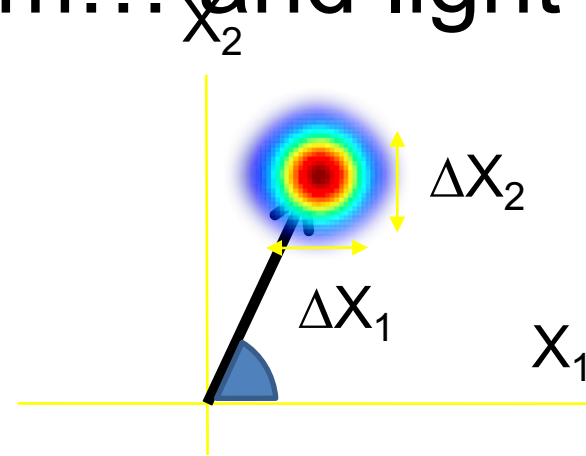
$$\Delta X_1 \Delta X_2 \geq 1$$

Image: S. Dwyer

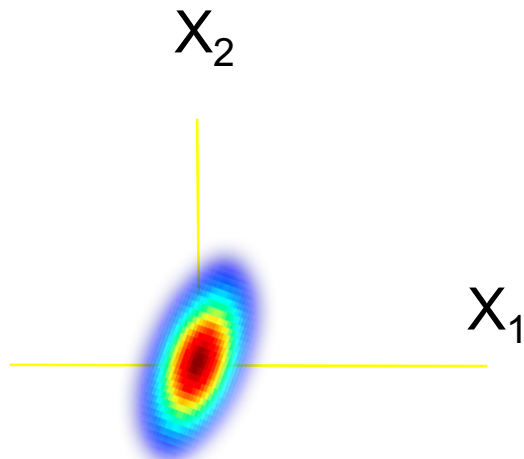
# Squeezed vacuum... and light



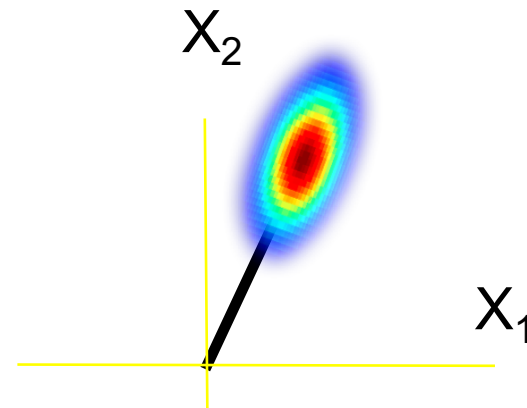
Vacuum fluctuations



Coherent state of light



Squeezed vacuum

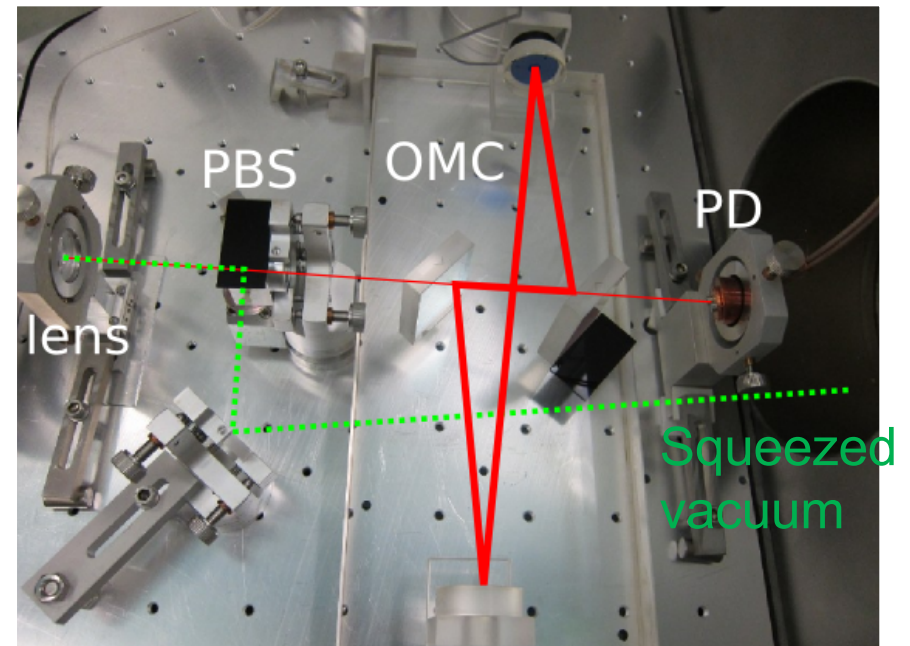
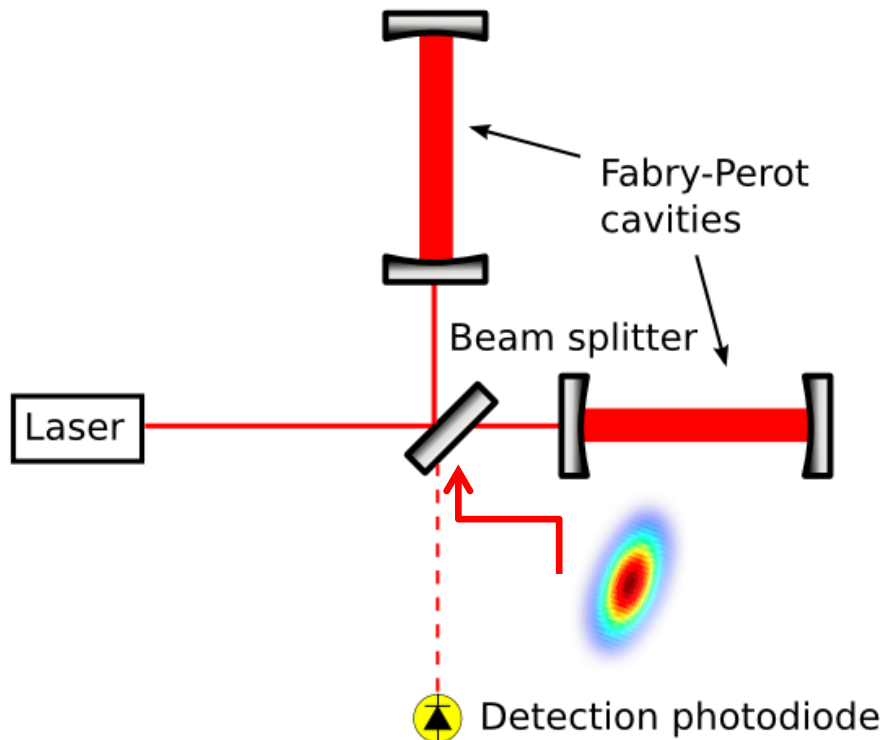


Squeezed light



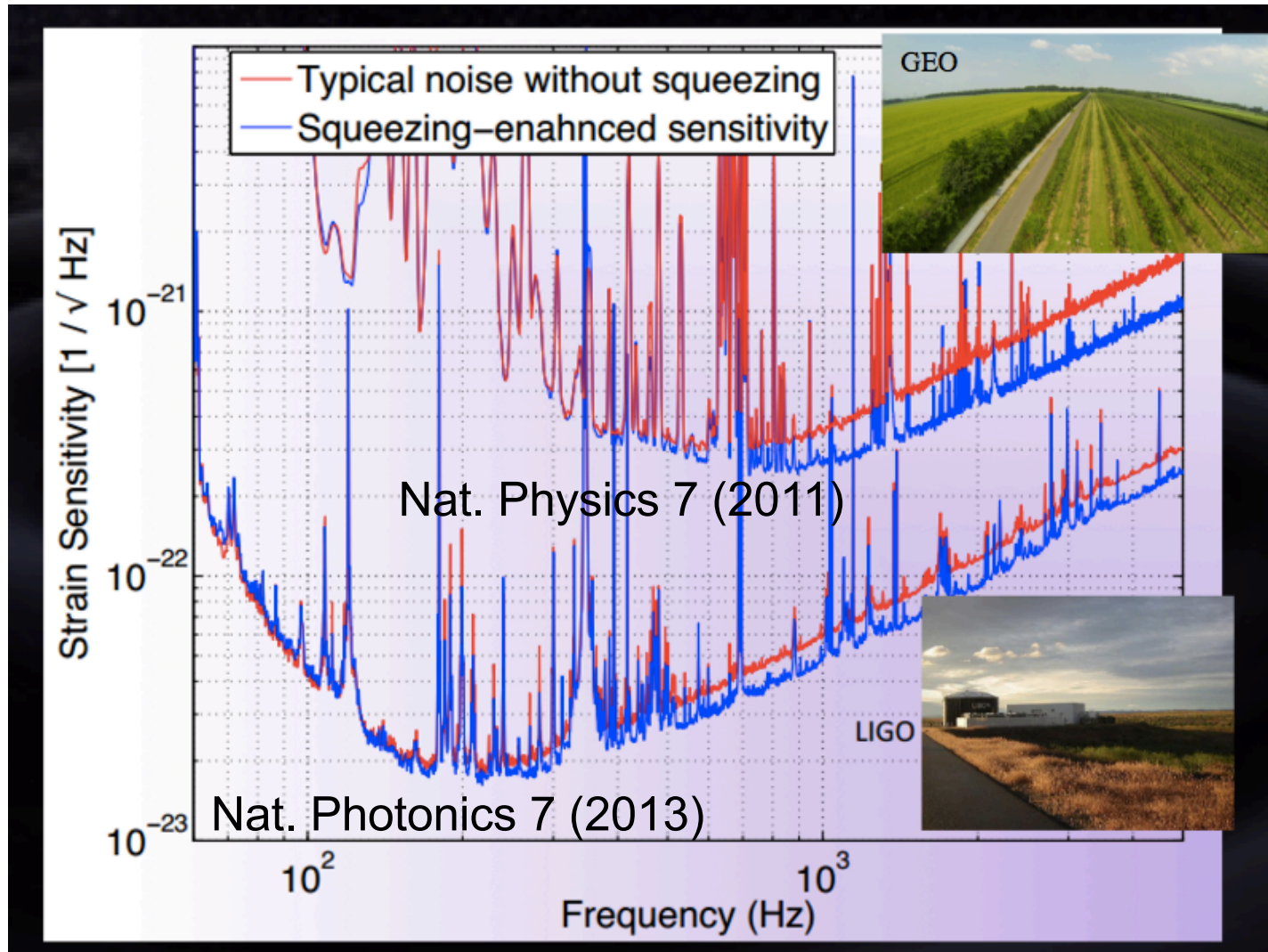
# Squeezing in an interferometer

Vacuum fluctuations enter the interferometer from all ports where no classical field exists.

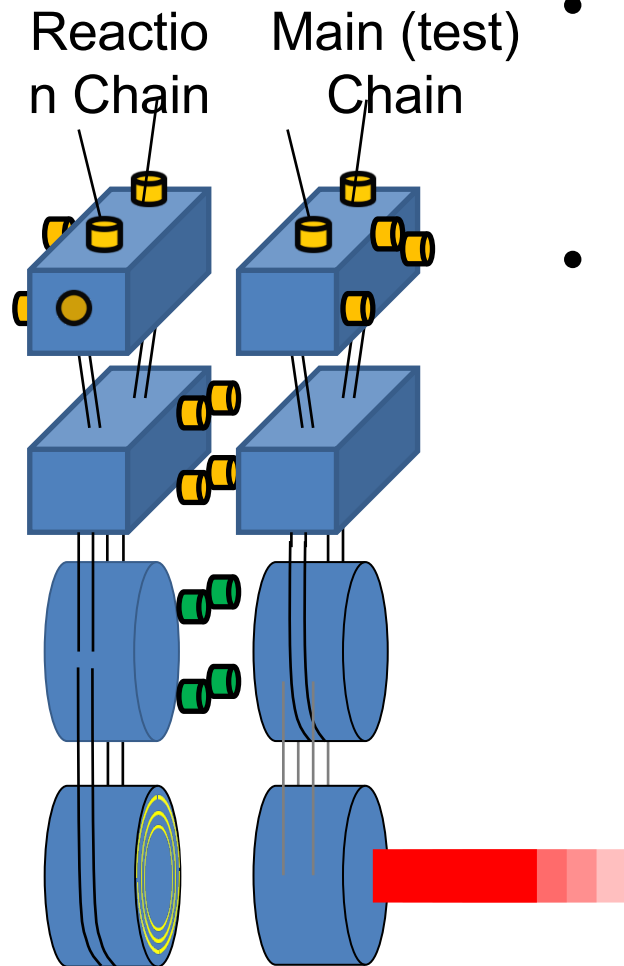


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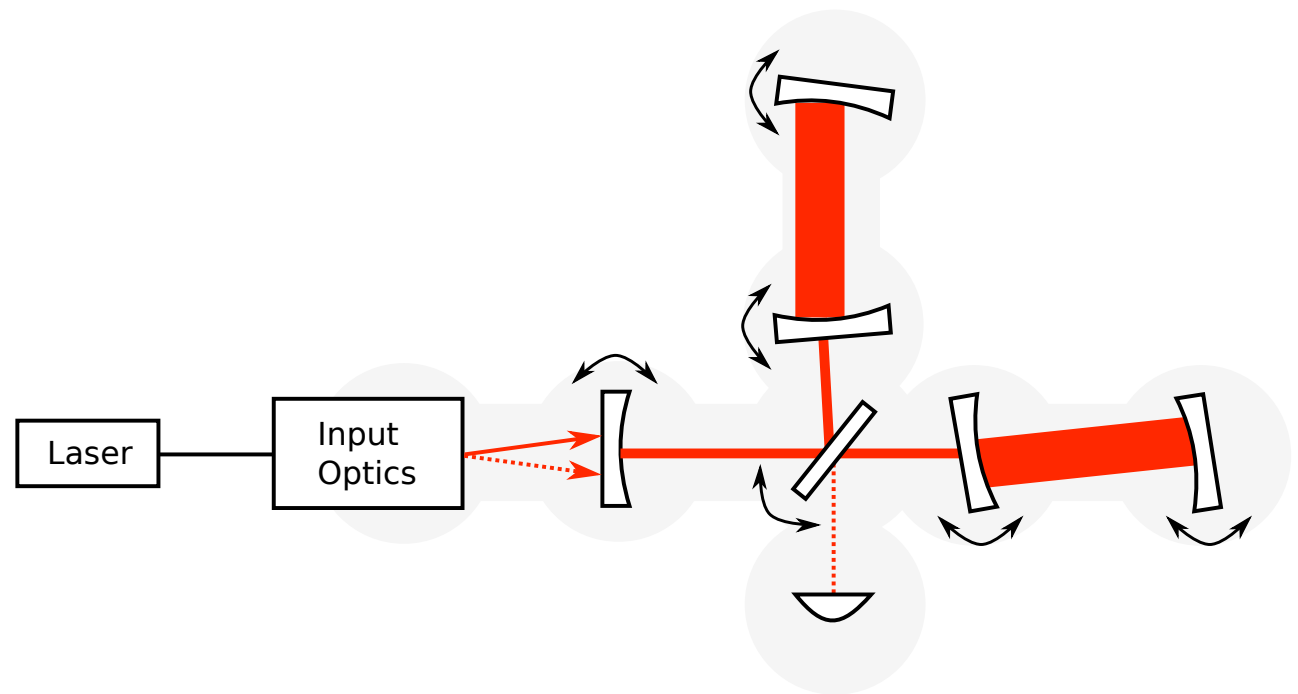
# Squeezing demonstration



# Challenge: length-to-angle coupling

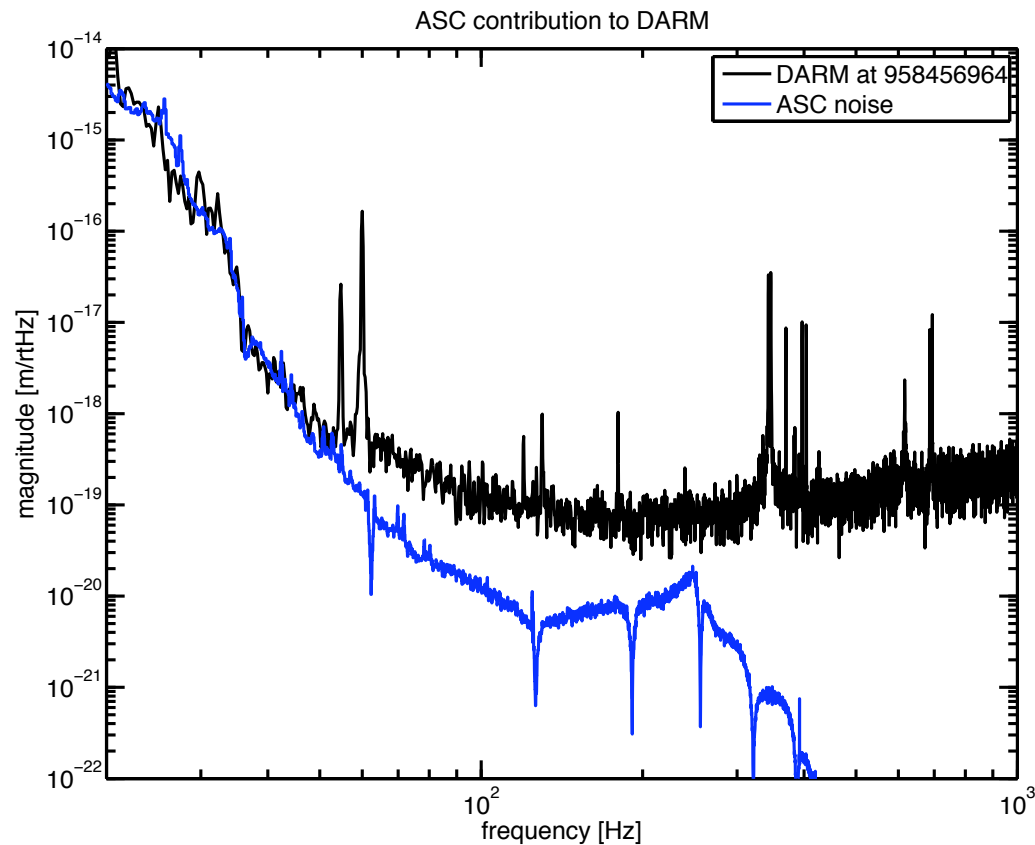


- Control of relative mirror motion goes to upper two suspension stages
- Angular motion induced due to the many length-to-angle coupling paths.





# Alignment feedback is a limiting noise source



Angular sensors  
impress noise onto  
the gravitational-wave  
signal

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Livingston pre-mode  
cleaner reflected  
beam, 2011

*Thanks for your attention and good luck!*