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# The Einstein Telescope

Will ET land in Belgium?

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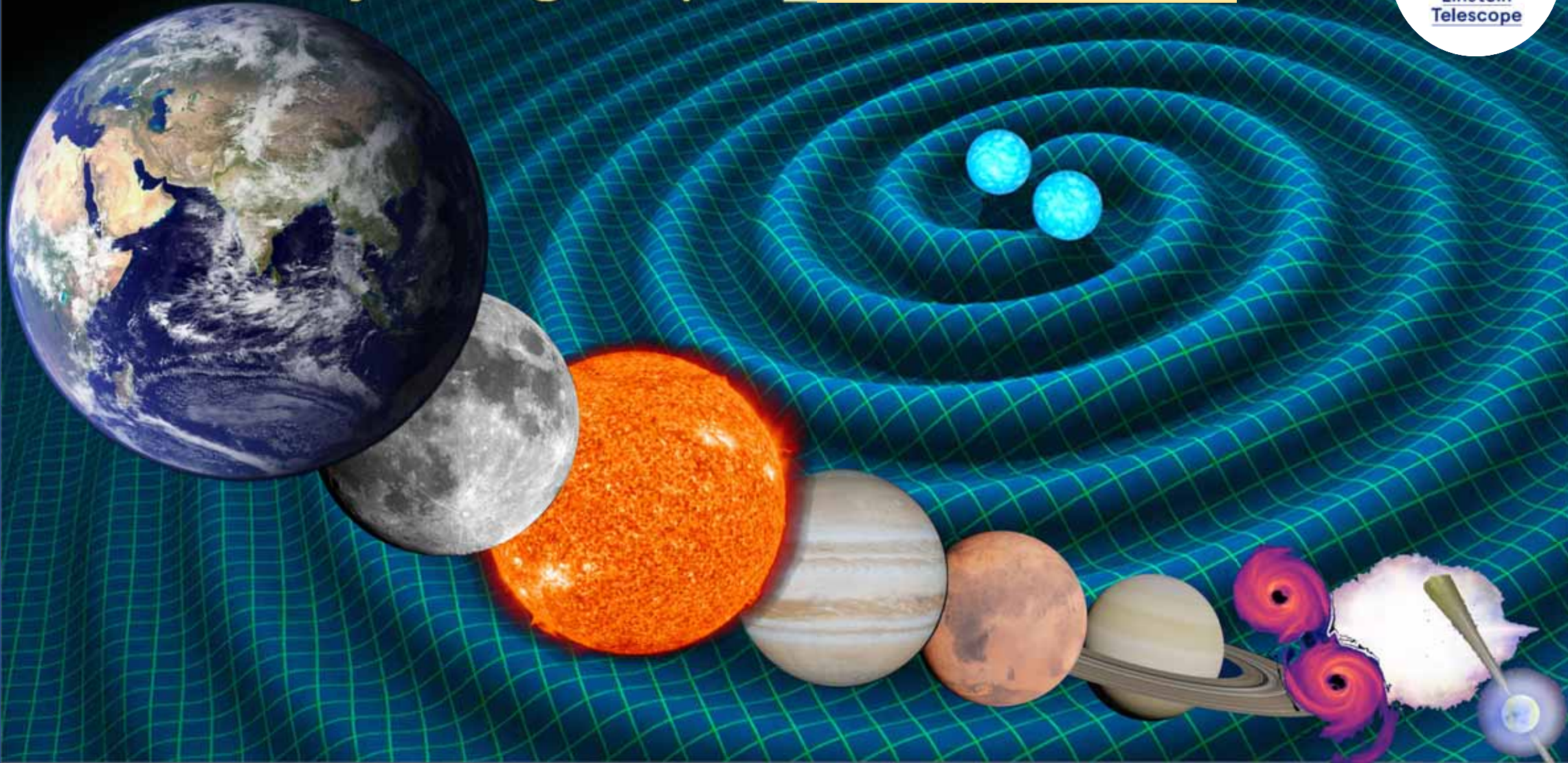
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# De Einstein Telescope Introductie



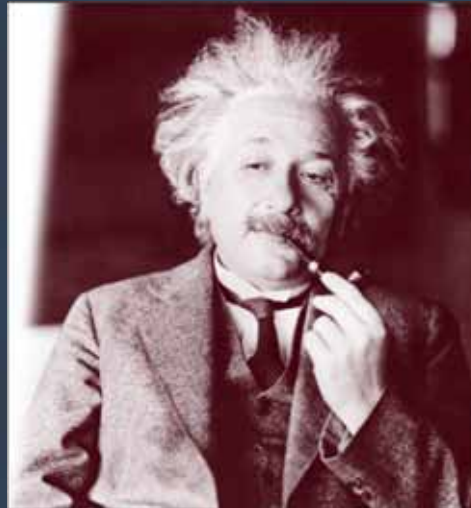
# De wetenschap

You are subject to gravity at this very moment



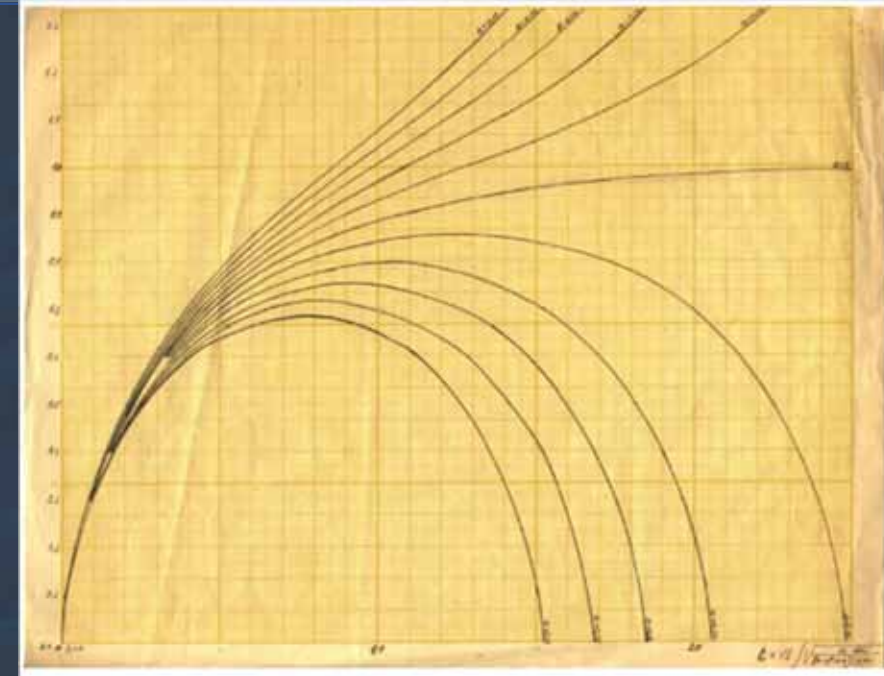
# Einstein's Relativity Theory

- Celestial Bodies bend light  
→ Einstein 1907  
→ Eddington expedition in 1919
- The Universe expands  
→ Lemaître, Friedmann, Hubble
- Existence of Black Holes  
→ Oppenheimer-Snyder
- **Gravitational Waves**  
→ Einstein 1918



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

Curvature Spacetime =  $10^{-43}$  Mass/energy



154 Gesamtsitzung vom 14. Februar 1918. — Mitteilung vom 31. Januar

## Über Gravitationswellen.

VON A. EINSTEIN.

(Vorgelegt am 31. Januar 1918 [s. oben S. 79].)

Die wichtige Frage, wie die Ausbreitung der Gravitationsfelder erfolgt, ist schon vor anderthalb Jahren in einer Akademiearbeit von mir behandelt worden'. Da aber meine damalige Darstellung des Gegenstandes nicht genügend durchsichtig und außerdem durch einen bedauerlichen Rechenfehler verunstaltet ist, muß ich hier nochmals auf die Angelegenheit zurückkommen.

Wie damals beschränke ich mich auch hier auf den Fall, daß das betrachtete zeiträumliche Kontinuum sich von einem 'galileischen' nur sehr wenig unterscheidet. Um für alle Indizes

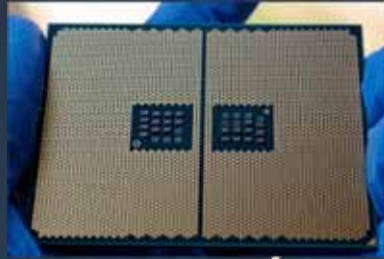
$$g_{\alpha\beta} = -\delta_{\alpha\beta} + \gamma_{\alpha\beta} \quad (1)$$



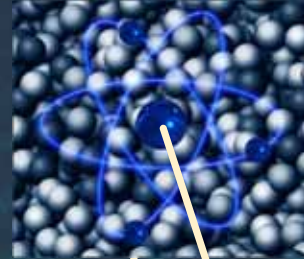
Impact of tidal waves (meter)



Caliper (0,1 mm)



Chip Industry (nm)



Atom (Å :  $10^{-10}$ m)



Atom kernel ( $10^{-14}$  m)



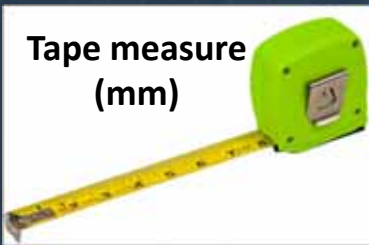
LIGO today ( $10^{-23}$  m/m)

Protons and Neutrons ( $10^{-15}$  m)

LIGO "first contact" ( $10^{-19}$  m/m)

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External disturbances

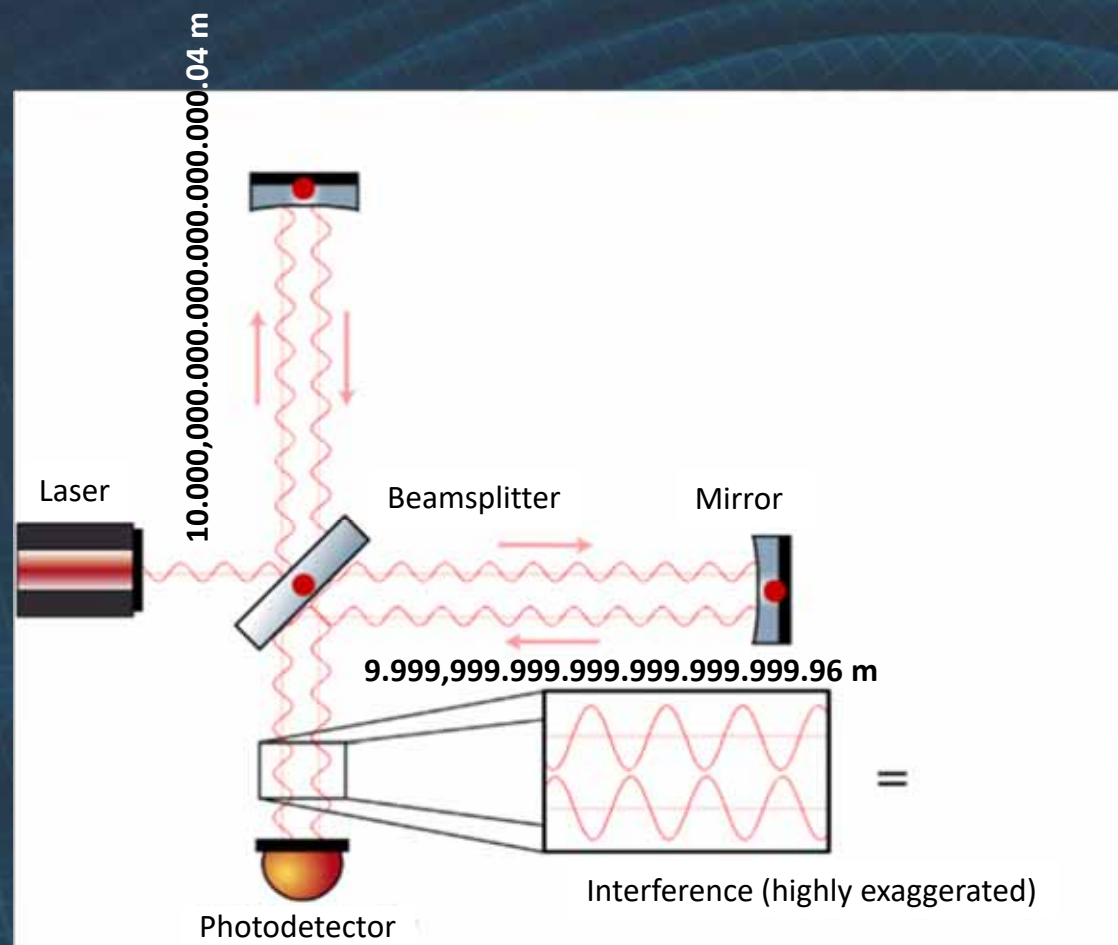


Tape measure (mm)

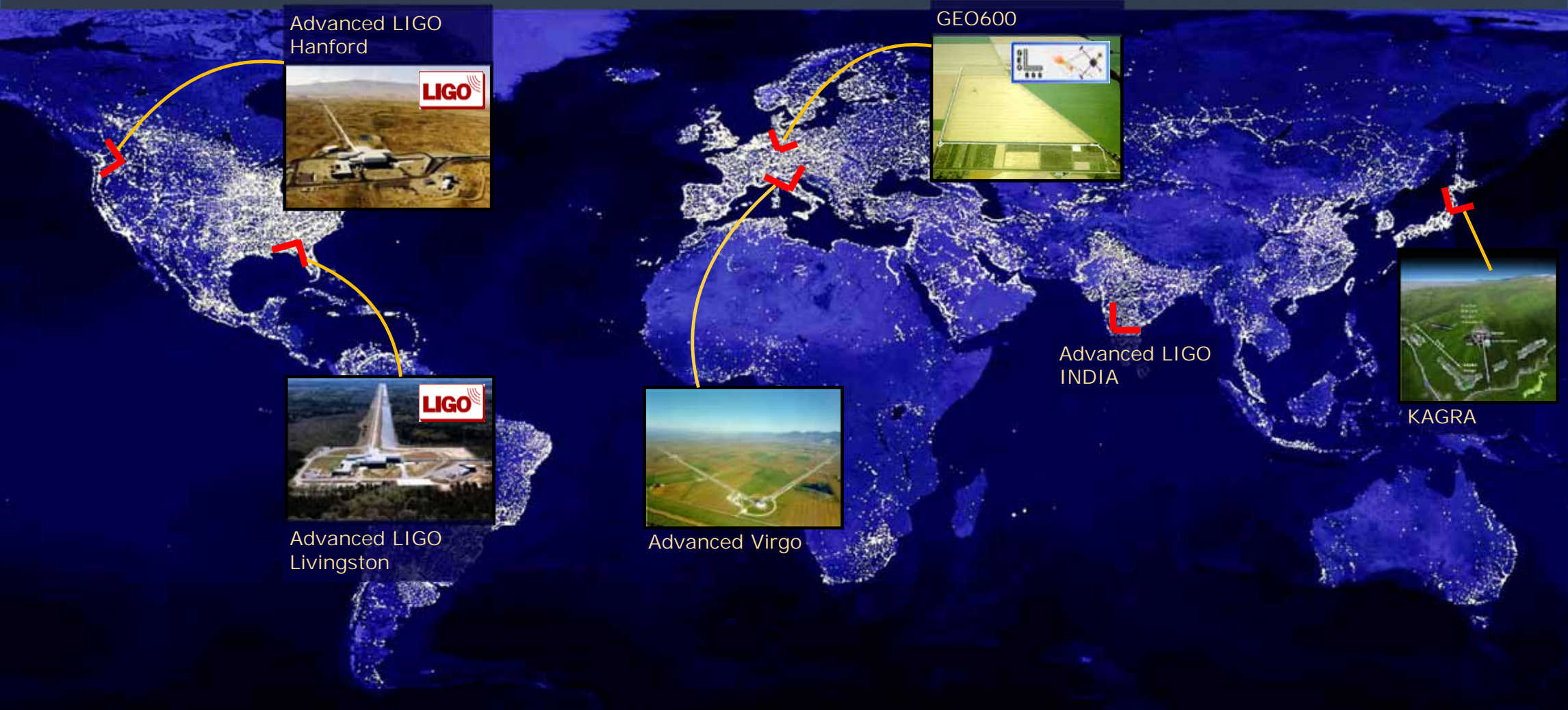


This is what we want to measure:  $10^{-24}$  m/m

# Measurement principle of an interferometer



# Existing and planned detectors





# Theory versus Reality



## Simulation

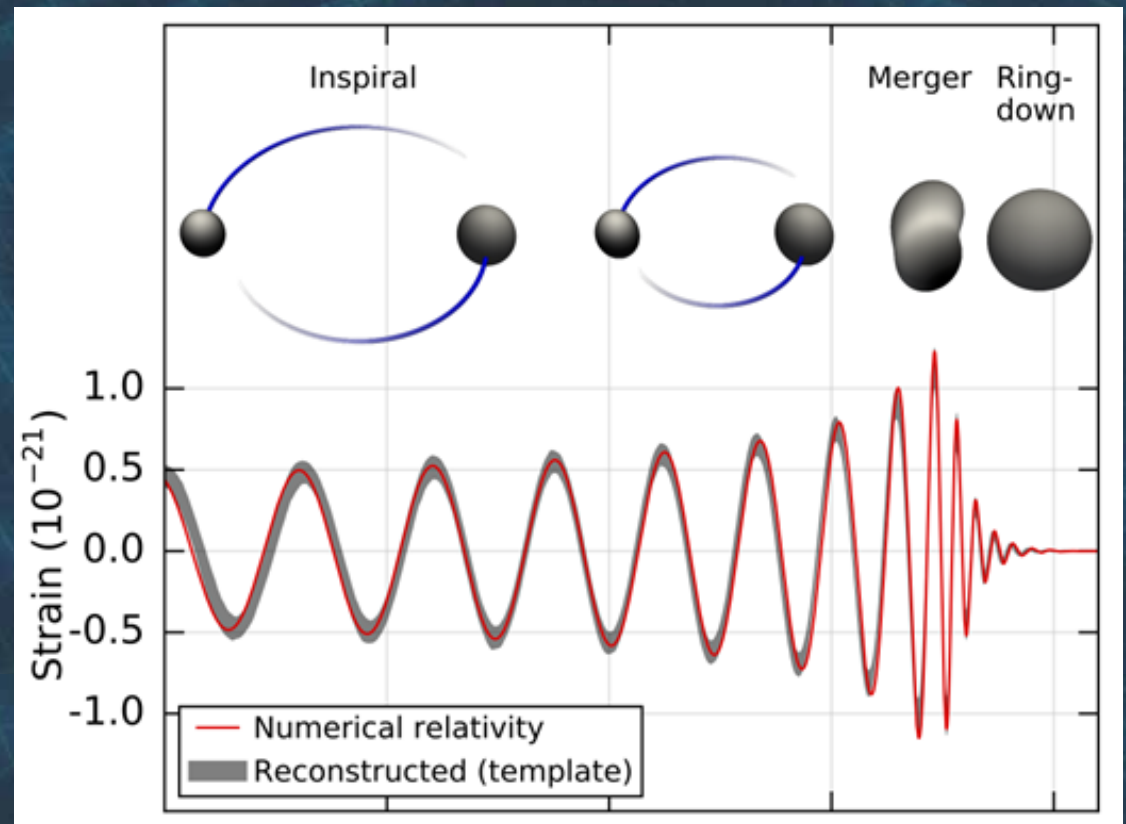


Neutron Star merging with a  
Black Hole

## GW150914



First Gravitational Wave detected  
by LIGO (VS) on September, 14,  
2015



**GW170817**

**Two Neutron Stars**

**Combined 2,8 M<sub>⊙</sub>**

**17 August 2017**

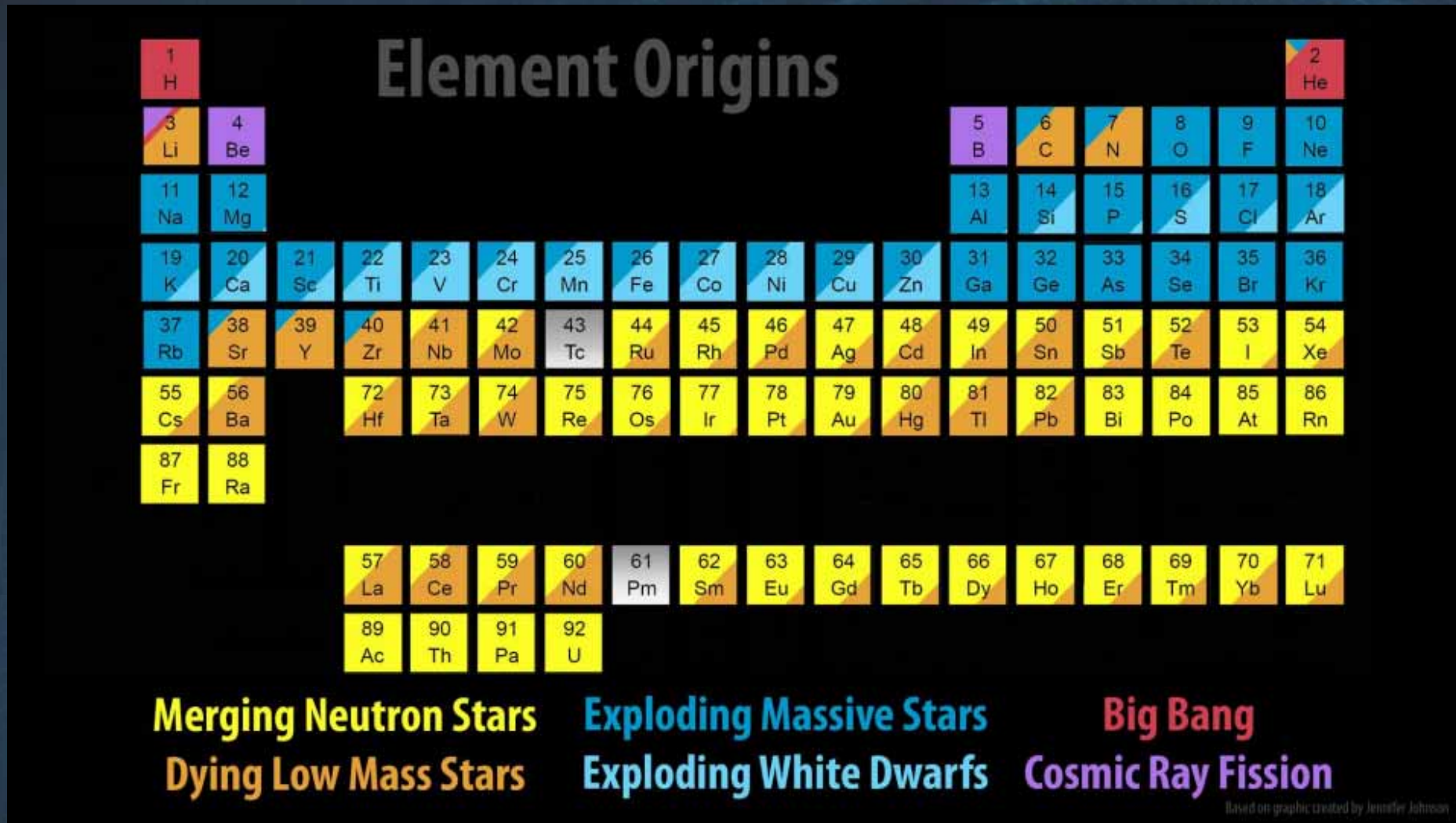
**LIGO + Virgo**

**70 observatoria**



**Observation: supernova**  
**Birth of Gold and Platinum**  
**(10 x earth in total)**

# Where do our atoms come from?



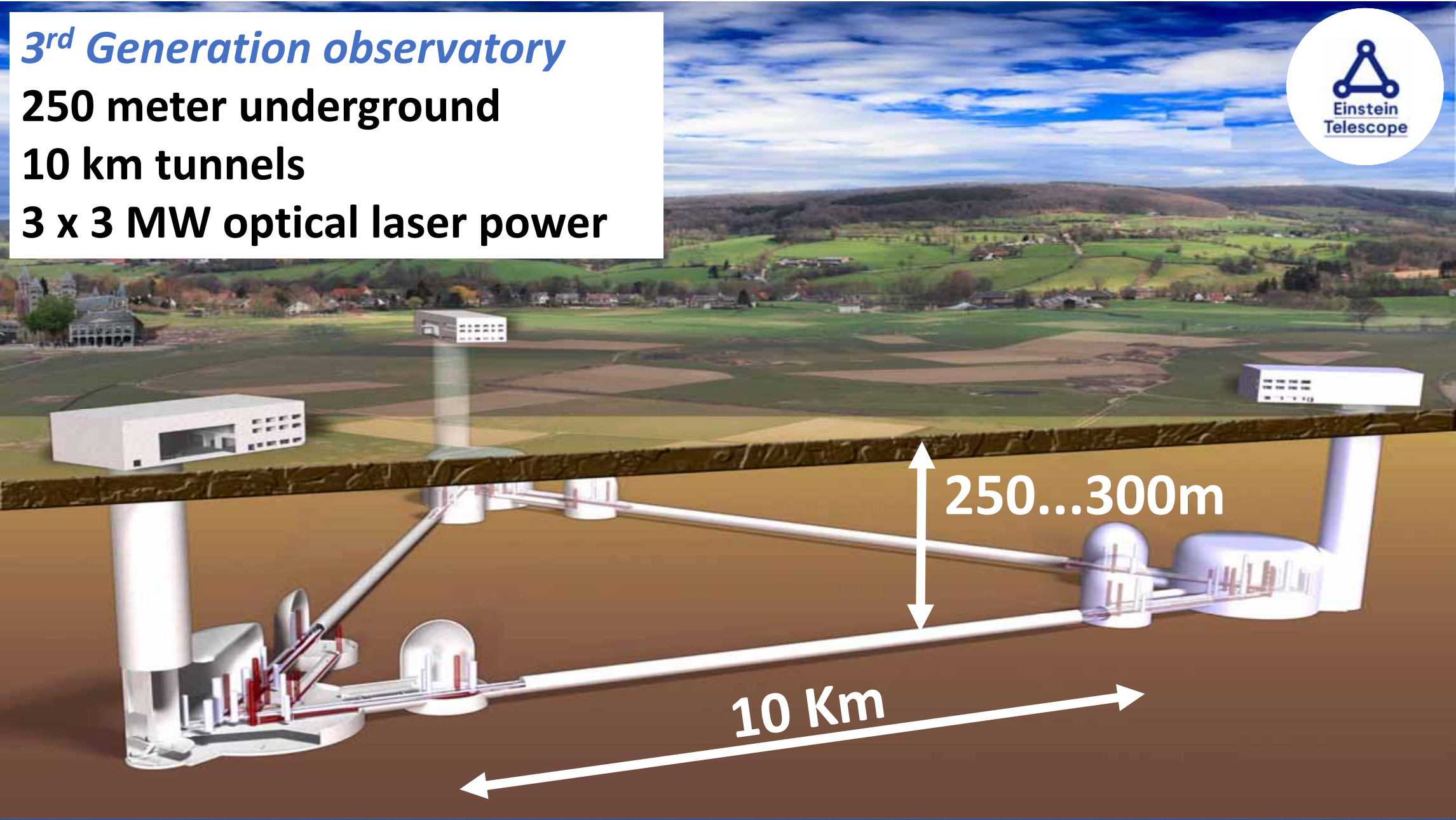


# De ambitie



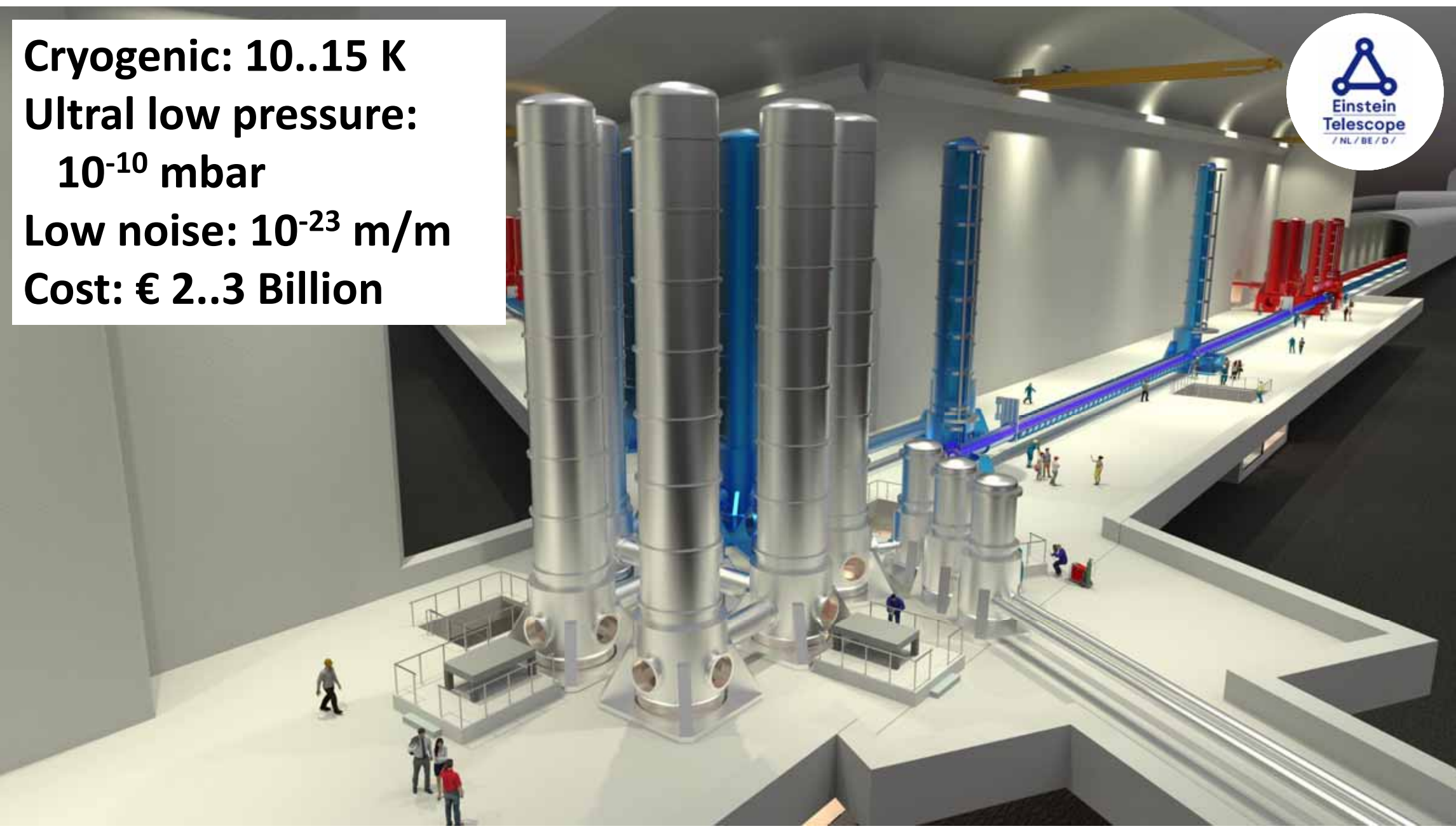


**3<sup>rd</sup> Generation observatory**  
**250 meter underground**  
**10 km tunnels**  
**3 x 3 MW optical laser power**





**Cryogenic: 10..15 K**  
**Ultral low pressure:**  
 **$10^{-10}$  mbar**  
**Low noise:  $10^{-23}$  m/m**  
**Cost: € 2..3 Billion**



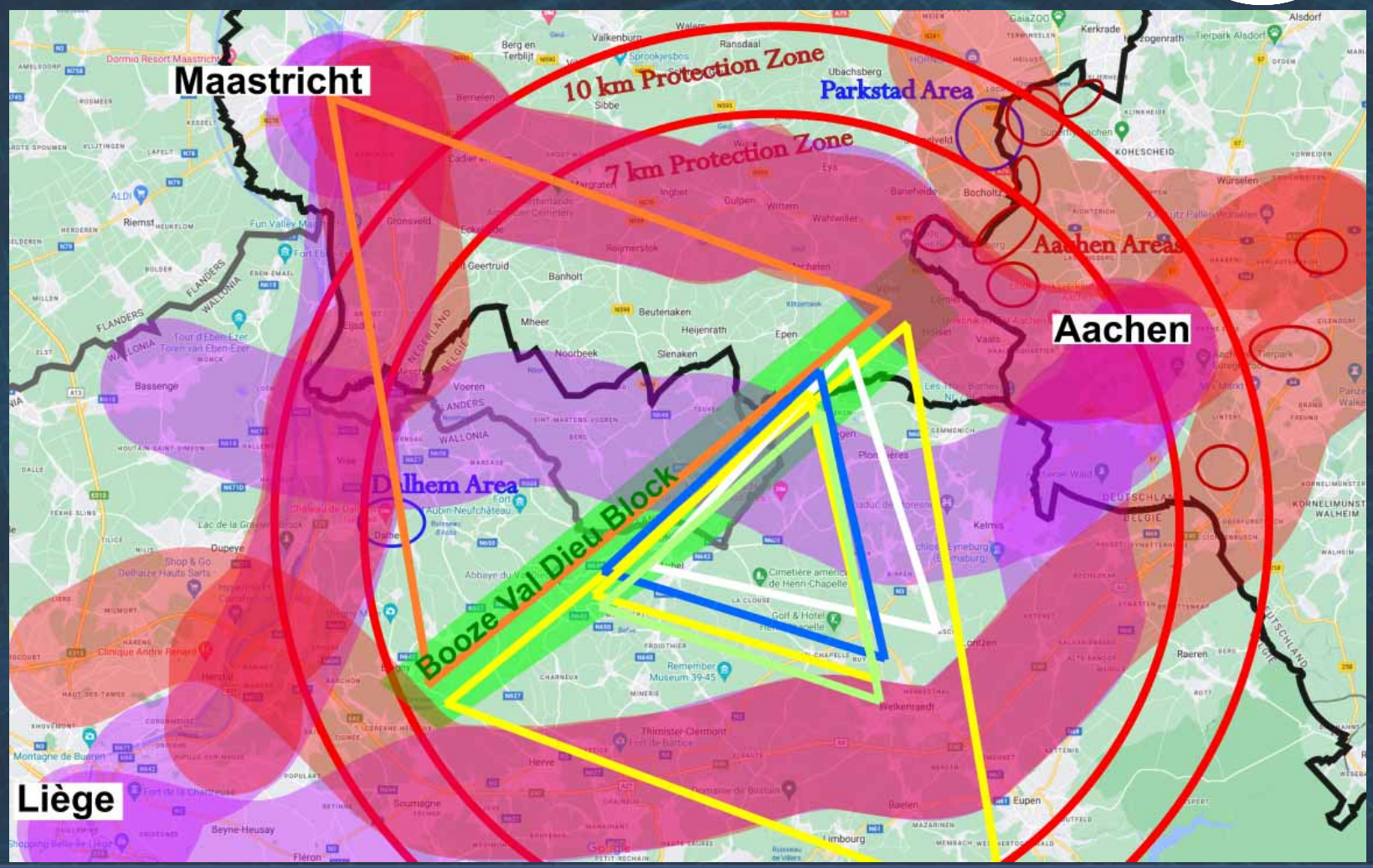


# Three possible locations

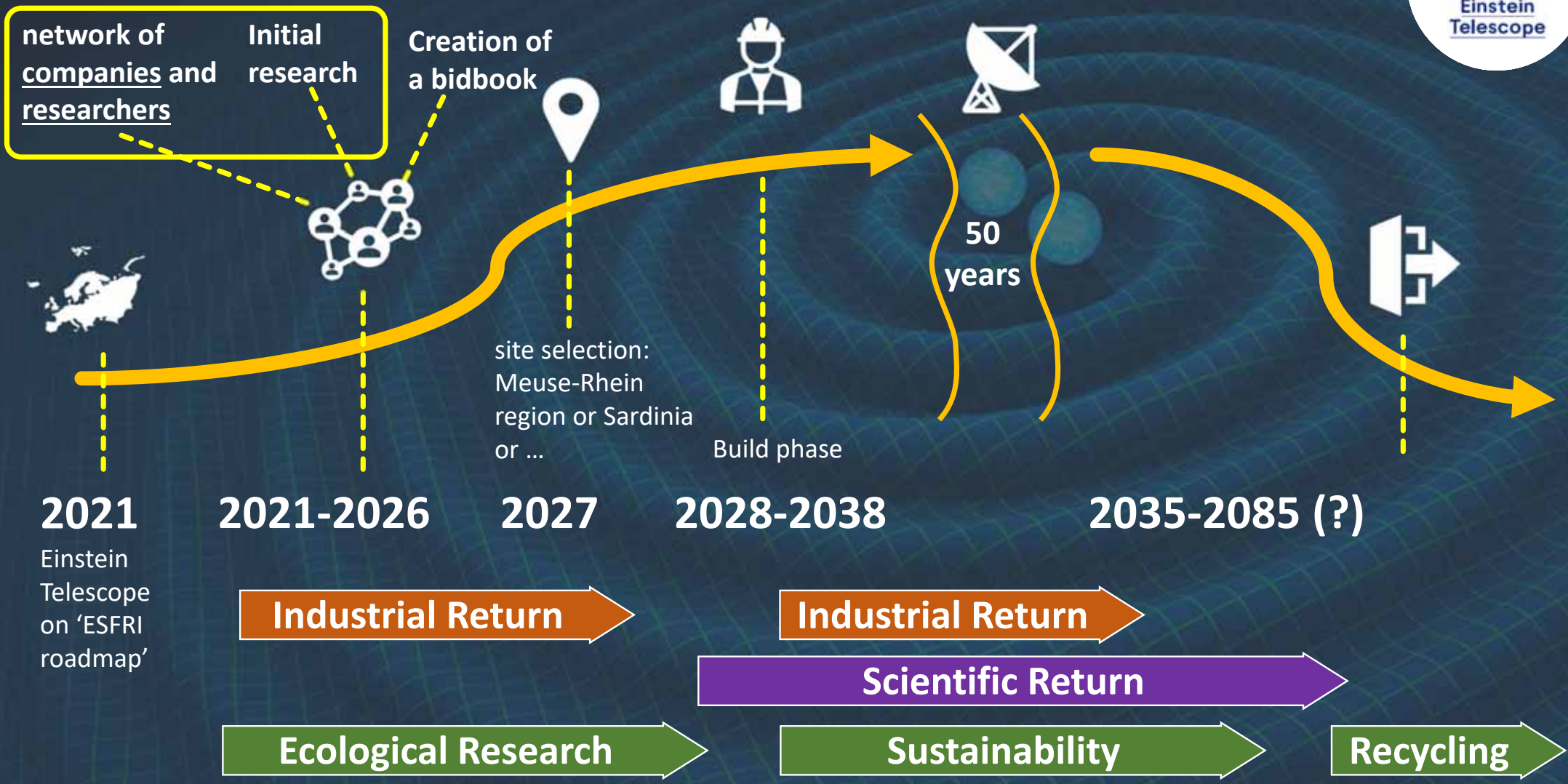
- Three-corner point BE-NL-DE
- Sardinia (IT)



- *Saksen (DE)?*

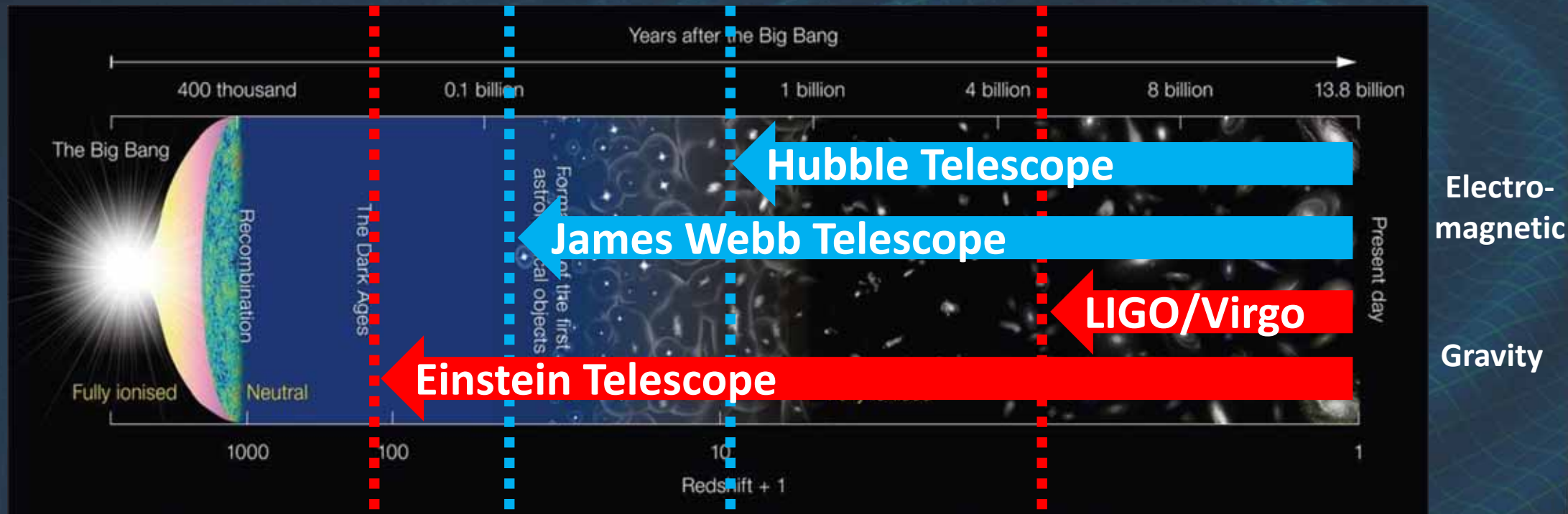


# Return on Investment





# Ambition: look further into the past than when the first stars were born

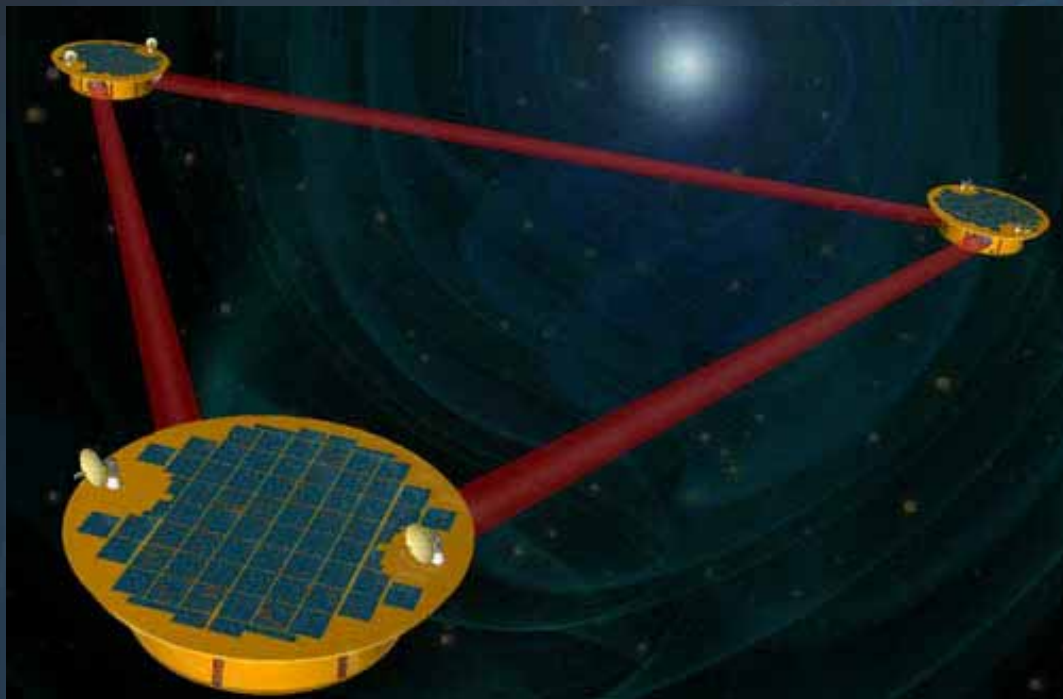


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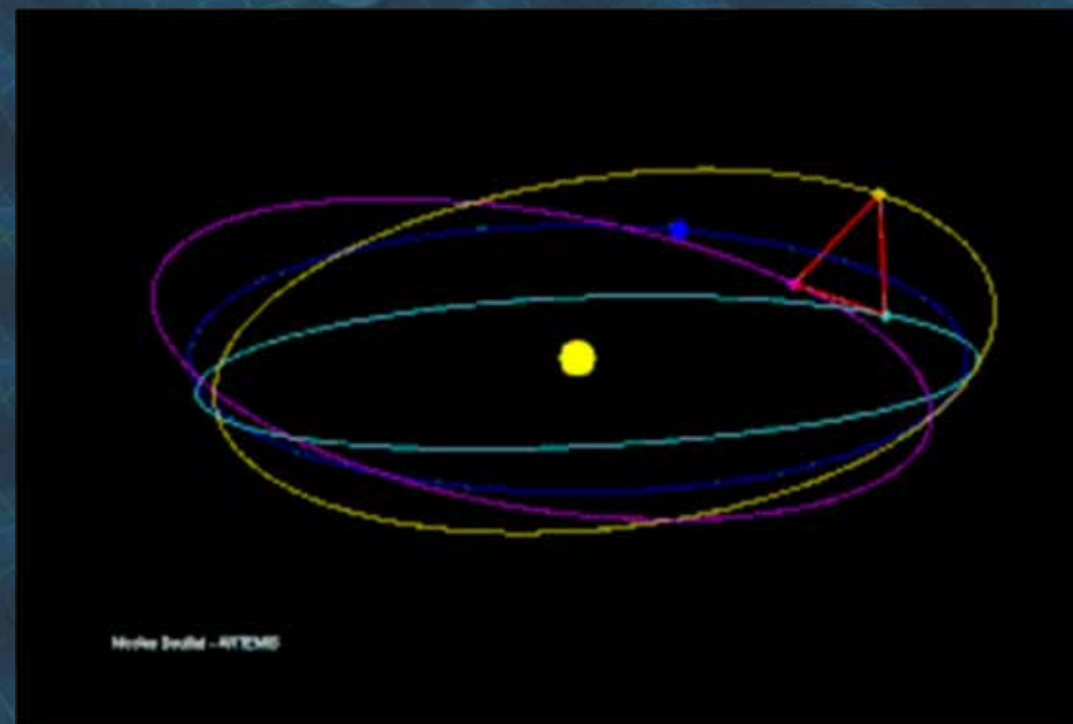
# The Cosmic Explorer sister in the US (ETA mid 2030)



# The LISA sister in space (ETA ~2035)



**2 Watt @ 1064nm**  
**Distance between mirrors : 2,5 million km**  
**Frequency range: 10 to 10mHz**  
**20 degrees behind the Earth**





# DEEL 2

De ET in wat meer detail



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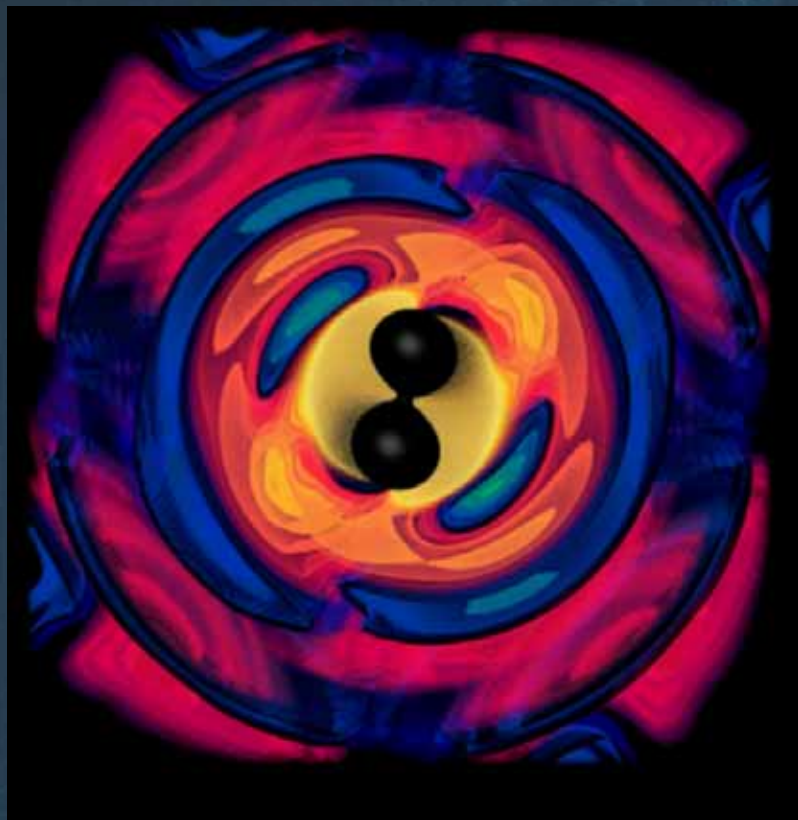


# THE SCIENCE CASE

## What do we want to find?



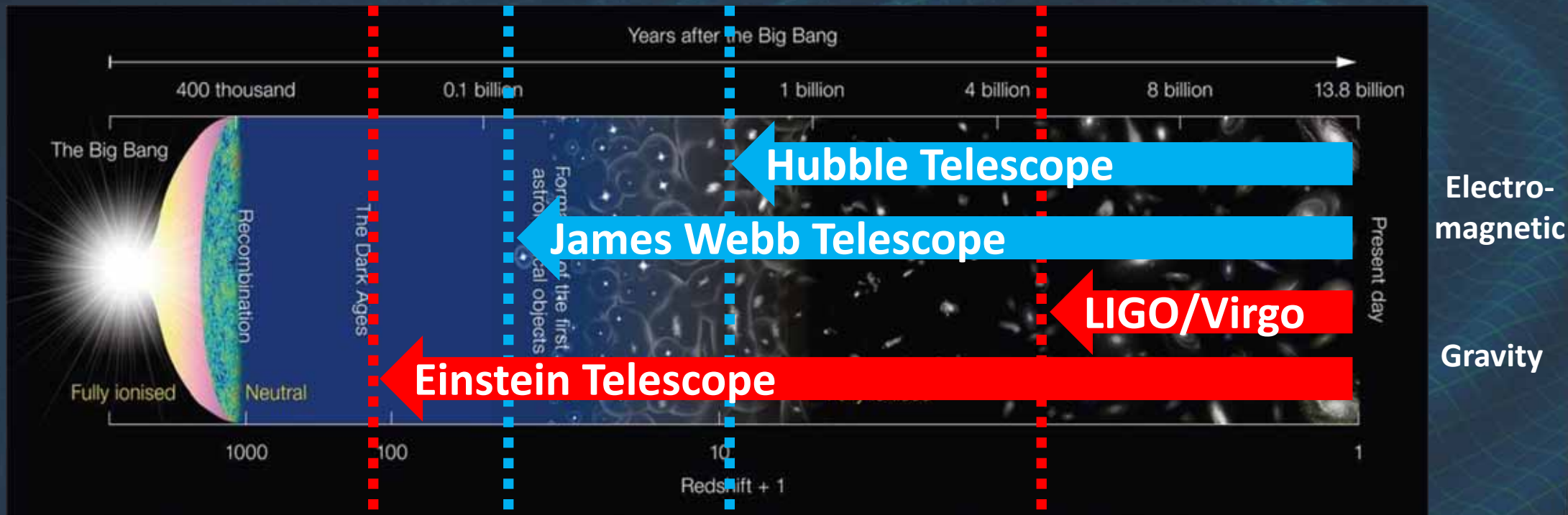
# Coalescing Compact Binary Systems (CBC)



- Neutron Star-NS, Black Hole-NS, BH-BH
- Strong emitters, well-modeled
- (effectively) transient
- Black hole properties: origin (stellar / primordial), evolution, demography
- Near-horizon physics, probing the nature of compact objects

Credit: Cactus Framework: Black Holes to Gamma Ray Bursts - arXiv:0707.1607v1 [cs.DC] 11 Jul 2007

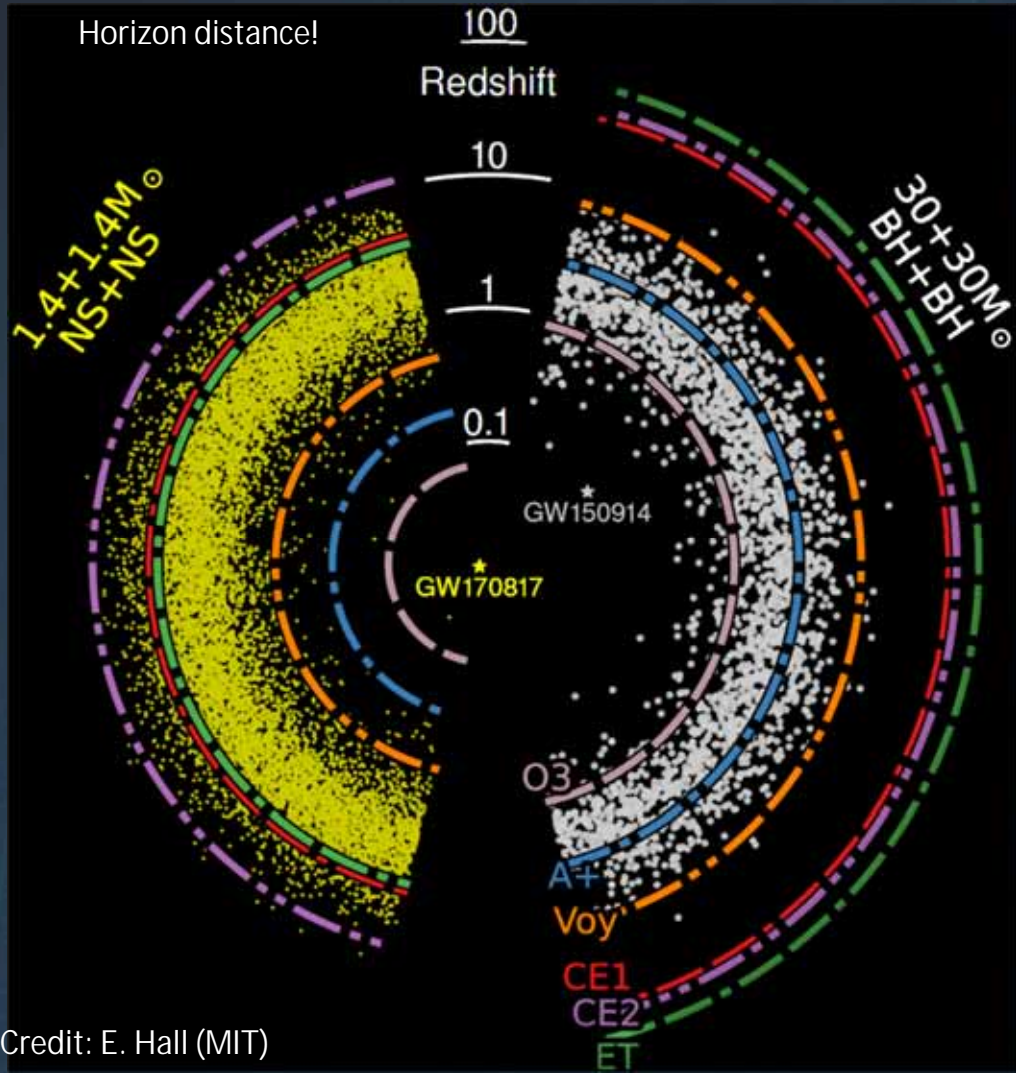
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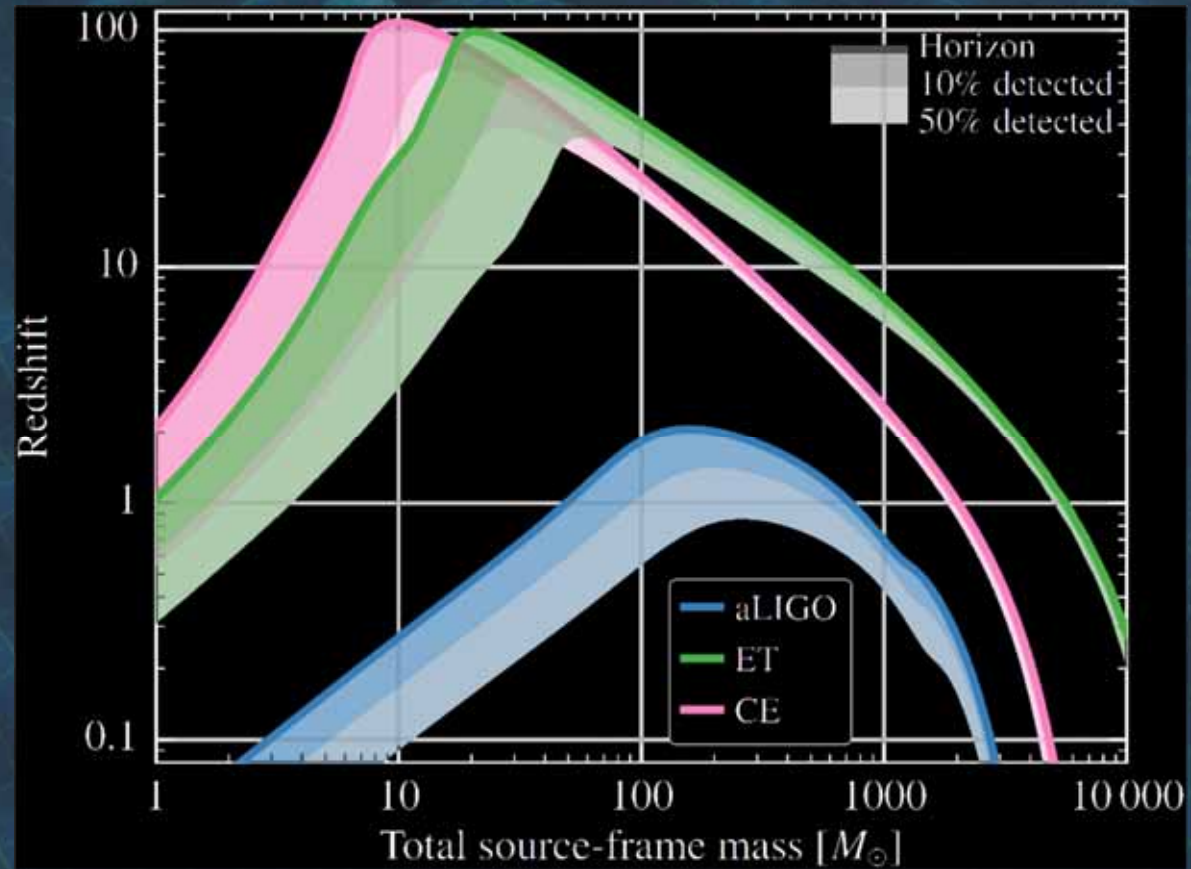
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# Binary mergers (Coalescent Binary)



CBC Sources throughout the universe



Credit: E. Hall (MIT)

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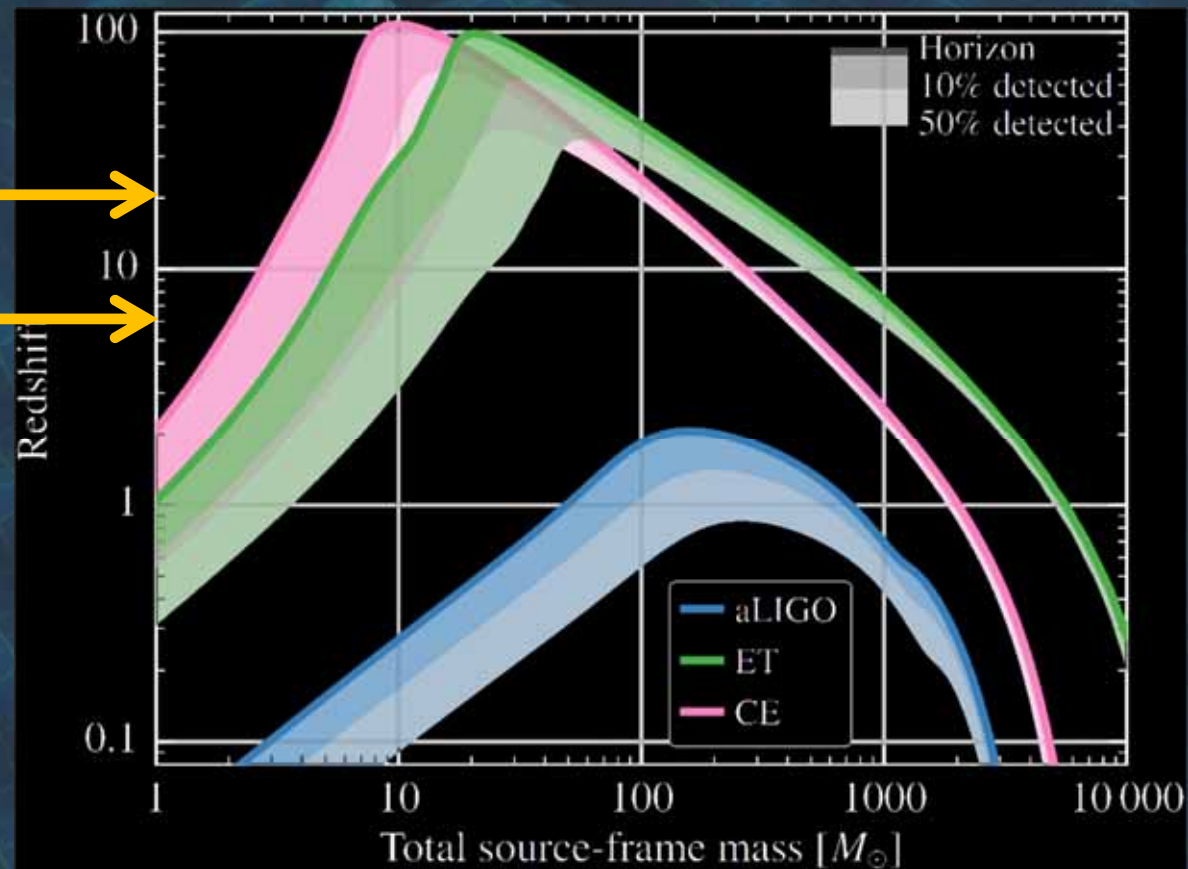
Black hole mergers at  $z \sim 20$  and higher would necessarily have a primordial origin (Black holes already created in the primordial soup)

BH-BH mergers beyond reionization epoch ( $z \geq 6$ ) will provide details of first metal-poor stars.

Universe age



CBC Sources throughout the universe



# 'Bursts', e.g. Asymmetric Core Collapse Supernovae

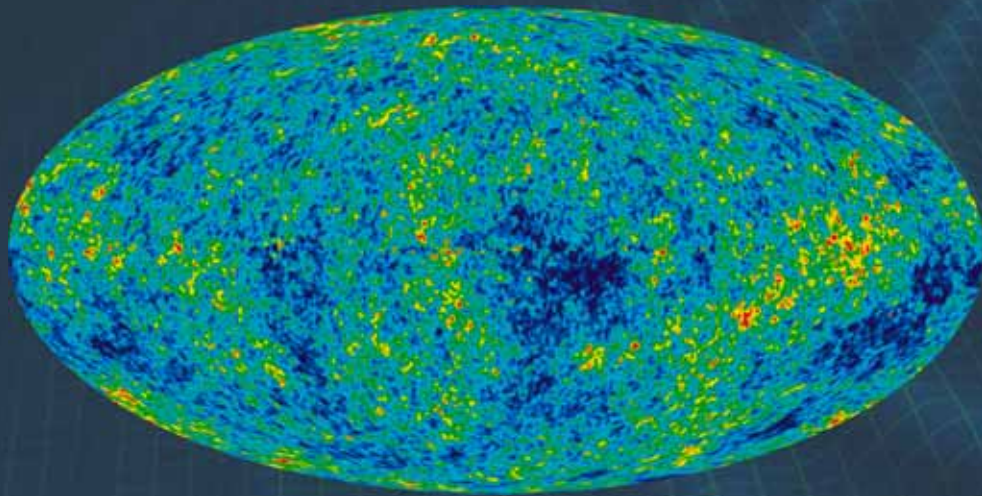


- Weak emitters
- Not well-modeled ('bursts'), transient
- New sources: supernovae, isolated neutron stars

NASA / Chandra X-Ray Observatory: <https://chandra.harvard.edu/photo/2024/sonify9/>

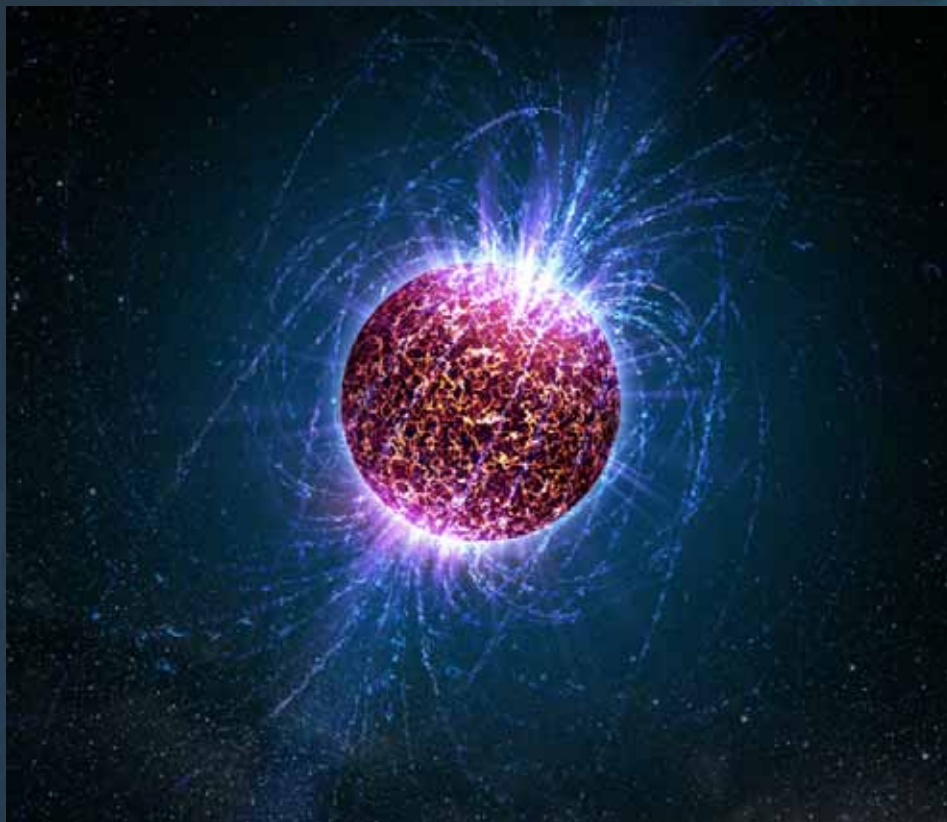


# Stochastic Gravitational Wave Background



- Cosmological and astrophysical origin
- Long duration stochastic background
- Dark matter: primordial black holes, axion clouds, ...
- Dark energy and modifications of gravity at cosmological scales

# 'Continuous waves' (CW)



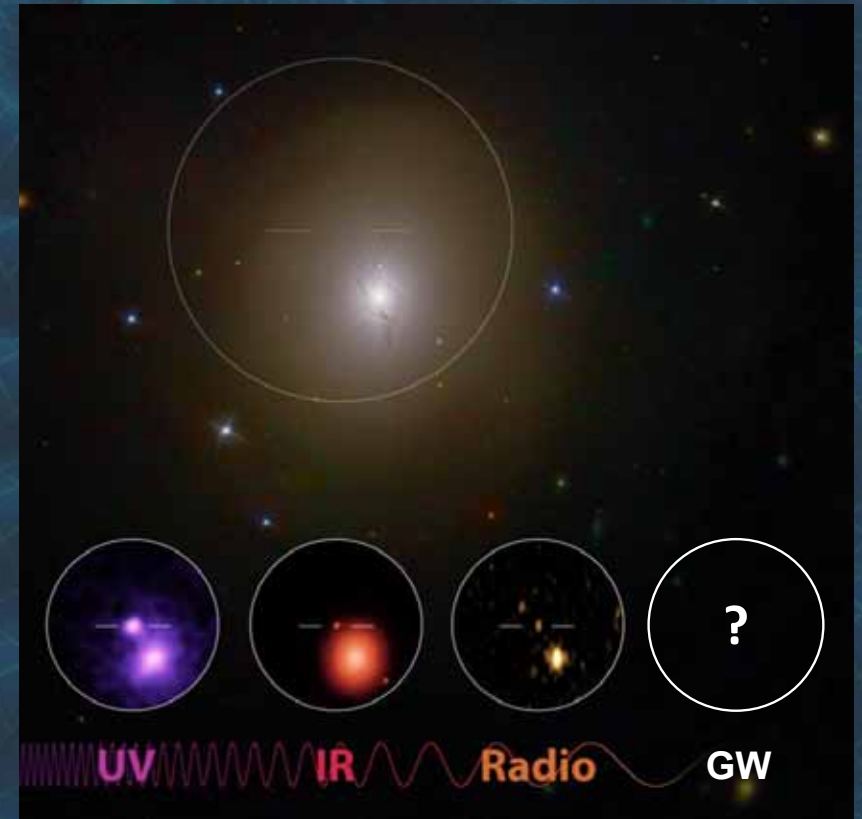
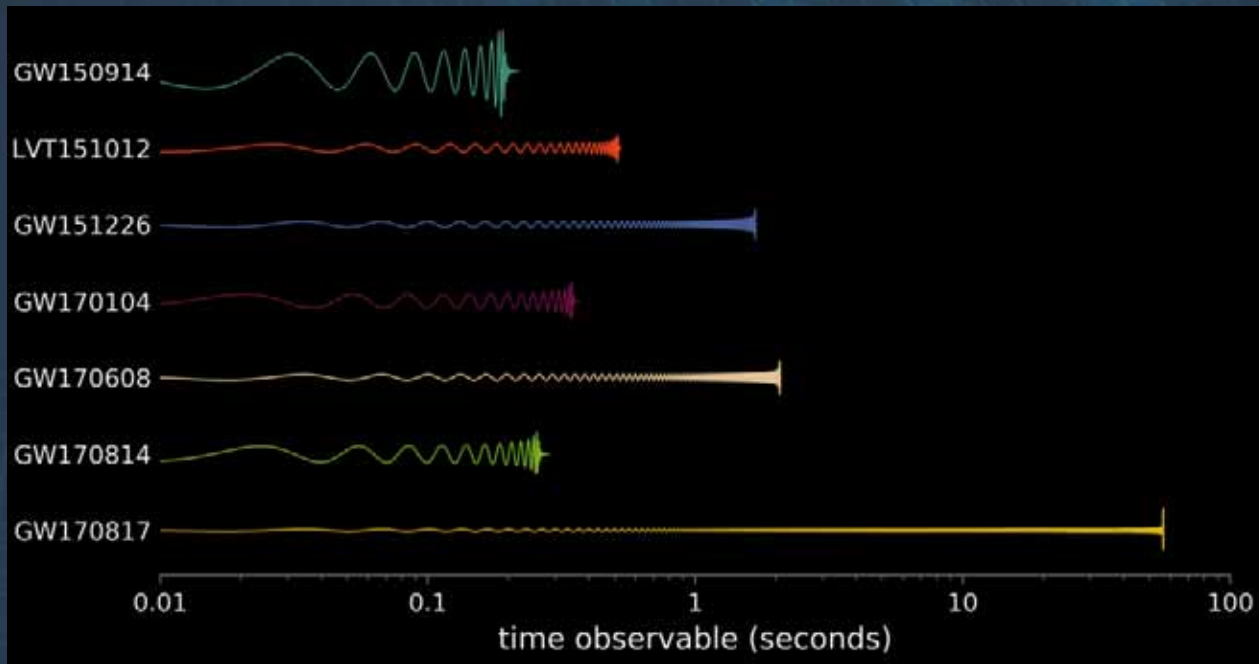
- E.g. Spinning neutron stars
- (Nearly) monotonic waveform
- Long duration
- Neutron star properties: strongly coupled matter, QCD, exotic matter



# Multi-messenger astronomy

- Predict an event before it happens
- Extend the time to warn other observatories

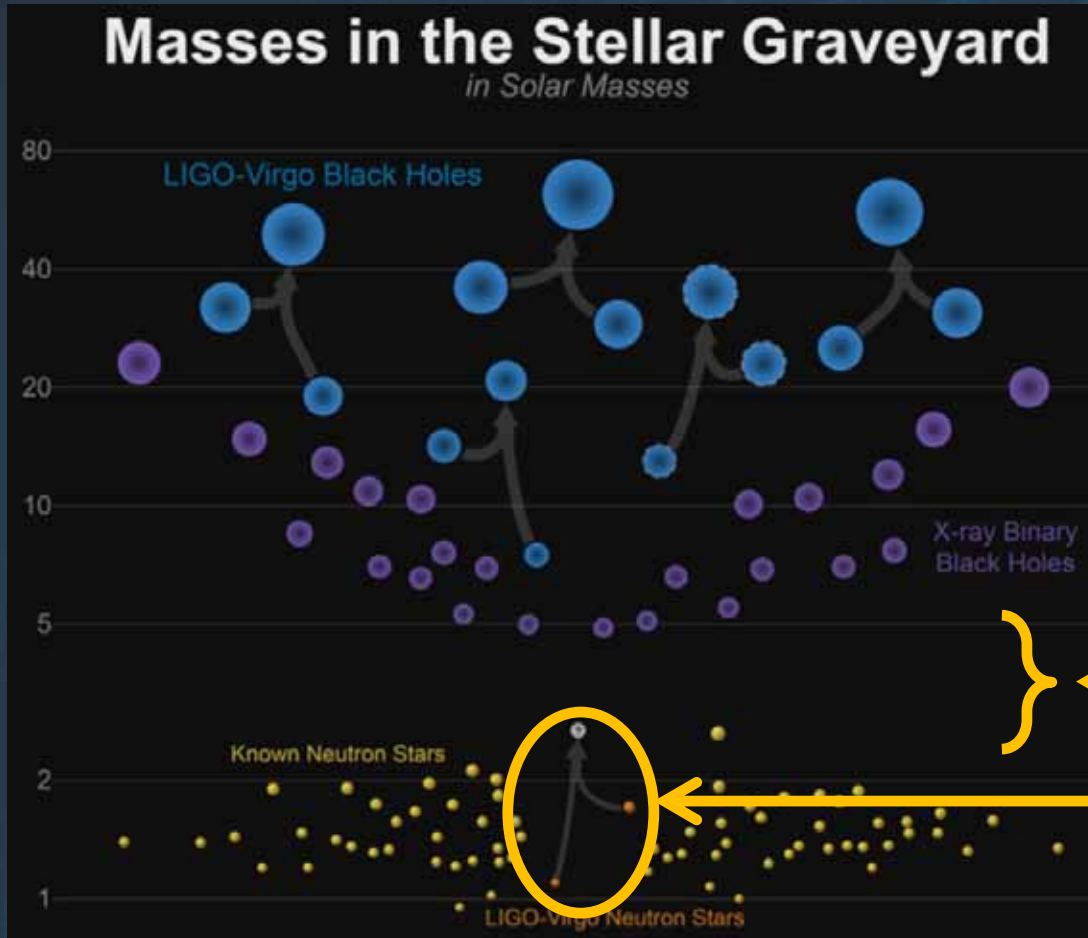
NGC 4993; redshift:  $\sim 0.01$



# In search of the mass gap



Mergers into heavier systems



- Black holes merge and form larger black holes
- Neutron Stars merge too

Why is this region empty?

What happens when Neutron stars merge (what remains)??

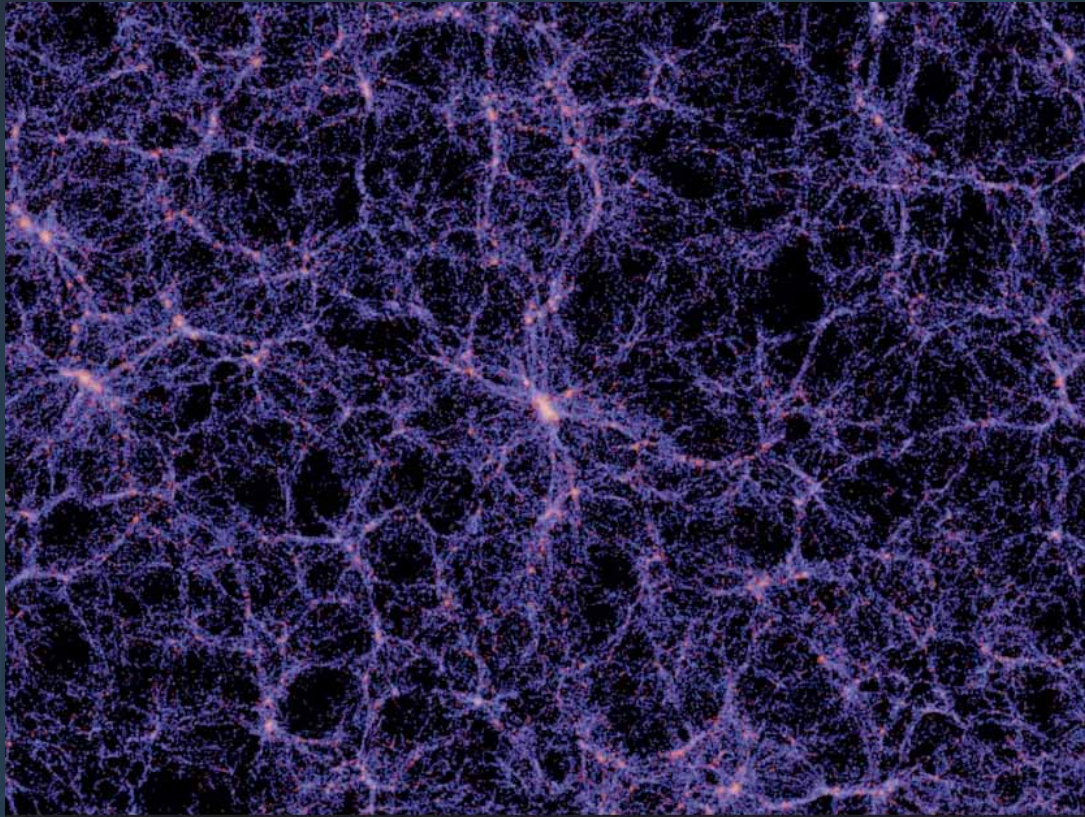


# Dark Matter and Dark Energy

- Presence of dark matter in a Neutron Star
  - imprint on GW signal during inspiral and merger
  - Low frequency detector needed
- Accumulation of dark matter inside a neutron star
  - can result in a Black hole that accretes the Neutron Star remainder
  - Result: 1 to 2  $M_{\odot}$  Black Holes
- Investigate if Dark Matter comes from 0.1  $M_{\odot}$  to 100  $M_{\odot}$  primordial Black Holes
- Investigate if superradiant ultralight Bosons spinning around BH are sources of Dark Matter
  - detectable through Compton wavelength
- Measuring Hubble constant  $H_0$  (expansion of the universe by Dark Energy)
  - “Standard Candle” type Ia supernovae assisted by binary GW signals : “Standard Sirens”
  - Coalescent binaries provide Luminance, redshift measured with electromagnetic signal
  - Change in  $H_0$  over time can provide information on Dark Energy
- Difference in gravity over very long distances



# Cosmic Strings (speculative)



- Strings thinner than a proton but that pack immense mass and density
- Likely disappeared over time, but the effects may be seen in the early universe

## ... and much more

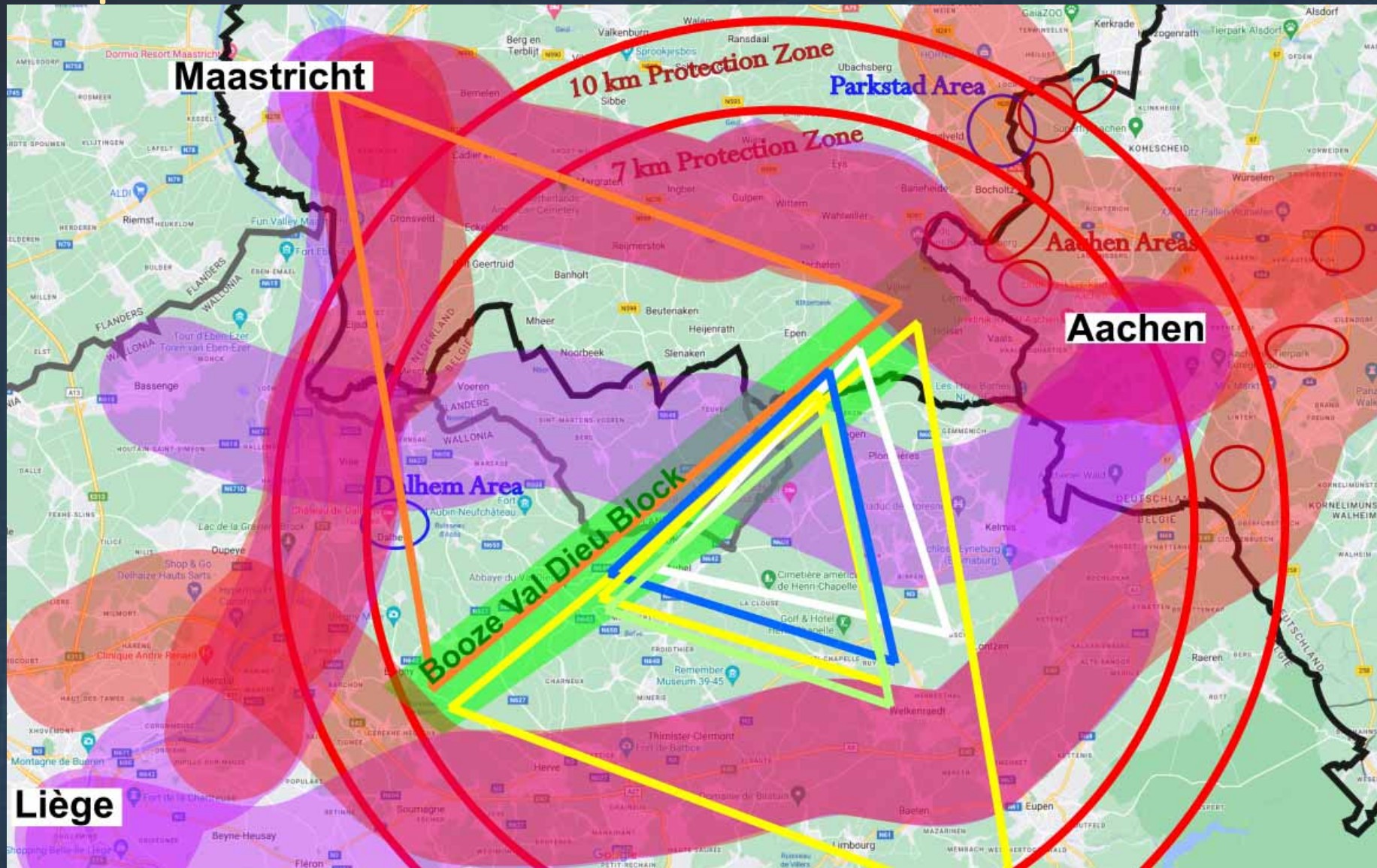
- “black hole mimickers”
  - boson stars
  - gravastars
  - stars composed of dark matter particles





# GEOLOGICAL RESEARCH (Hydro)geological mapping

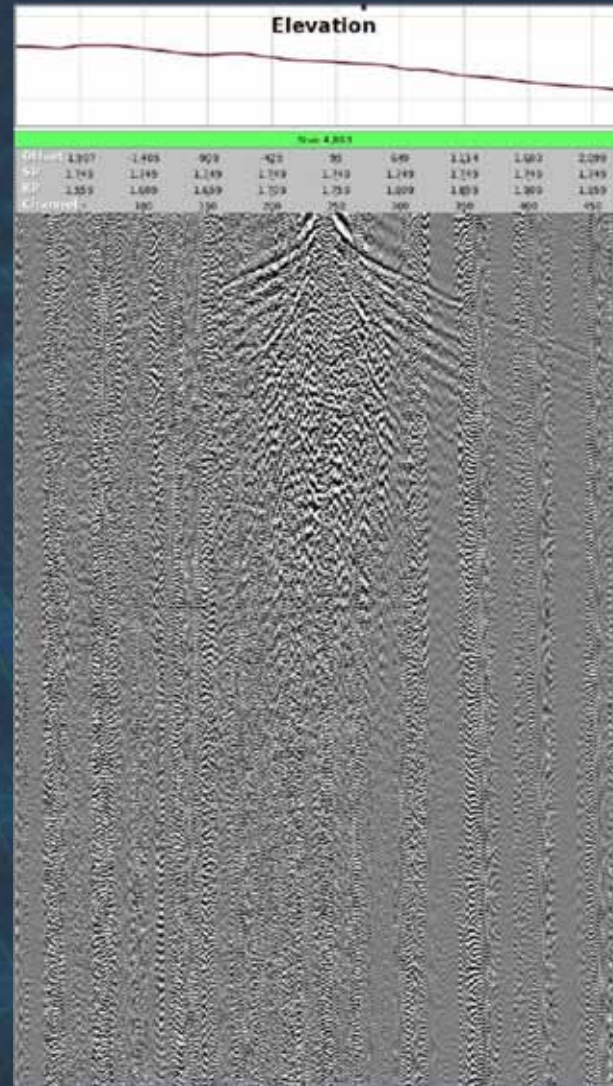
# Noise protection zones



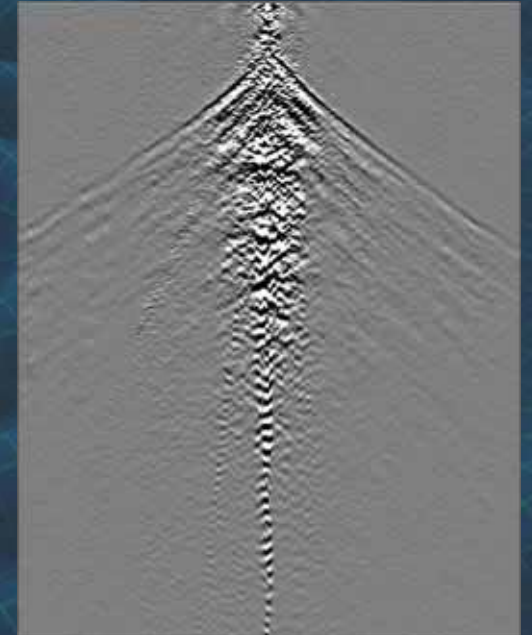
# First try: Vibro-Seis

## Frequency ranges

- Electro-vibe: 2-100 Hz
- Vibro-Seis 6 – 90 Hz or 10 – 90 Hz

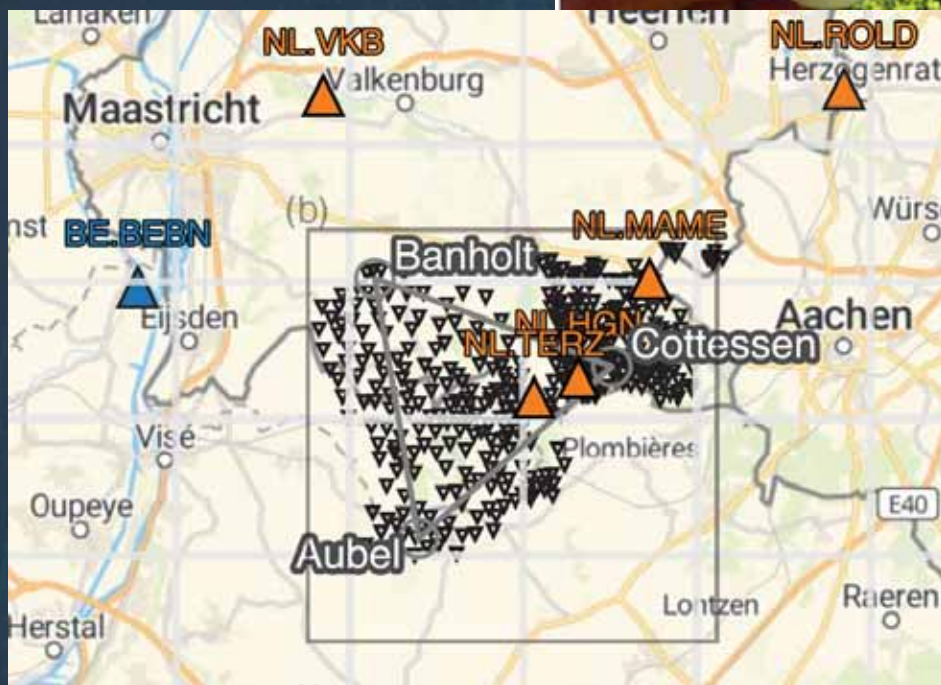


After noise suppression

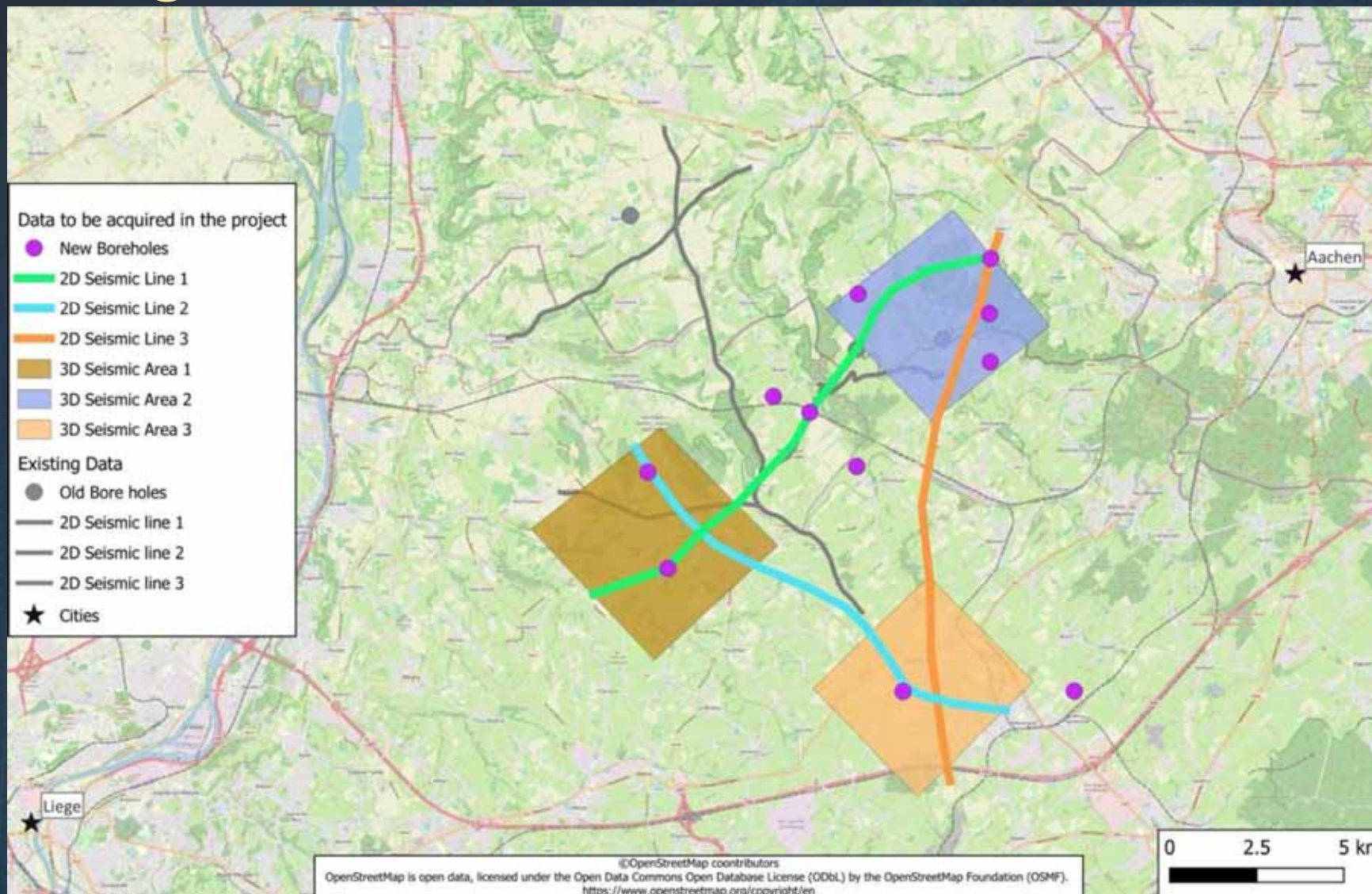


# Seismological Research

- 400 type 3C (5Hz) geophones @ €1K /st
- 200 type 1C (vertical) geophones @ €300 /st
- The largest geological lab in the world!



# Seismological Research



# Borehole campaign





# Borehole campaign

Carboniferous rock at ET  
depth (161m)



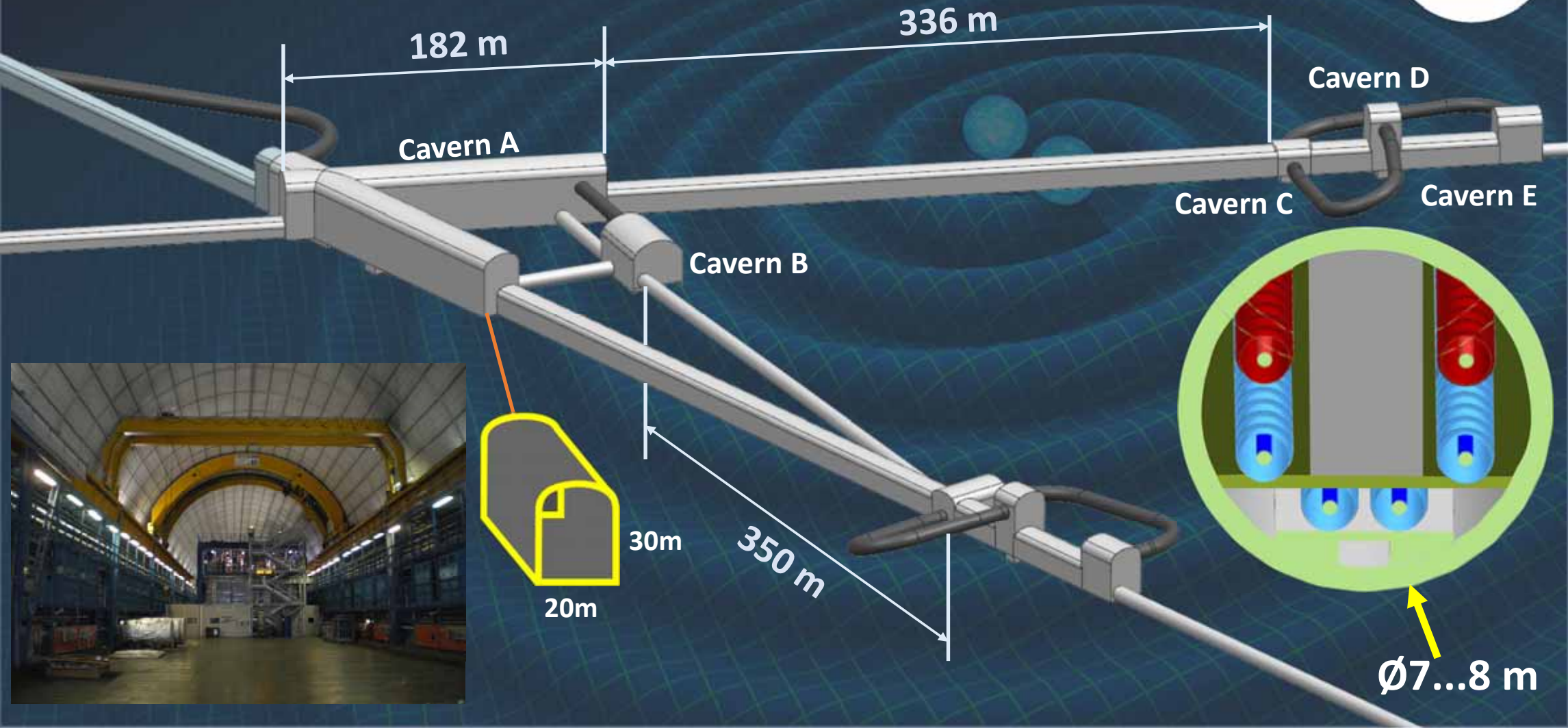
Transition from chalk  
to shales/mudstones  
at 29m





# UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTIONS

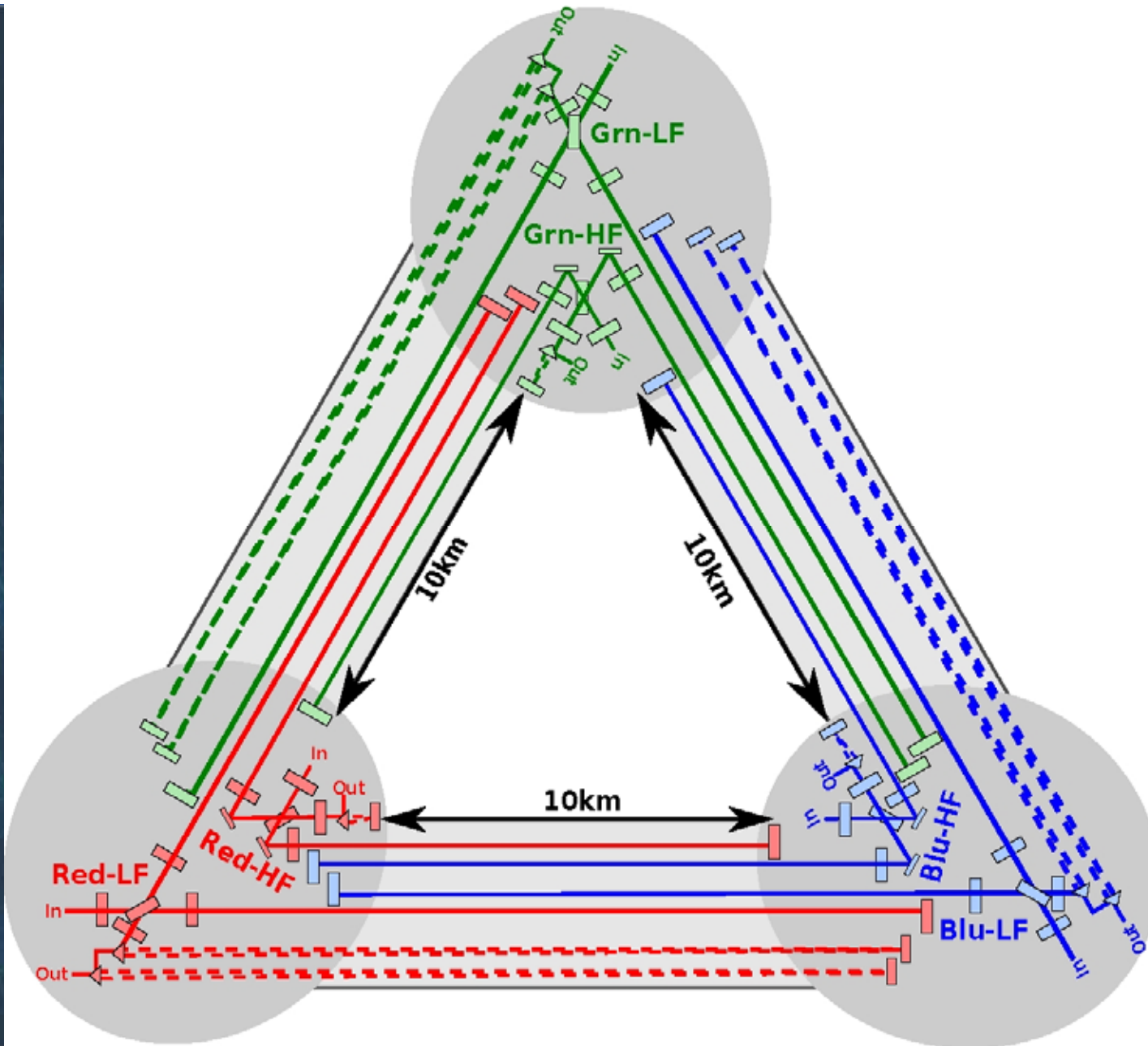
# Corner Points



# 6 Interferometers

## 2 per Corner Point

- “Cold” interferometer
  - Temperature: 10K ... 20K
  - Low frequency: 2 Hz ... 20 Hz
  - Optical Power: 18KW
- “Hot” interferometer
  - Room temperature
  - High frequency: 20Hz ... 20KHz
  - Optical Power : +1MW



# Concrete options for the tunnels

## Option 1: shielded TBM excavation

- $\varnothing 8.4$  m for  $\varnothing 6.5$  inner diameter
- prefabricated segmental lining

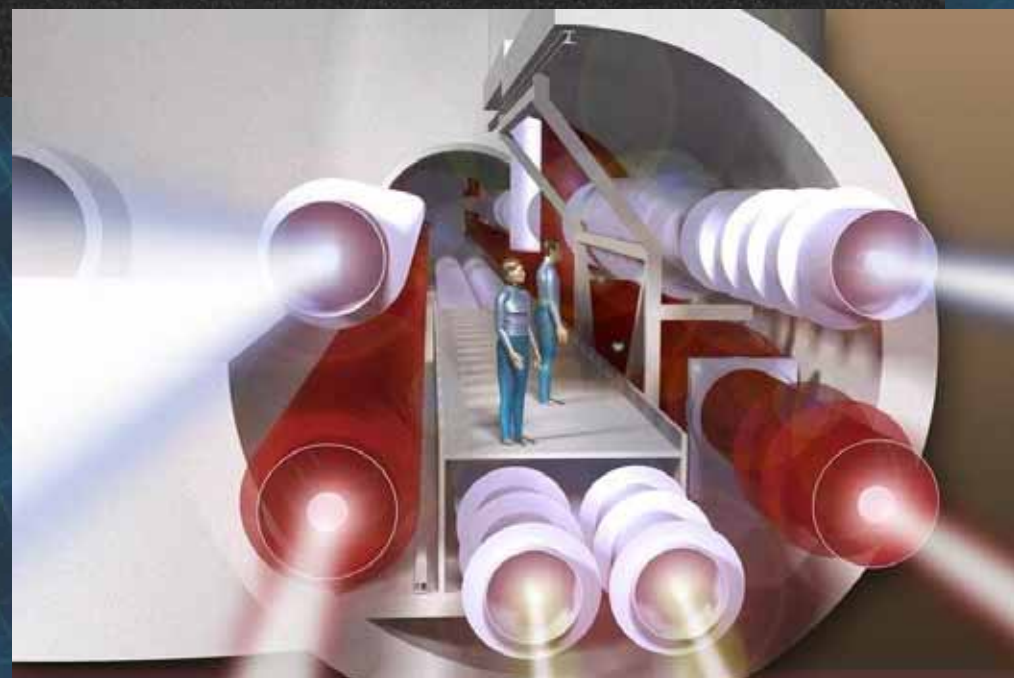
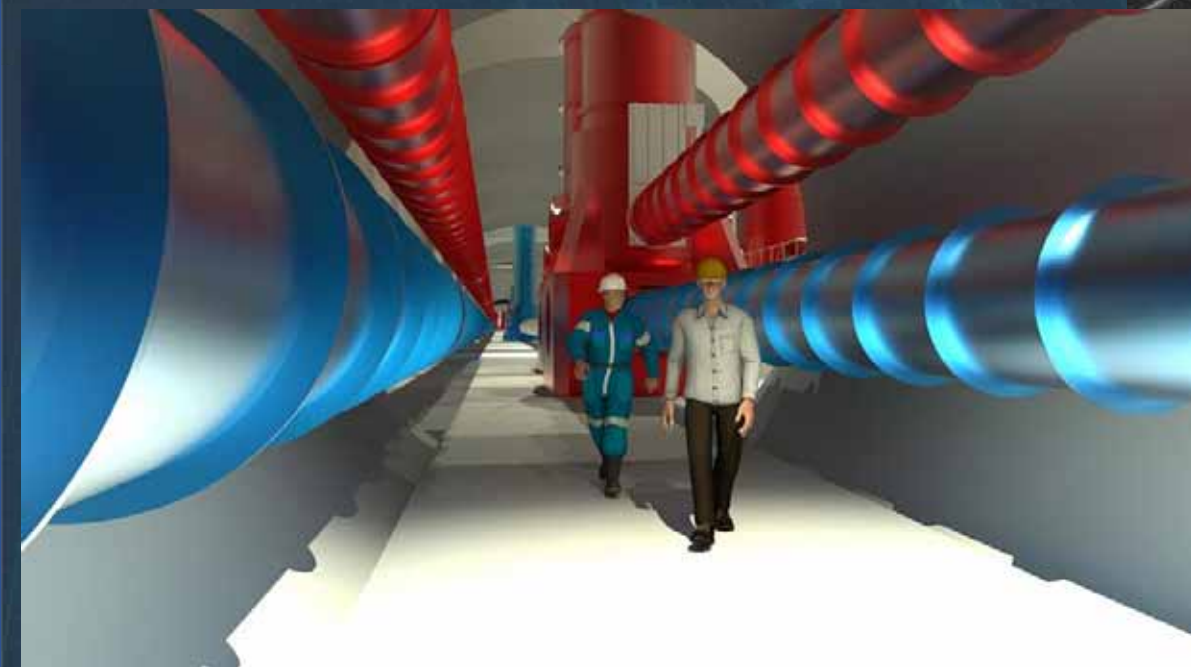
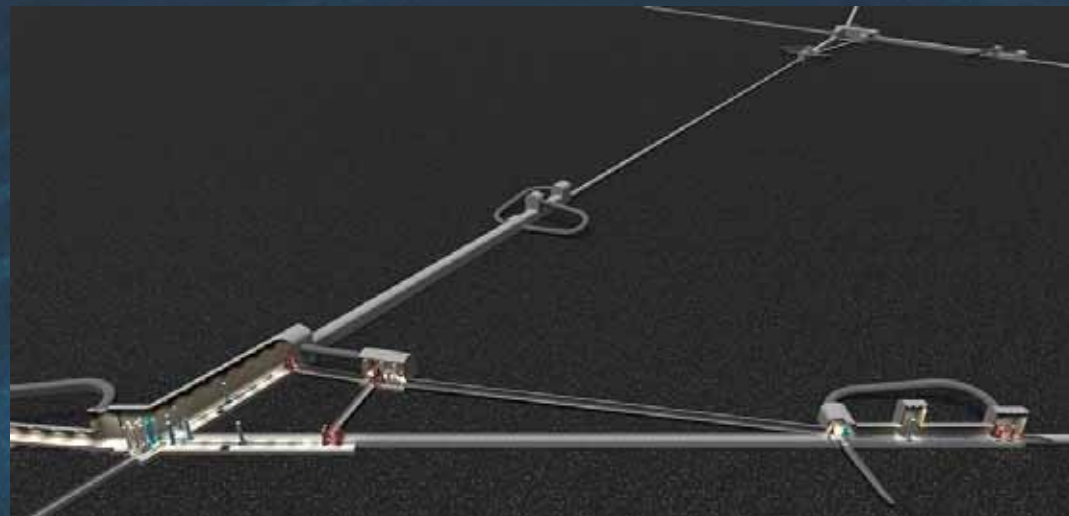


## Option 2: open TBM excavation

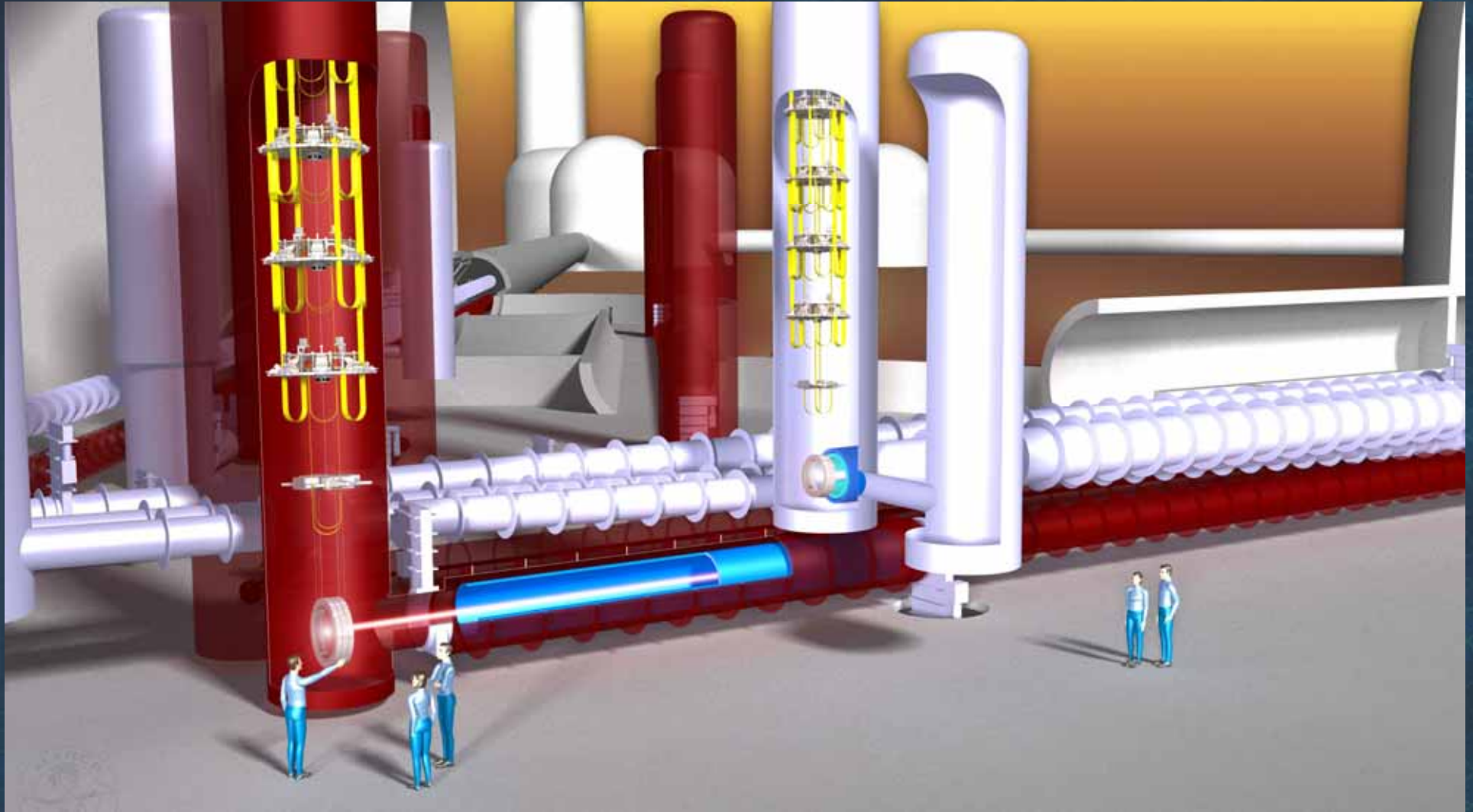
- $\varnothing 7.3$  m for  $\varnothing 6.5$  inner diameter
- shotcrete lining



# The Tunnels



# The vacuum towers









# Excavation Details

- **Excavation Volume and Timing**

- +30Km TBM tunnels
- 3Km Dewatering tunnels (??)
- Additional caverns at the corners
- Dependent on TBM's : 5 to 9 years

- **Sustainability measures**

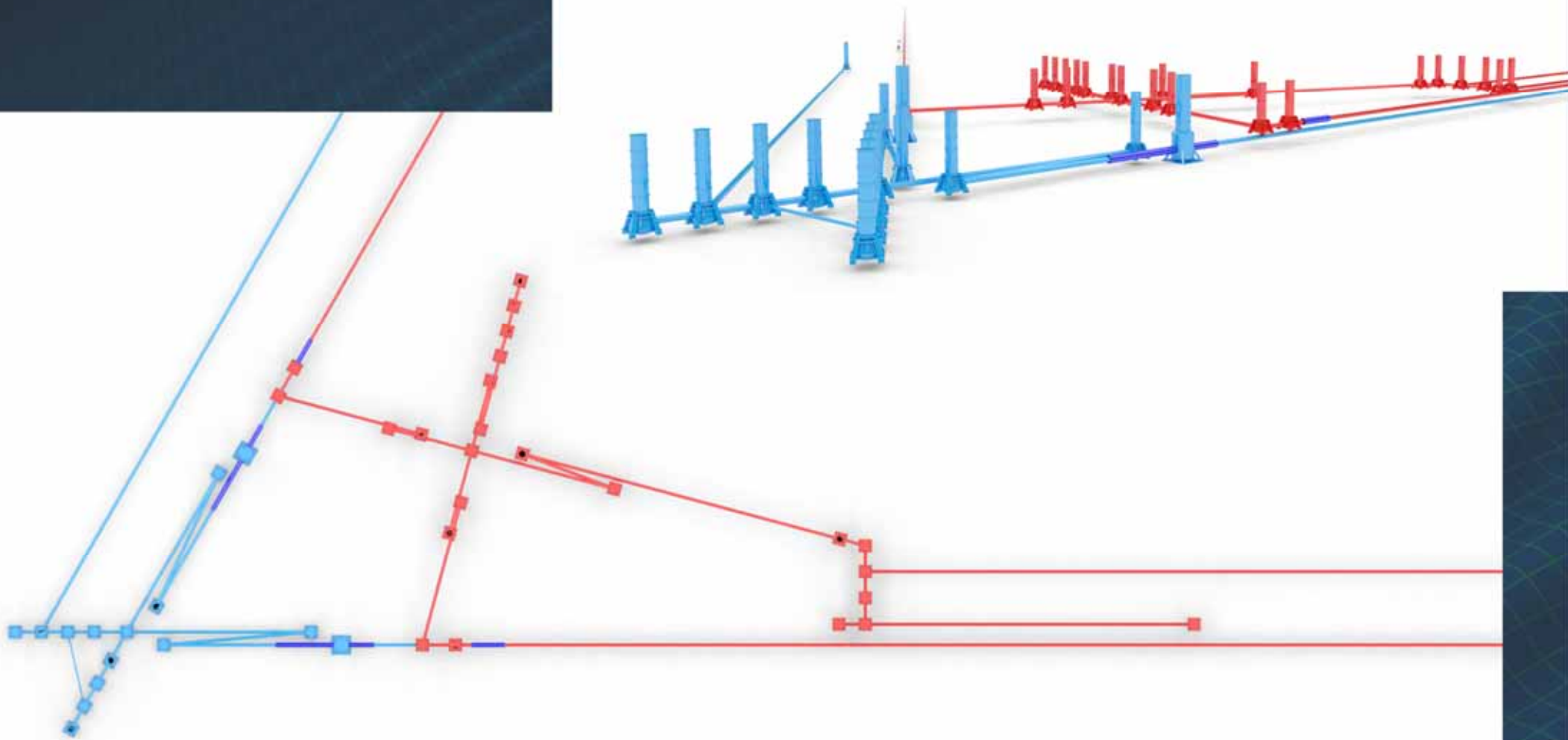
- "Nature 2000" area
- European Green Deal
- Key decision factor for tendering

- **Question:** 2.6 Mio to 3.6 Mio m<sup>3</sup> excavation mass: how to handle?

- Cretaceous chalk
- Packstones
- Silicified hard limestone
- Famennian-Condroz quartzites
- Frasnian shales or limestone

- **Question:** Open or closed TBMs?



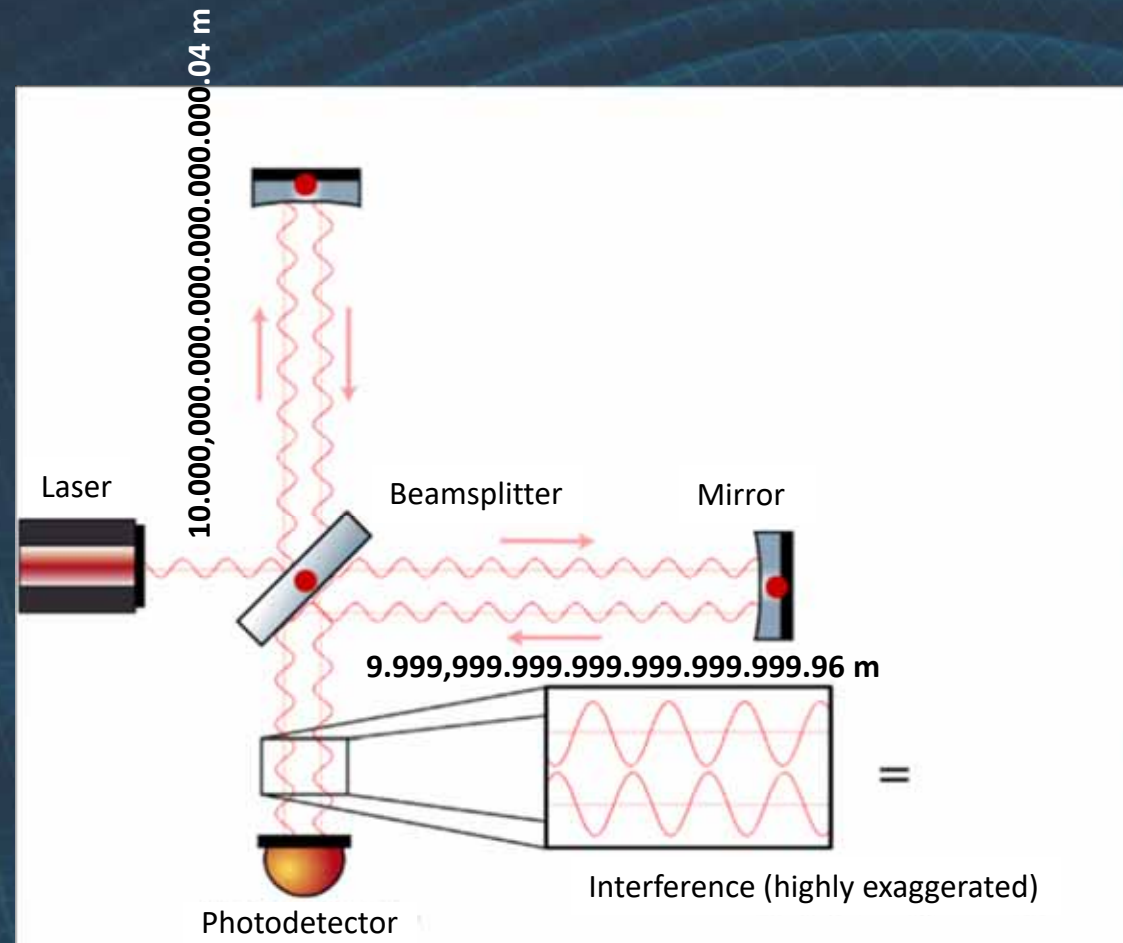
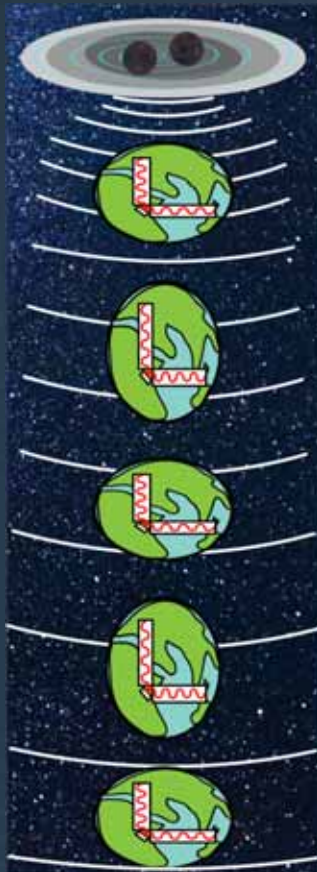




# THE OPTICAL PATH

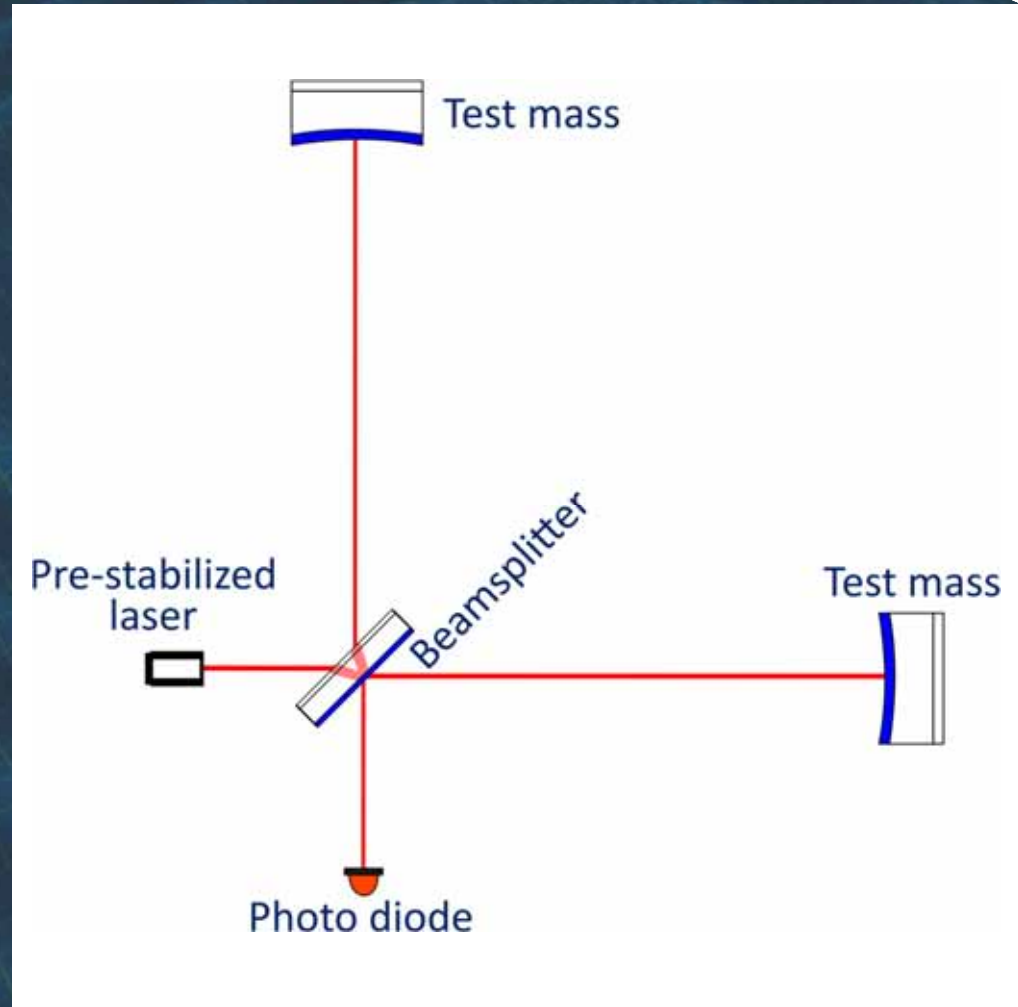
Why are so many towers needed?

# Recap: principle of an interferometer



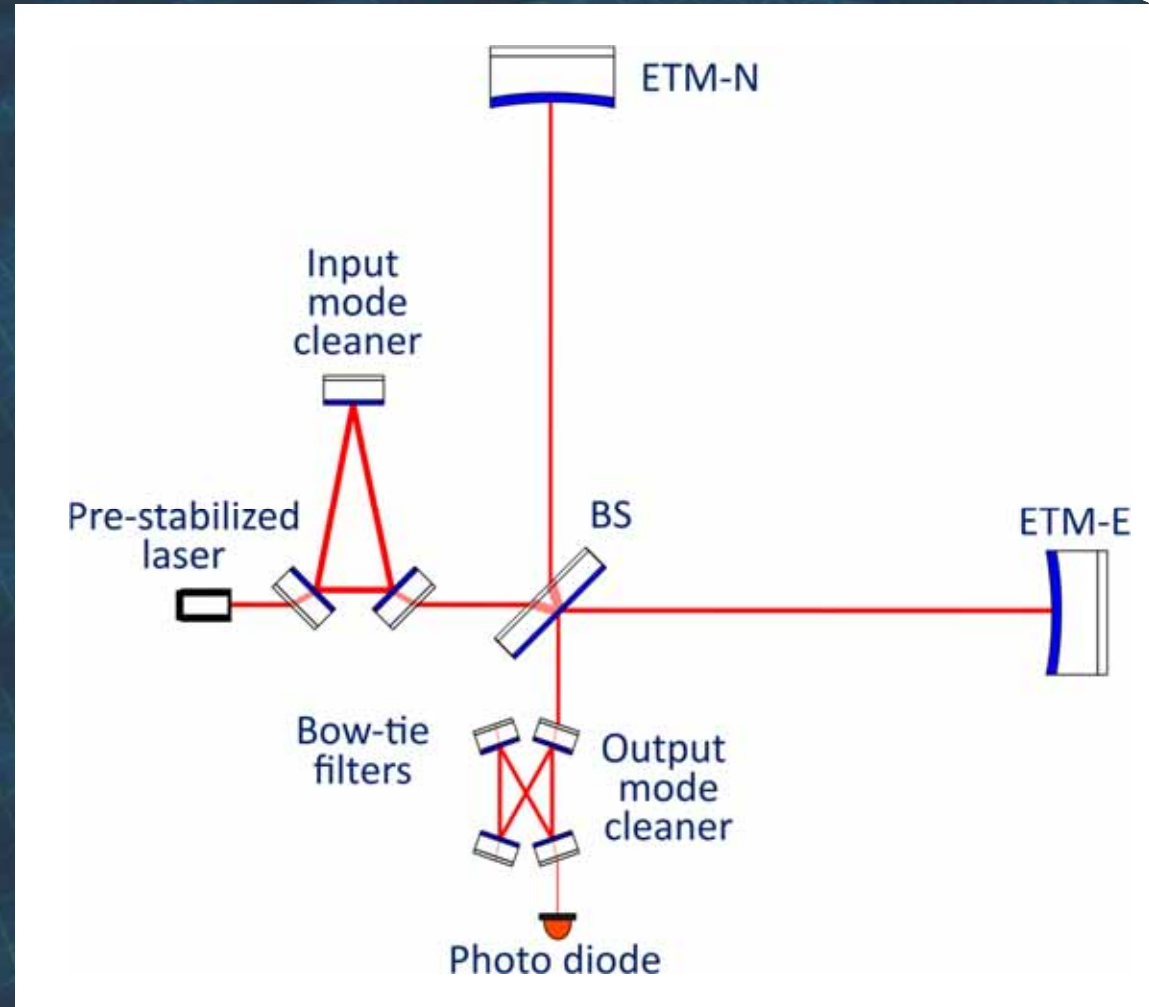
# Let's start: really simplified principle

- Arms of 10km
- Test masses at the end of the arm
- Beamsplitter to split and collect laser beams
- Stabilized laser



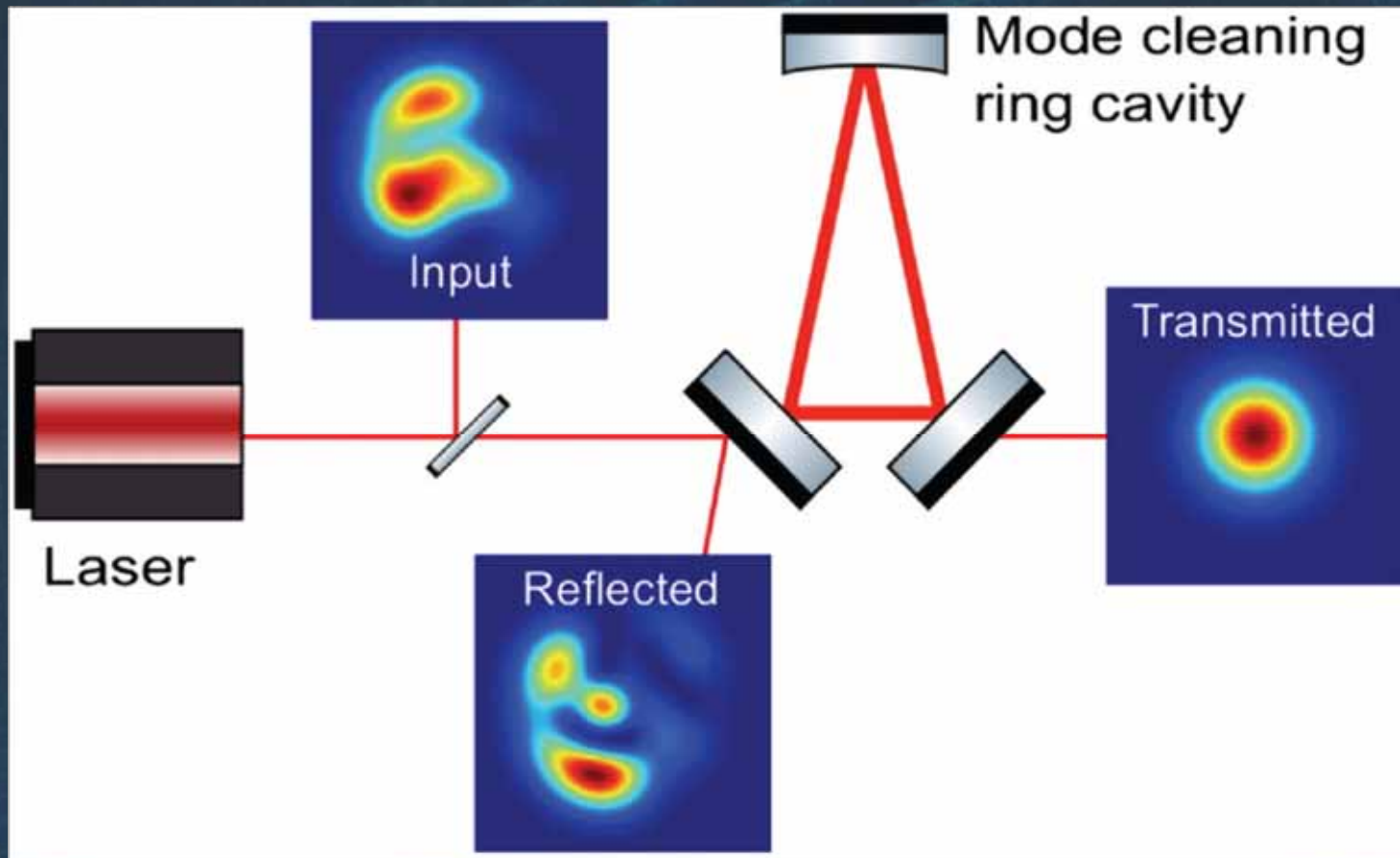
# Optimization 1: adding Mode Cleaners

- ETM-N/E = End Test Mass North/East
- BS = Beamsplitter
- Input Mode Cleaner for cleaning input laser
- Output Mode Cleaner for recovering signal and remove higher mode frequencies

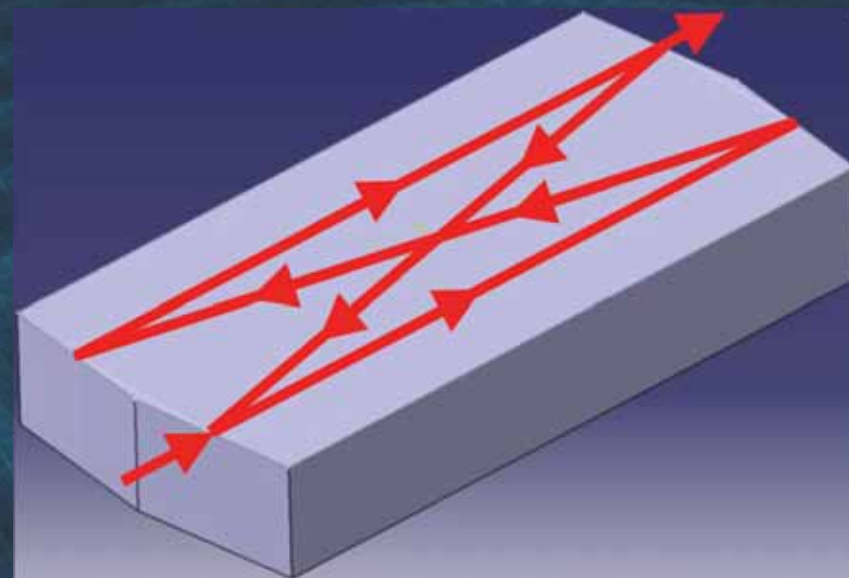
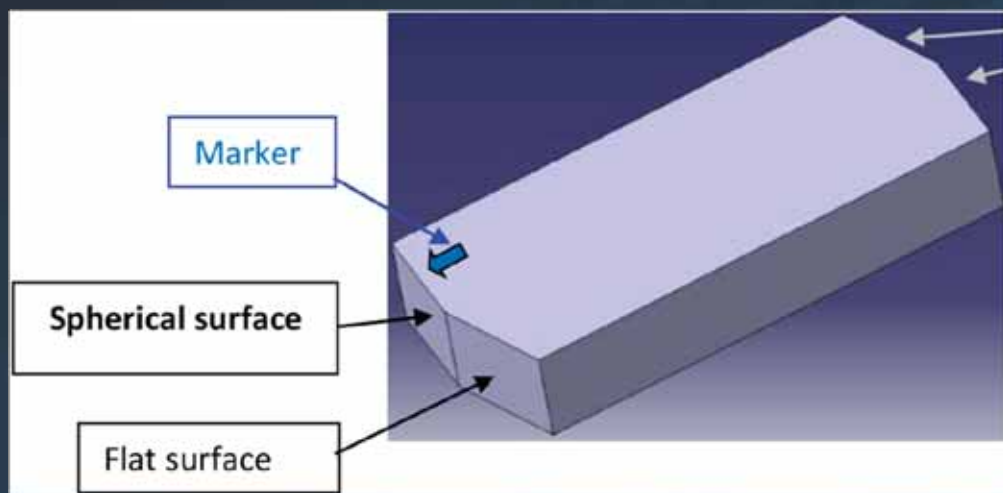


# Mode Cleaner?

E.g. Input Mode Cleaner principle

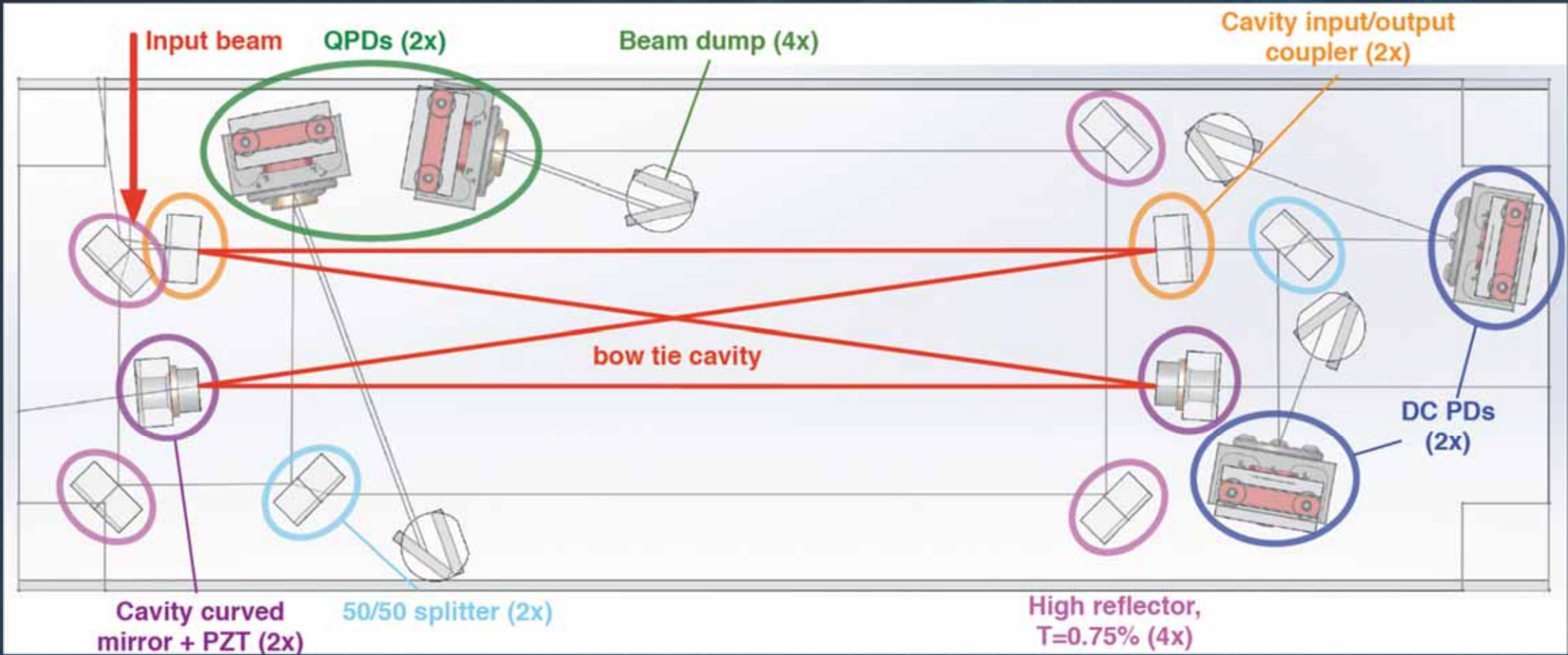


# Example: Virgo Output mode cleaner



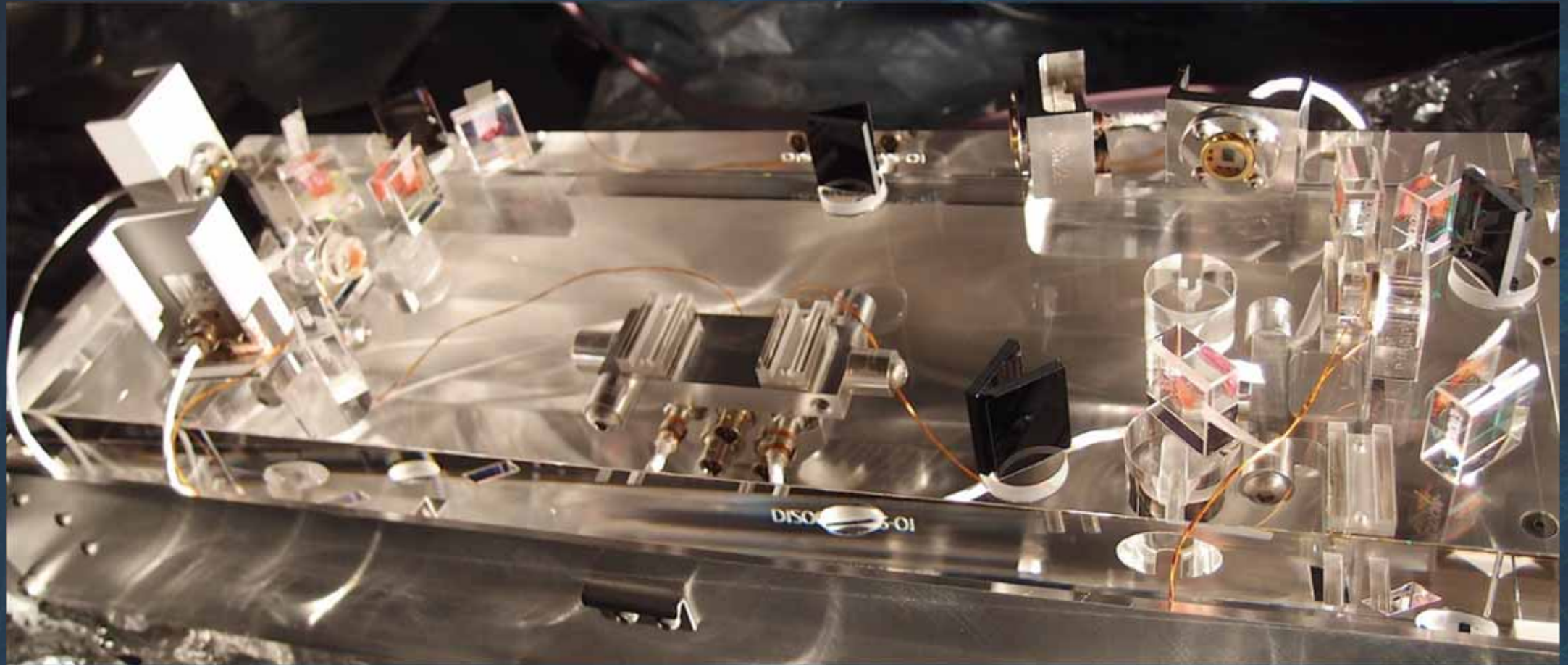


# Example: LIGO Output mode cleaner



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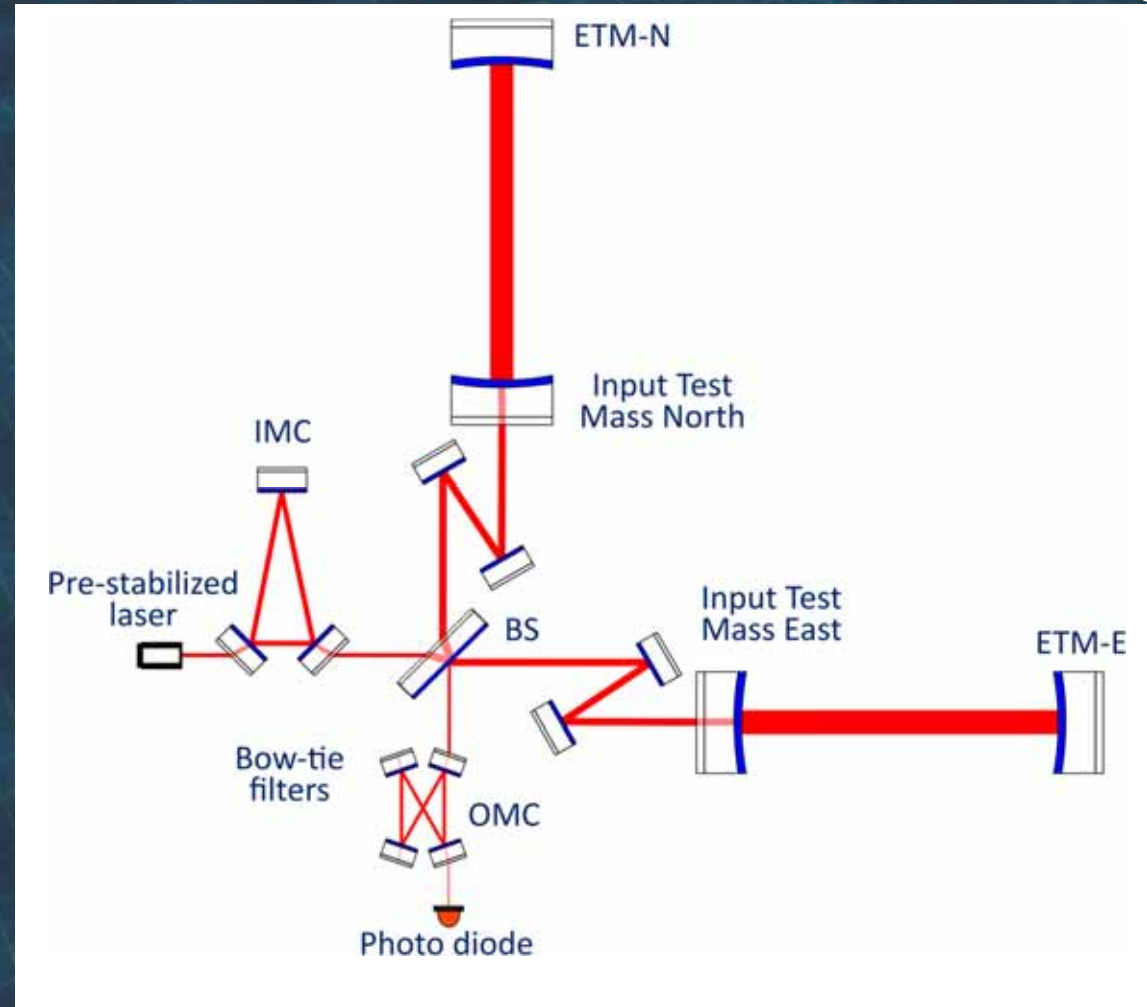
# LIGO Output mode cleaner



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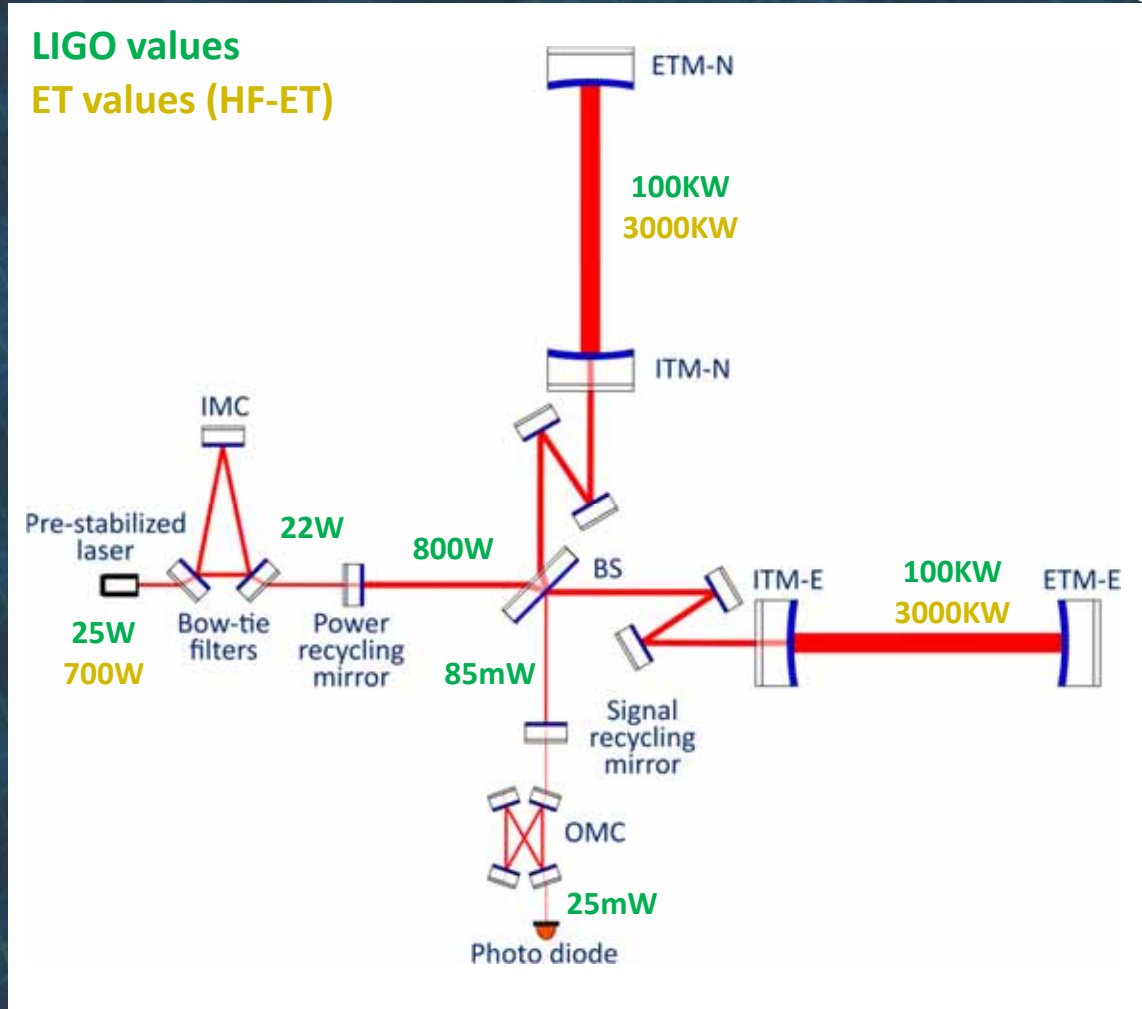
# Optimization 2: extend arm length with cavities

- I/OMC = Input/ Output Mode Cleaner
- Input Test Masses are added to create cavities in the arms
- Optical Power in the arm goes from 700W to 3MW
- The arm is virtually extended thousands of times
- Adding mirrors to align the beam in the tunnels



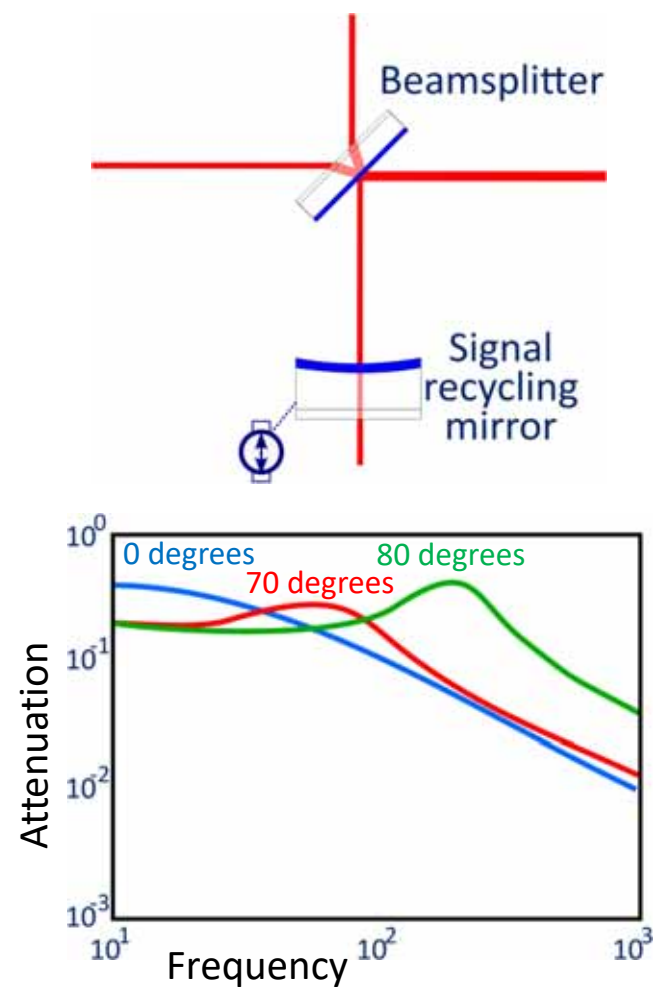
# Optimization 3: add Recycling Mirrors

- ITM-N/E = Input Test Mass North/East
- Power Recycling Mirror for increasing power in the arms
- Signal Recycling Mirror to increase signal optical power



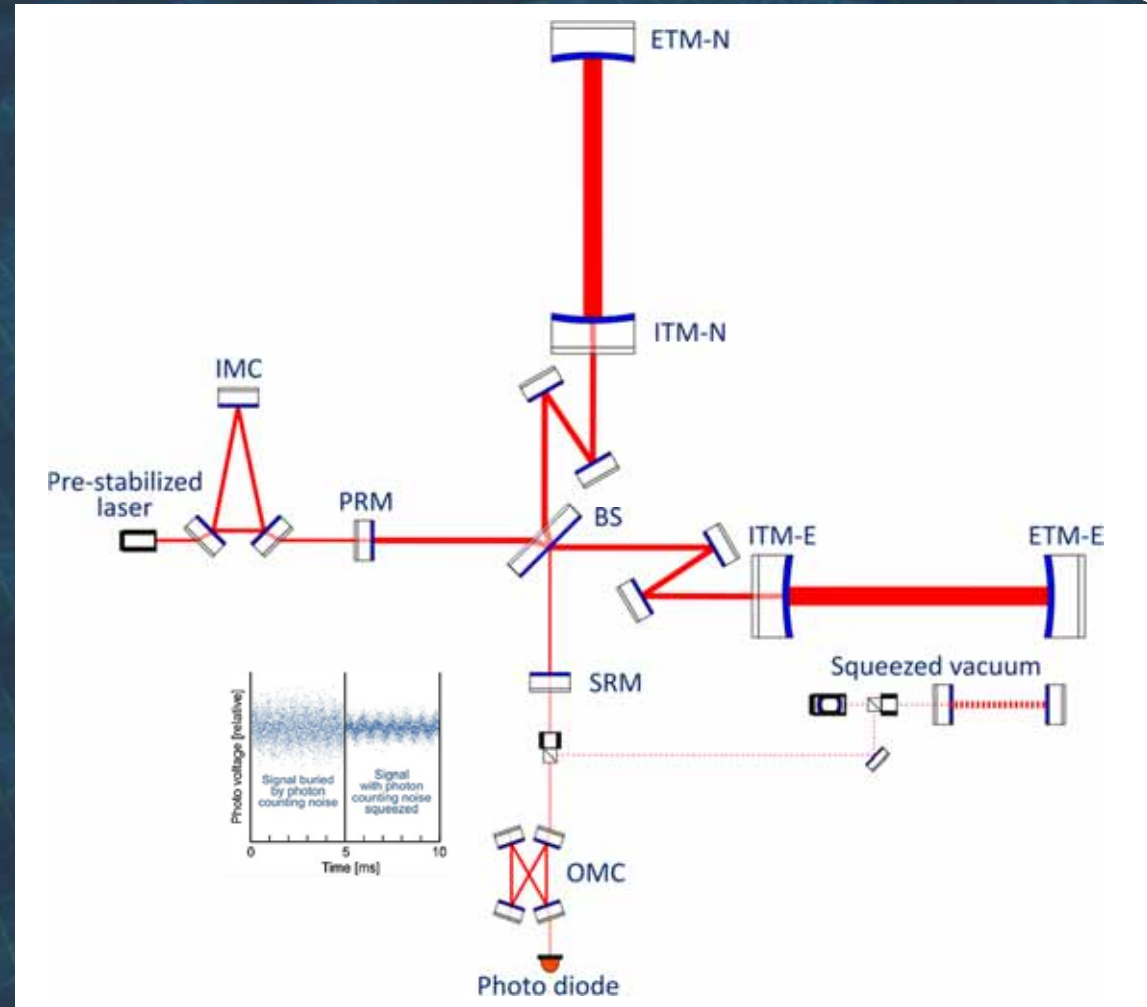
# The effect of Signal Recycling

- Reflecting the signals back into the interferometer allows the response of the system to be 'tuned'.
- Moving the signal recycling mirror by a fraction of a wavelength (shown here as phase: 90 degrees =  $\lambda/4$ ) changes the frequency of the peak response of the interferometer
- The bandwidth is controlled by the reflectivity of the signal recycling mirror



# Optimization 4: implement Squeezed Vacuum

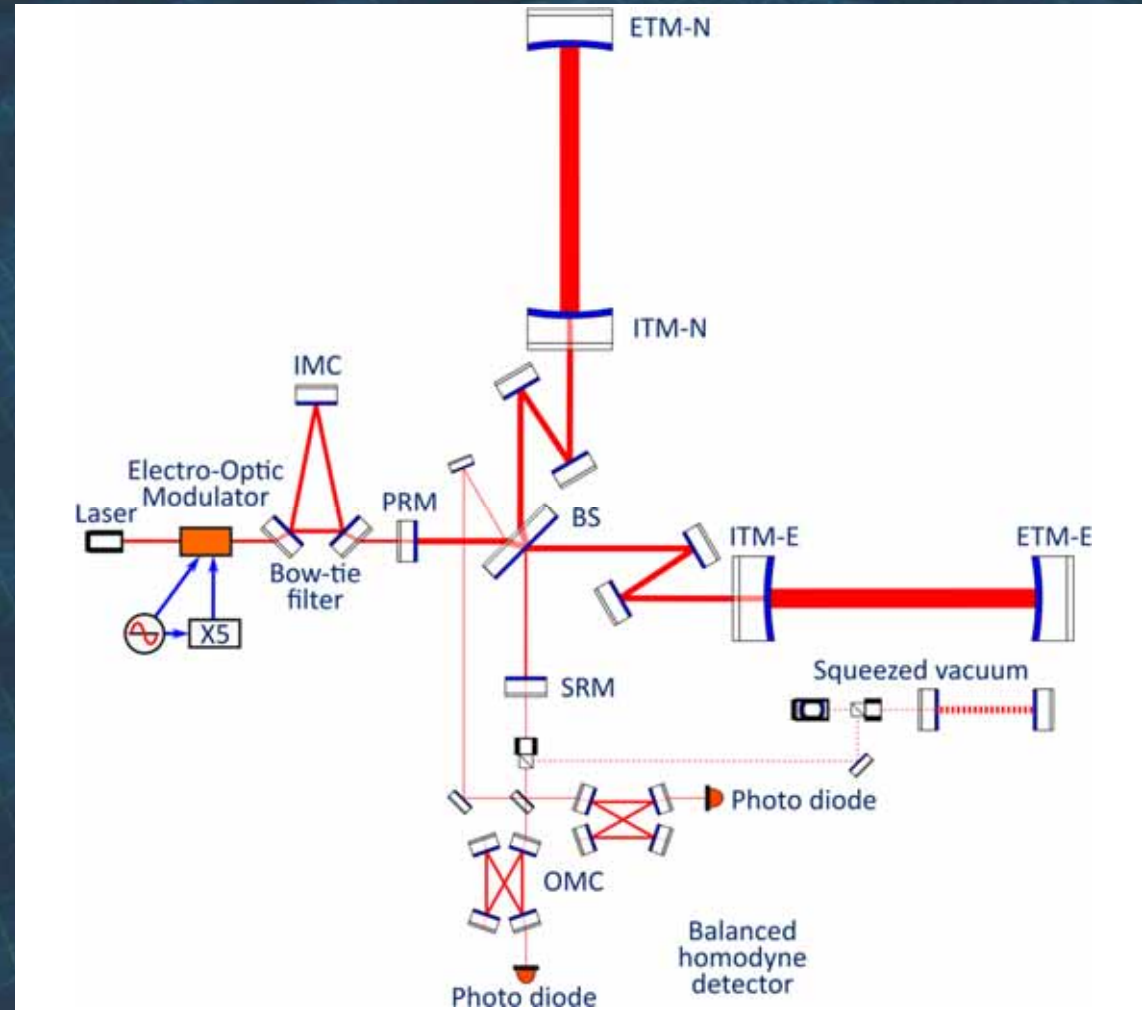
- $P/SRM = \text{Power/ Signal Recycling Mirror}$
- Output Signal is squeezed
- A second laser is used to create extra squeezed vacuum
- The second laser is mixed with the signal with quantum entanglement



# Optimization 5: measure the signal with a Homodyne detector



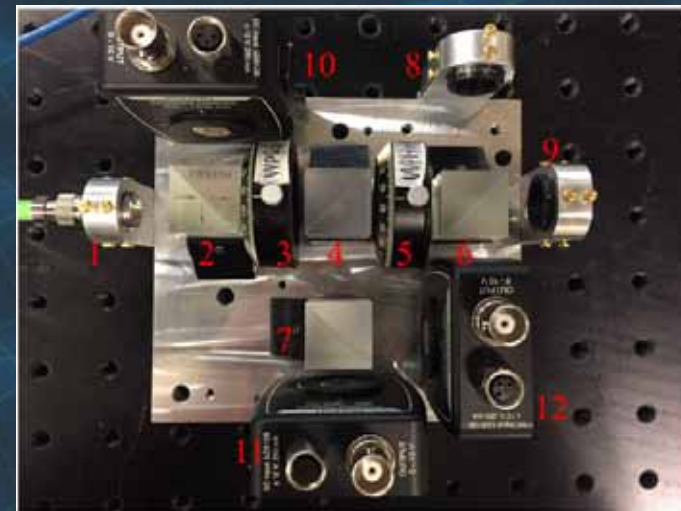
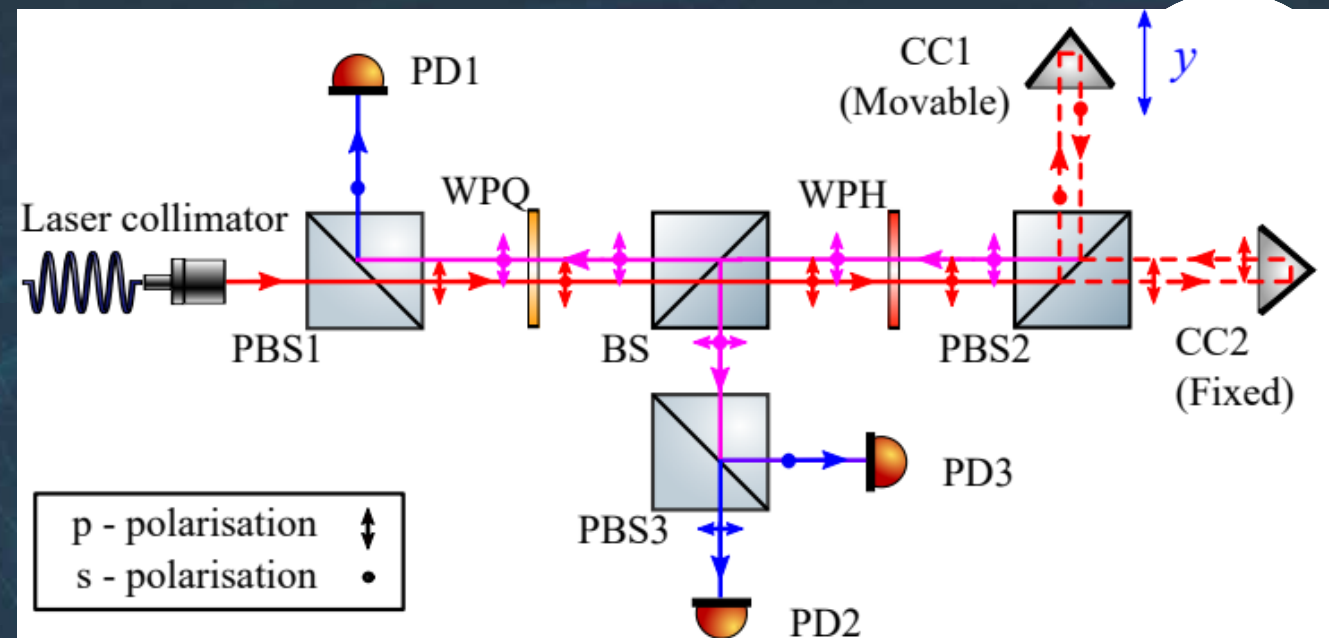
- The laser signal is modulated
  - E.g. 9MHz and 45MHz (LIGO)
- High frequency modulation to control the towers
- Low frequency modulation to recover the signal
- Recovery with a balanced homodyne detector



# Homodyne detection

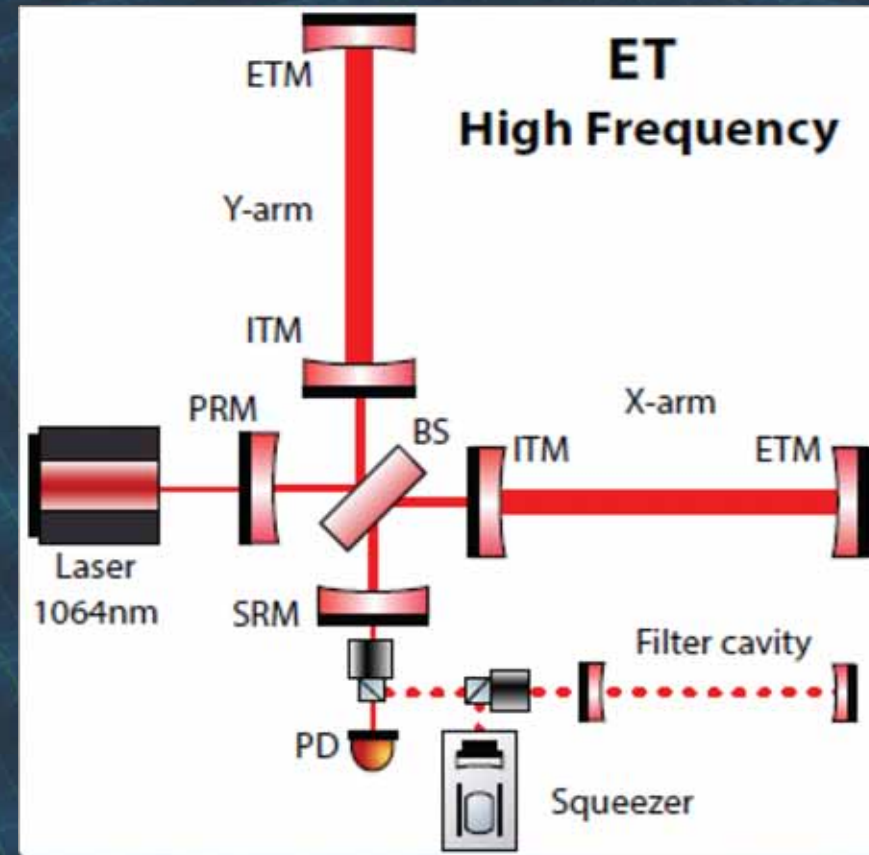
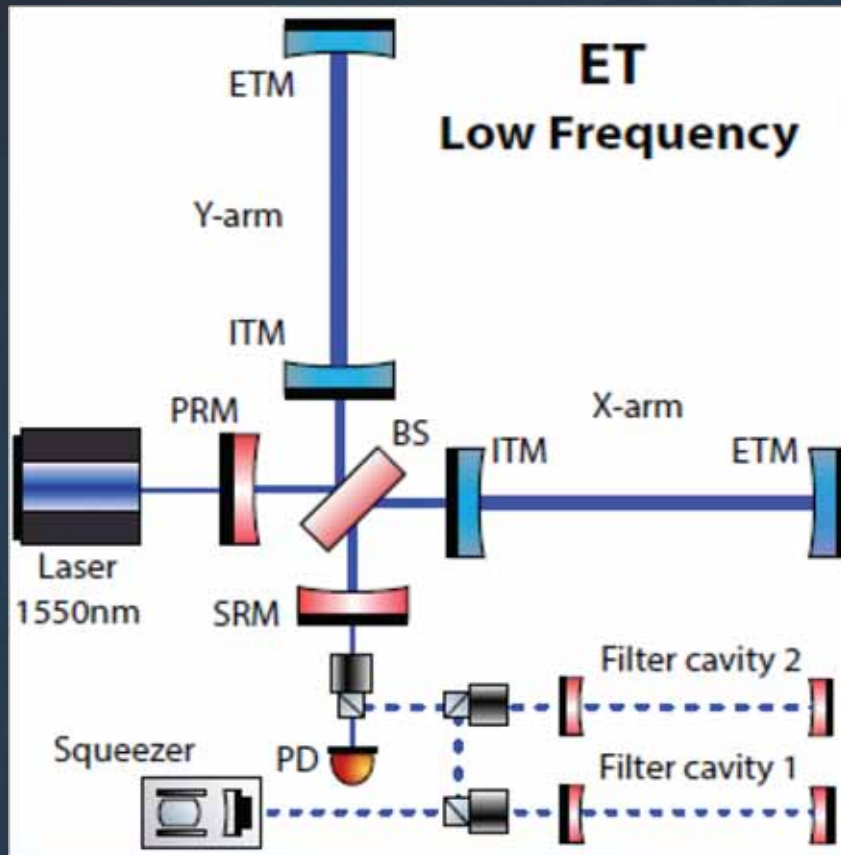
## Interferometric readout


- 1 the collimator
- 2, 6, 7 Polarising Beam Splitter Cubes (PBS)
- 3 Quarter-Wave Plate (WPQ)
- 4 Non-Polarising Beam Splitter Cube
- 5 Half-Wave Plate (WPH)
- 8, 9 Corner Cubes
- 10, 11, 12 Switchable Gain Amplified Photodiodes (PD)








# High and Low Frequency configurations




 Optical element,  
Fused Silica,  
room temperature

 Optical element,  
Silicon,  
cryogenic

 Laser beam 1550nm

 Laser beam 1064nm

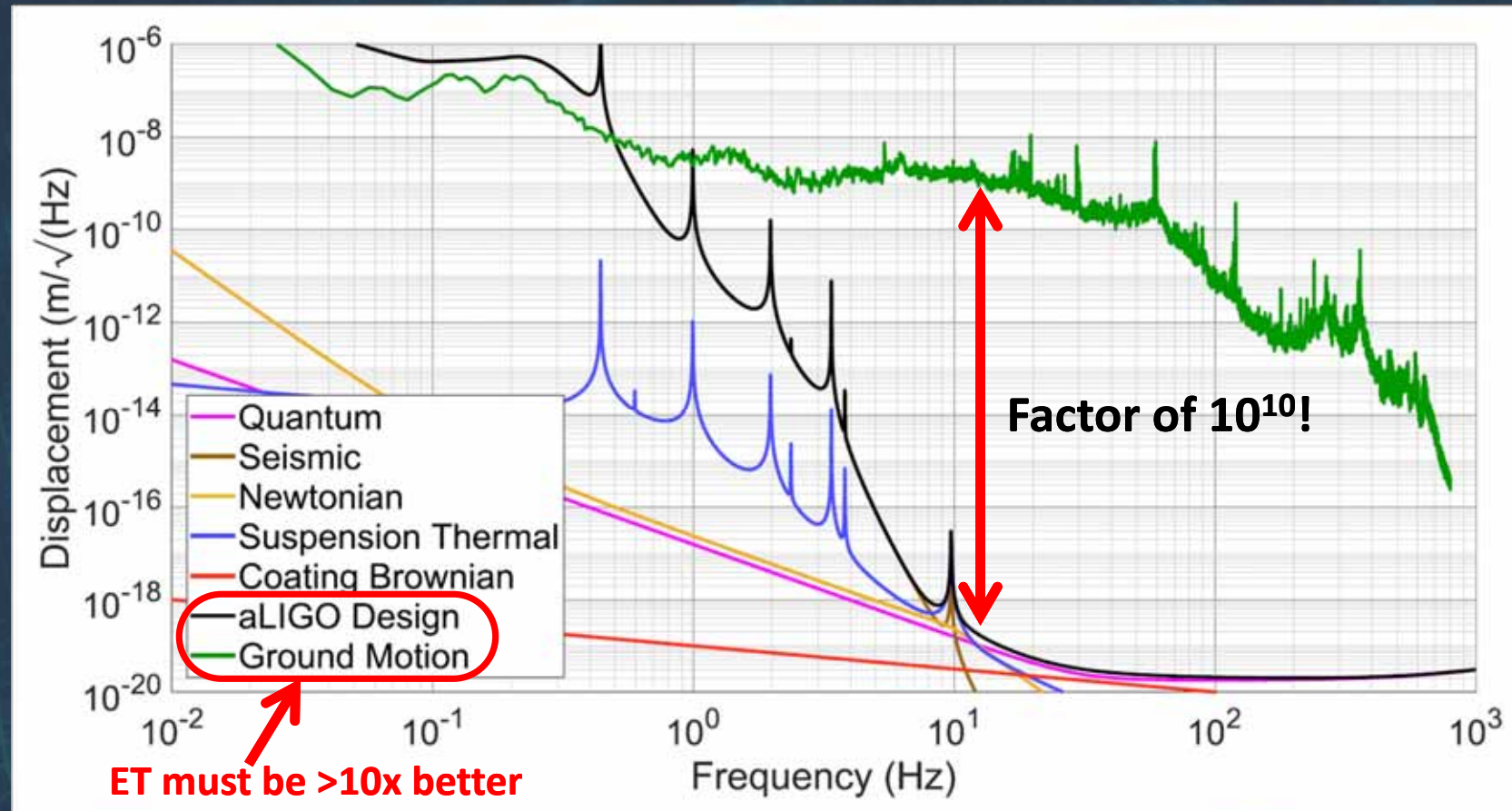
 squeezed light beam



# VIBRATION DAMPING

# Geological isolation

- Isolators
- Active damping systems
- Seismometers
- Inertial sensors



# Types of Seismic noise

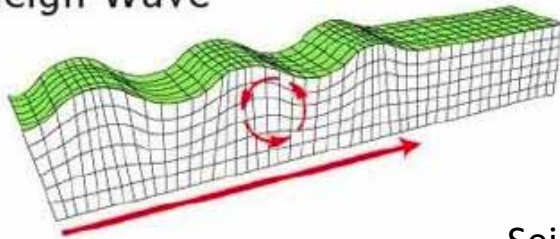


Are damped exponentially with depth

Surface waves

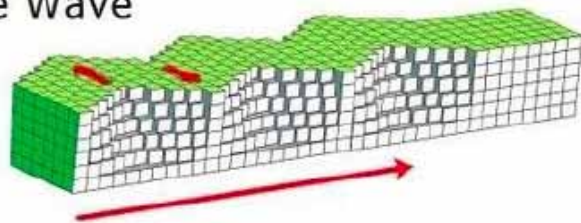
Seismic noise + Newtonian

Rayleigh Wave



Seismic noise

Love Wave

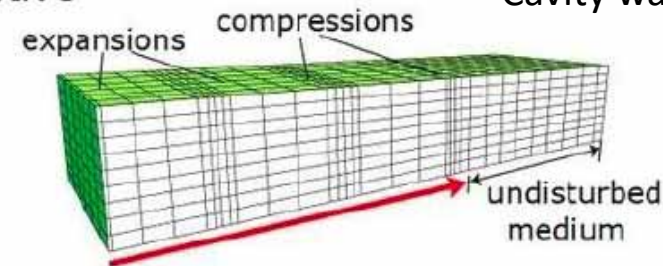


Are dominant at >200m depth

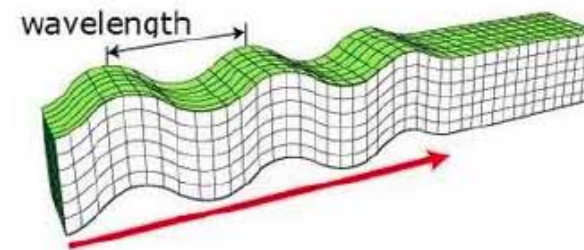
Body waves

Seismic noise + Newtonian  
Density changes  
Cavity wall displacement

P wave



S Wave



Seismic noise + Newtonian  
Cavity wall displacement

Fig. 10: Illustration of the different types of seismic waves.

Credit: Science Learning Hub – Pokapū Akoranga Pūtaiao, University of Waikato - <https://www.sciencelearn.org.nz>



# Problem 1: In-Tower damping control

- Damping of the mirrors is required
- Multi-staging damping systems with **Super-attenuators**

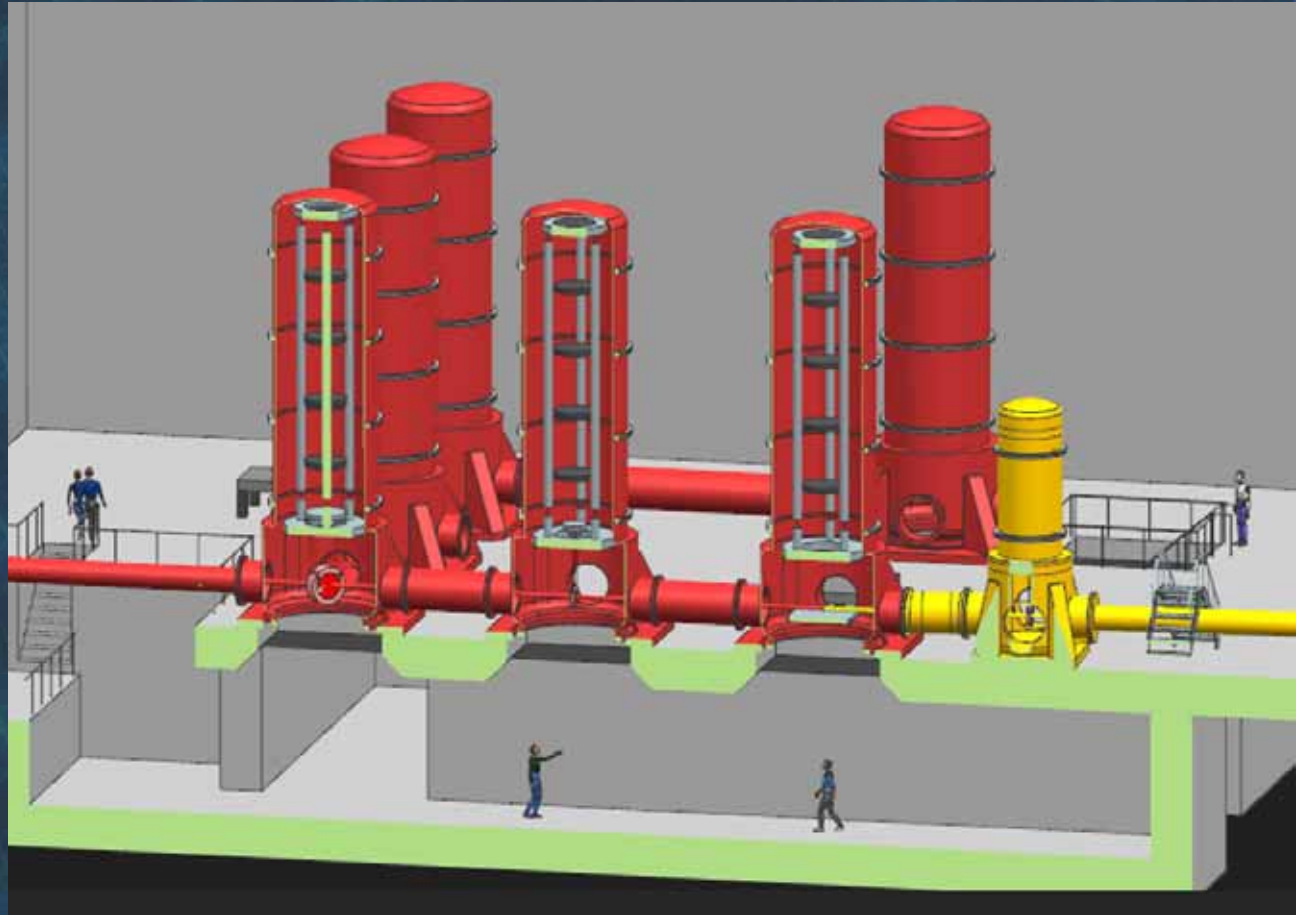
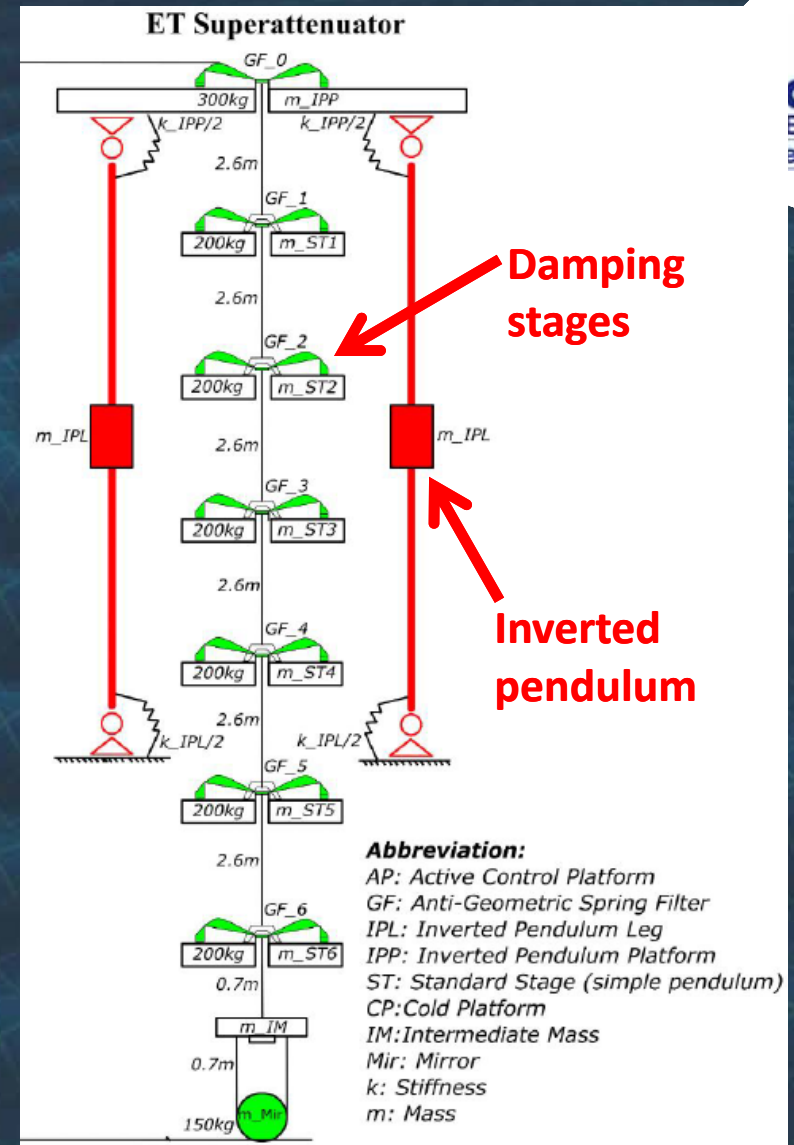


Figure: Marco Kraan - Nikhef

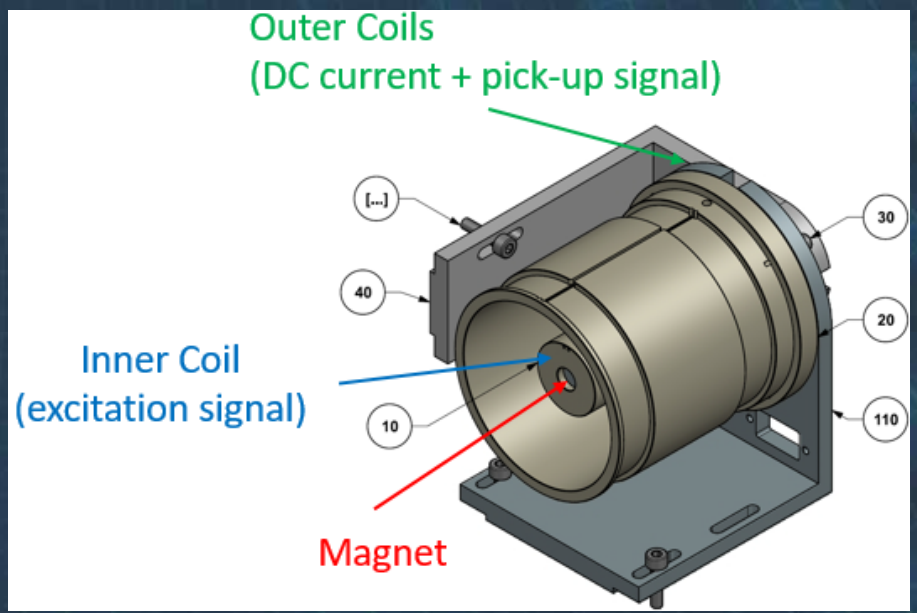
# Inverted Pendulum isolation

- Mirror vibration damping in the Vacuum Towers
  - Sensor and control up to  $10^{-18}$  m at low frequencies (0.1 Hz)



# Sensors are also actuators

- Linear Variable Differential Transformer (LVDT)
- Wires are used for both sensing and control
  - Minimize transfer of vibrations
- Implementation in ETpathfinder



# Problem 2: Equipment Damping

- Separate “Inverted Pendulum” for stabilizing measurement equipment
  - HRTS (HAM Relay Triple Suspensions)
- 6 Degrees of Freedom (DoF) control
- Must operate in vacuum or even cryogenic environments

$$\begin{bmatrix} H_x \\ H_y \\ V_z \\ \text{Roll} \\ \text{Pitch} \\ \text{Yaw} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & d & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & e & f \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & g & h \\ i & 0 & l & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} H1\_cal \\ H2\_cal \\ H3\_cal \\ H4\_cal \\ V1\_cal \\ V2\_cal \end{bmatrix}$$

*Sensing matrix*

$$\begin{bmatrix} \text{act\_H1} \\ \text{act\_H2} \\ \text{act\_H3} \\ \text{act\_H4} \\ \text{act\_V1} \\ \text{act\_V2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{Act}_x \\ \text{Act}_y \\ \text{Act}_z \\ \text{Act\_Roll} \\ \text{Act\_Pitch} \\ \text{Act\_Yaw} \end{bmatrix}$$

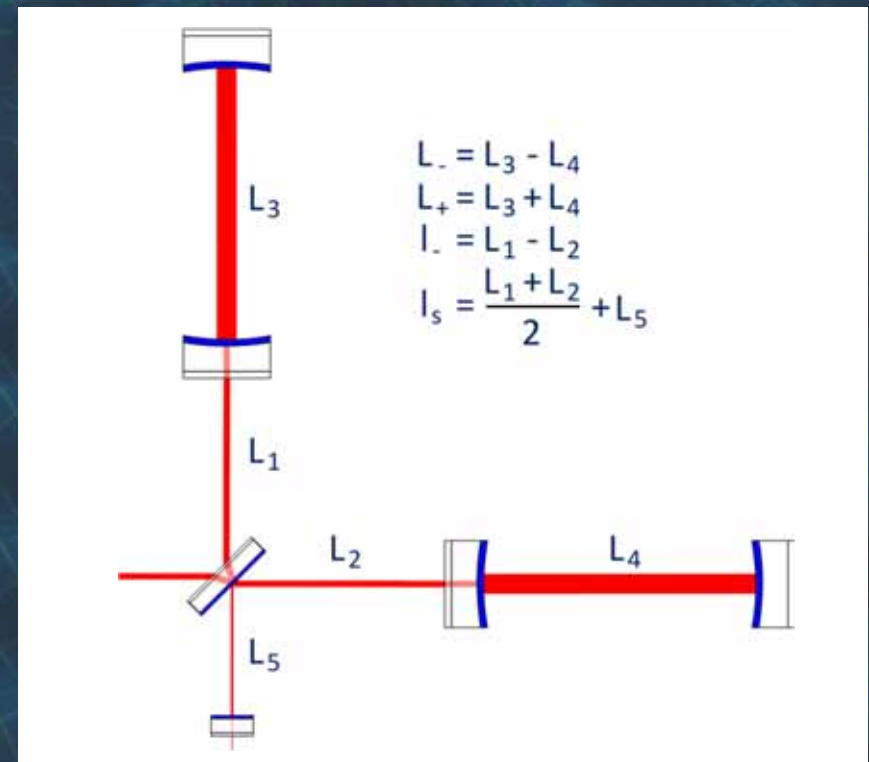
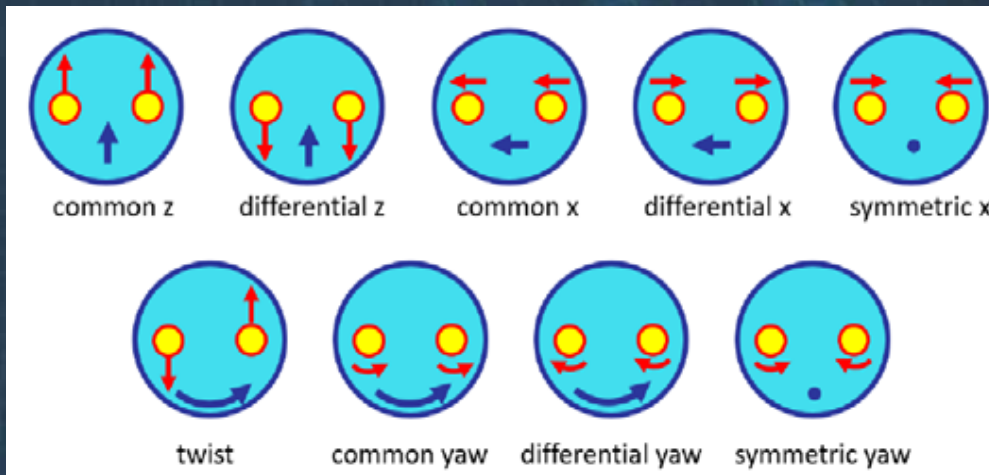
*Driving matrix*





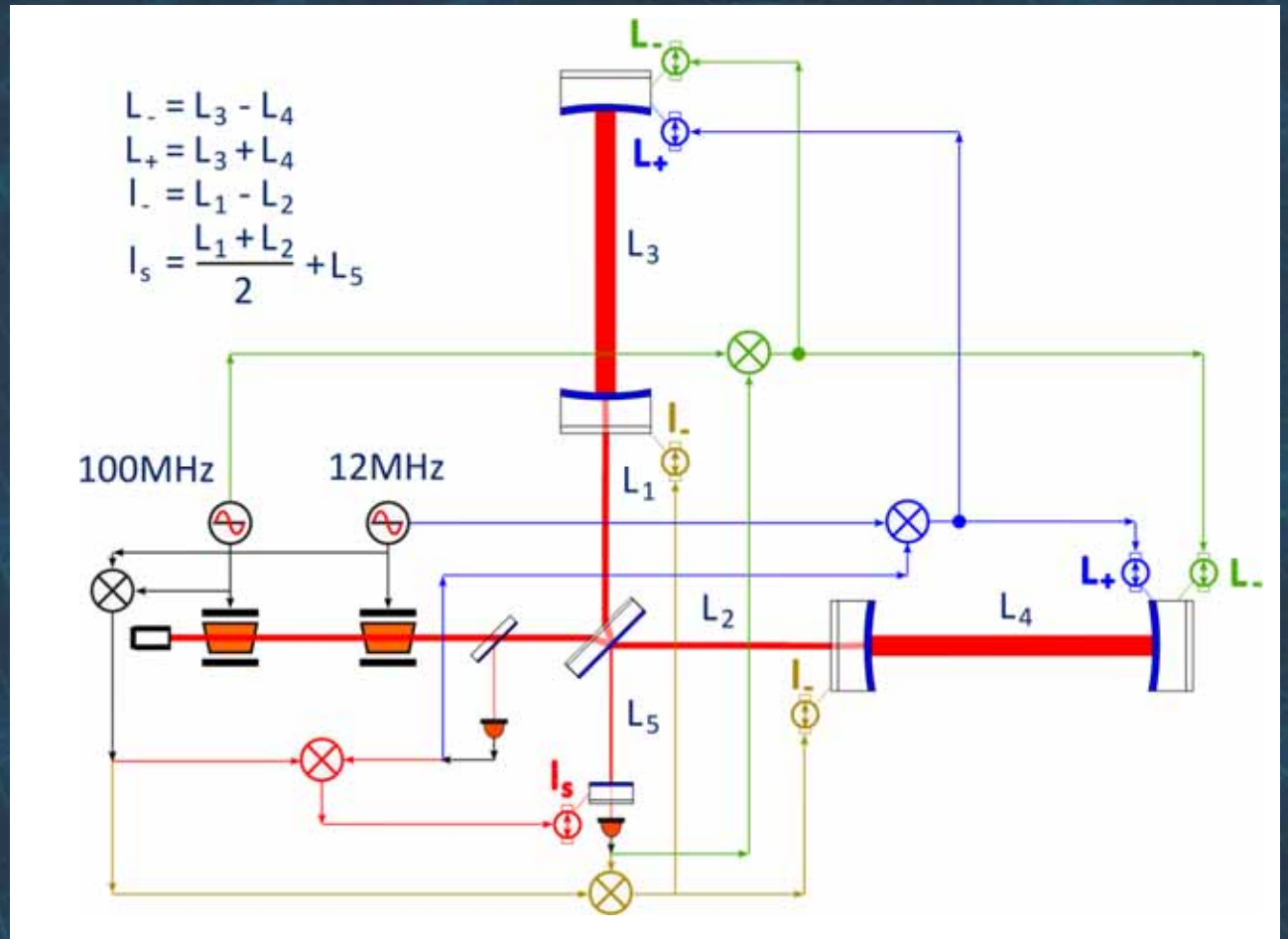
# Problem 3: Tower-to-Tower control

- Target: keep the towers “in lock”
  - Distances between towers must be controlled
- what must be controlled?
  - Complex vibrations between towers (6DoF)
  - Optical paths



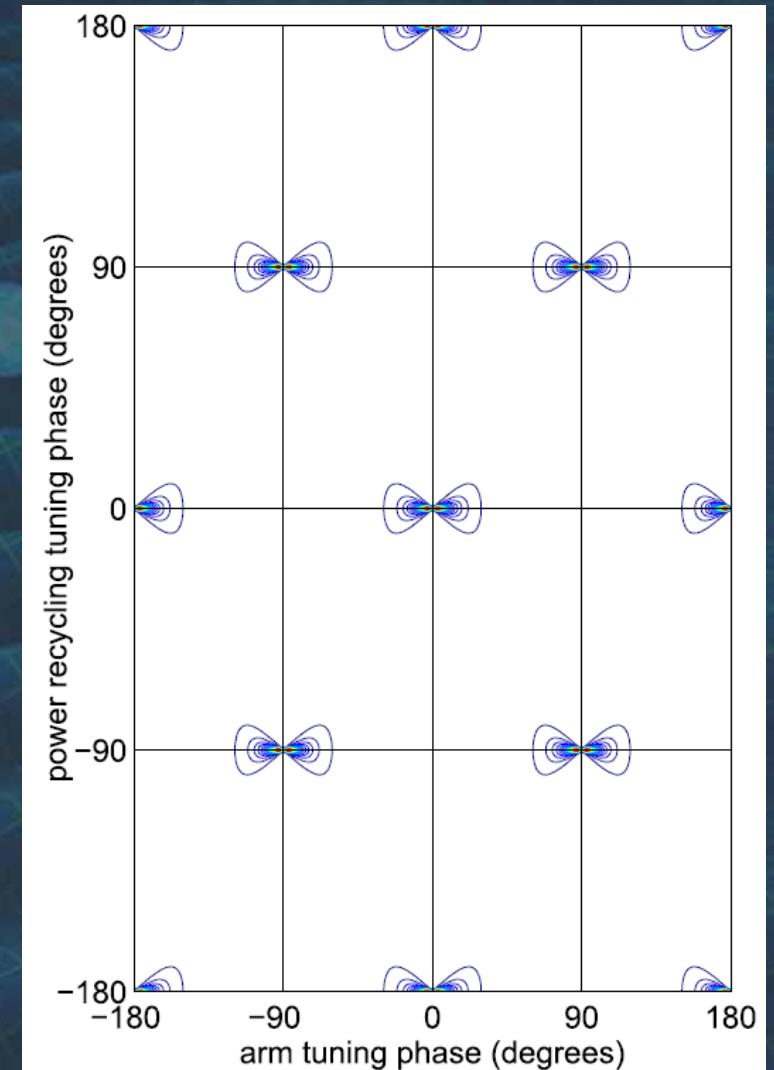
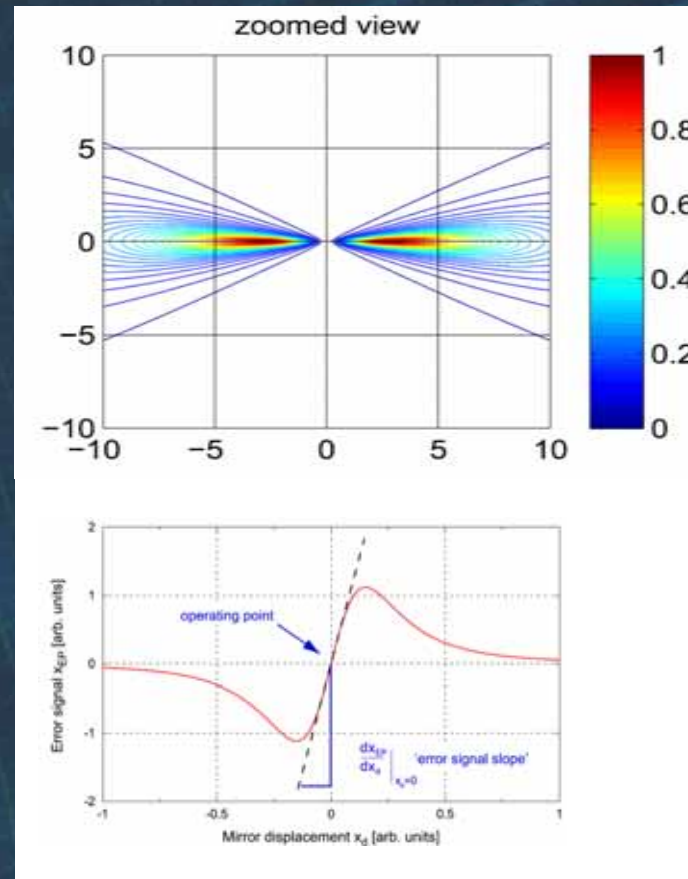
# Control Scheme (LIGO simplified)

- The laser light is modulated
  - Photo diodes capture the laser light in the system
- $I_s$  controls the Signal Recycling Mirror
- $I_-$  controls the dark port setpoint
- $L_+$  controls the arm lengths
- $L_-$  controls the arms differential length (setpoint to zero)



# Other complexities

- Additional control schemes necessary for Squeezed vacuum
- Multiple setpoints possible over the 10 km arm
  - The “next control point” is only micrometers away

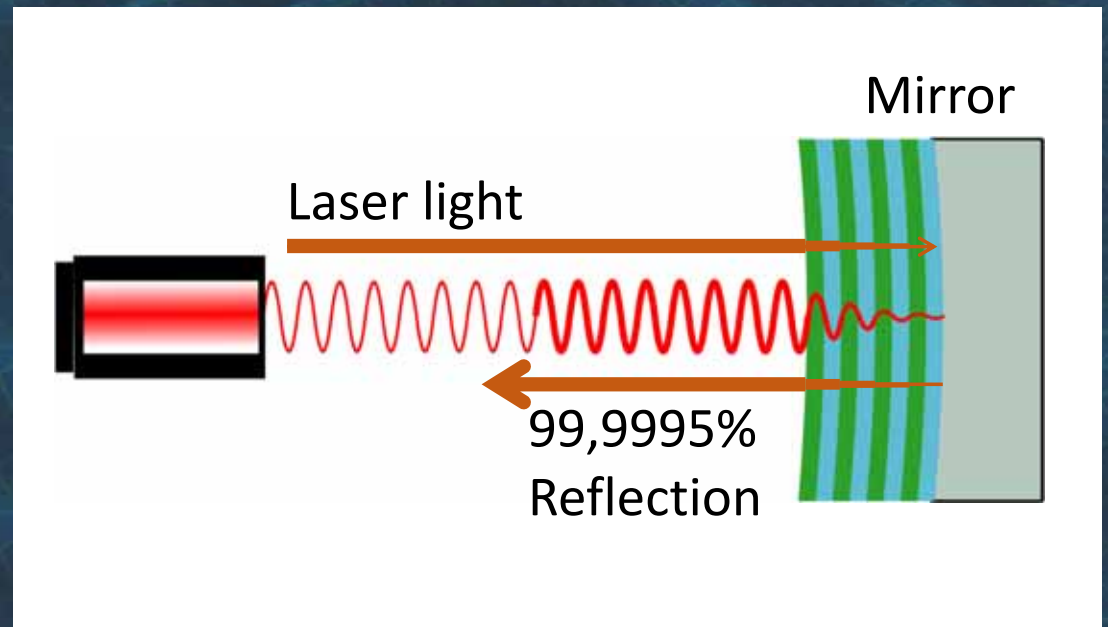




# COATING DESIGNS

# Why are special coatings needed? The mirror reason

- The laser wavelengths are precisely tuned to 1550 nm or 2090 nm
- The mirror coating must bounce back as much as possible → 99,9995%



## Remark: the mirrors seem transparent

- Mirror coating only needs to reflect 1550 nm or 2090 nm
- Other light may go through the coating
  - ... or is coloured because of the protective film over the mirror (photo Kagra observatory)

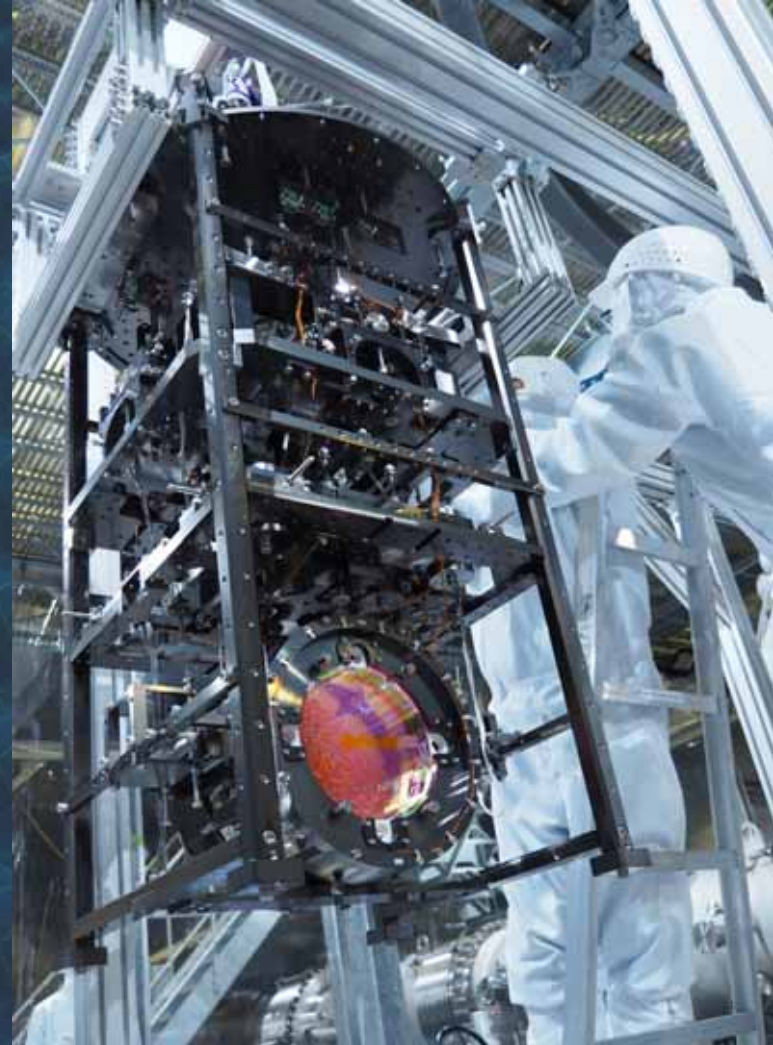
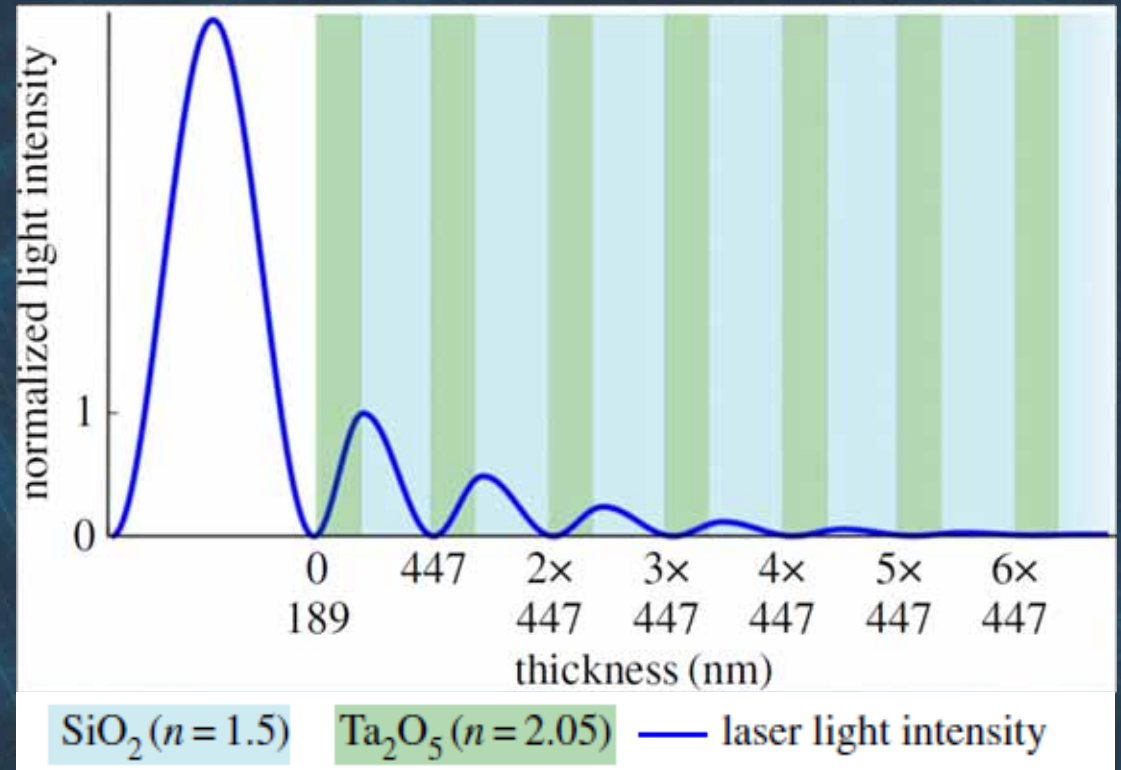


Photo courtesy: KAGRA Observatory, ICRR, The University of Tokyo

# Why are special coatings needed? The mirror reason

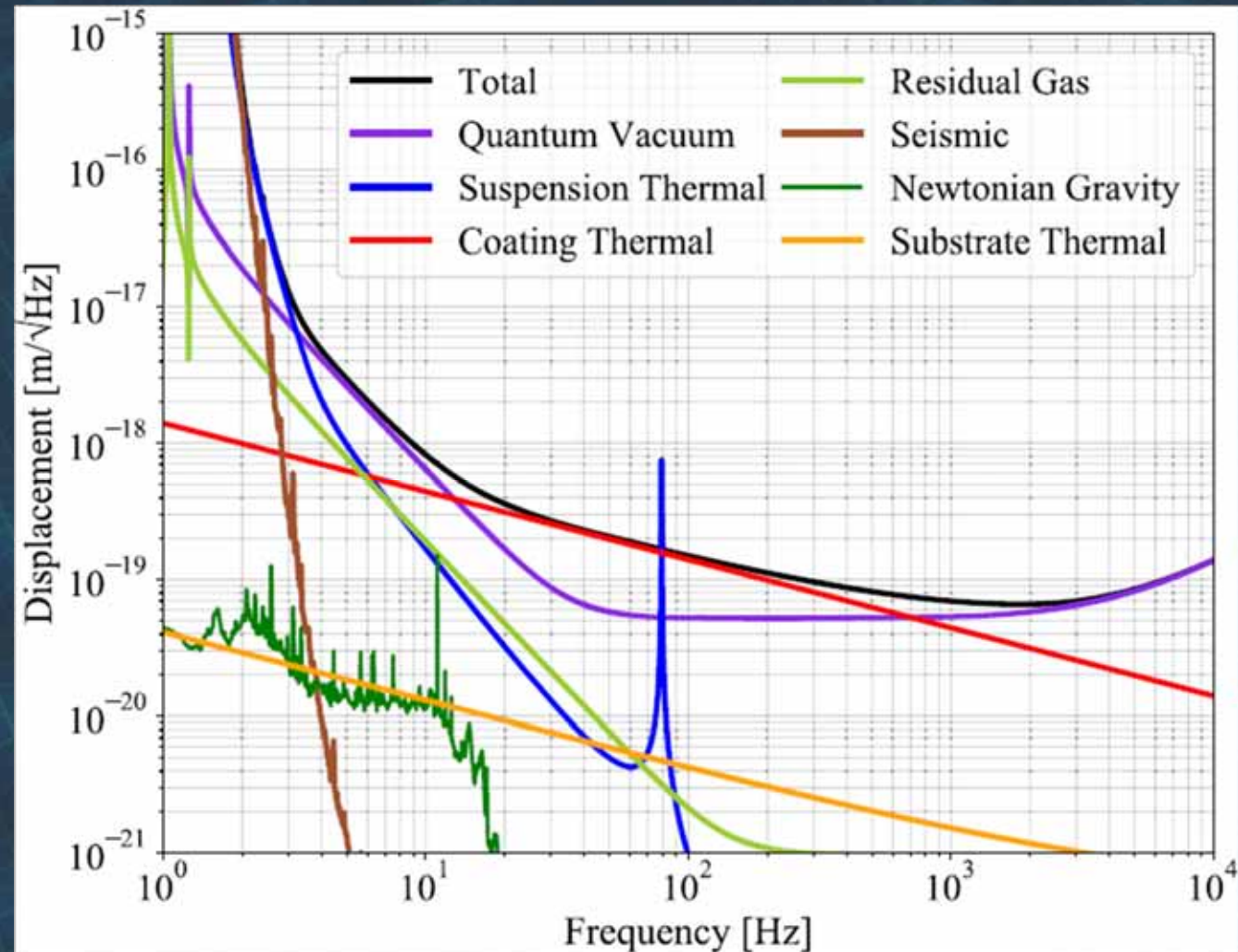
- Solution: dedicated coatings of exactly  $\lambda/2$  acting as mirror
  - sub-nanometer precision
- 30 layers of coating required



	in air	in Ta <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	in SiO <sub>2</sub>
Refraction Index	~1	2.05	1.5
Light speed (m/s)	299·792·458	146·240·223	199·861·639
Wavelength $\lambda$ (nm)	1550	756	1033
Coating thickness (nm)		189	258
Relative $\lambda$ in coating		$\lambda/4$	$\lambda/4$

# Why are special coatings needed? The noise reason

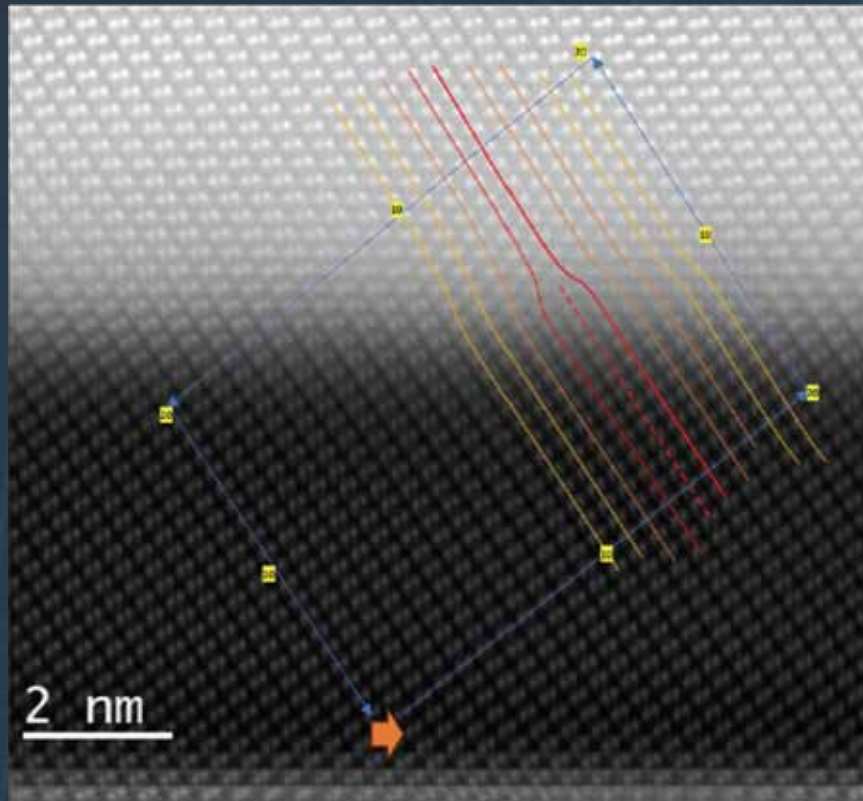
- Coatings as source of noise
  - Thermal noise
  - Brownian noise
- Example: 1550 nm laser light at 18 K



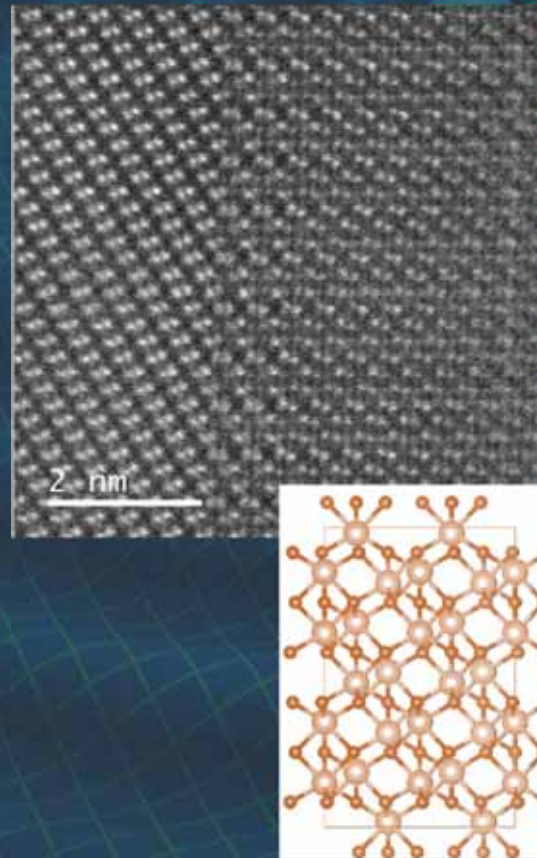


# Sources of errors in mirrors

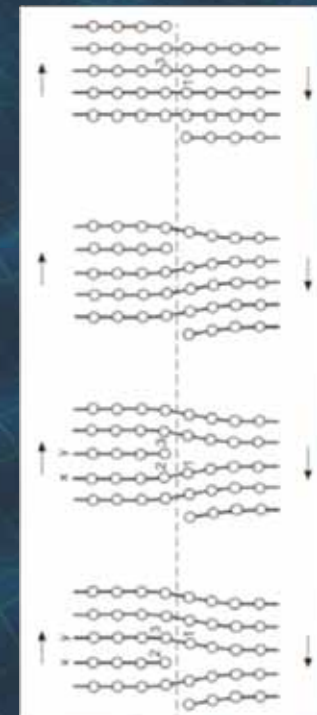
Dislocations



Twin Boundaries

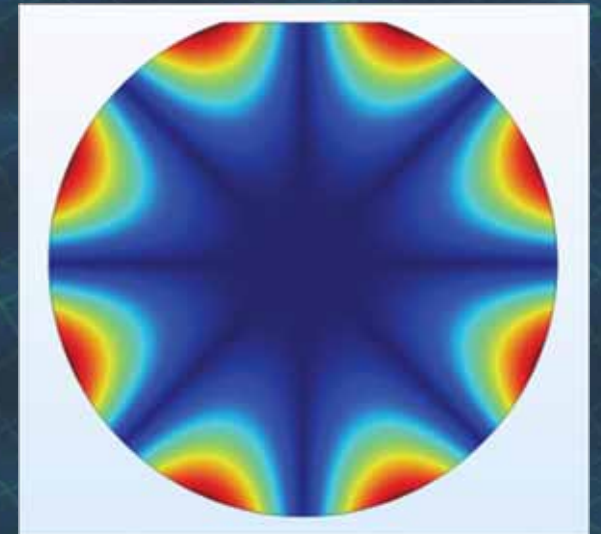
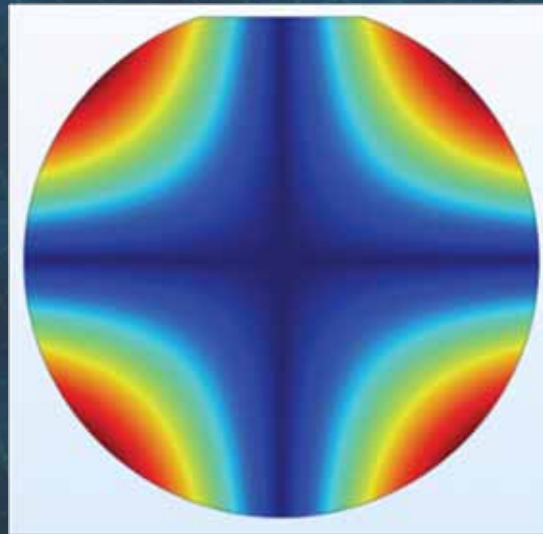
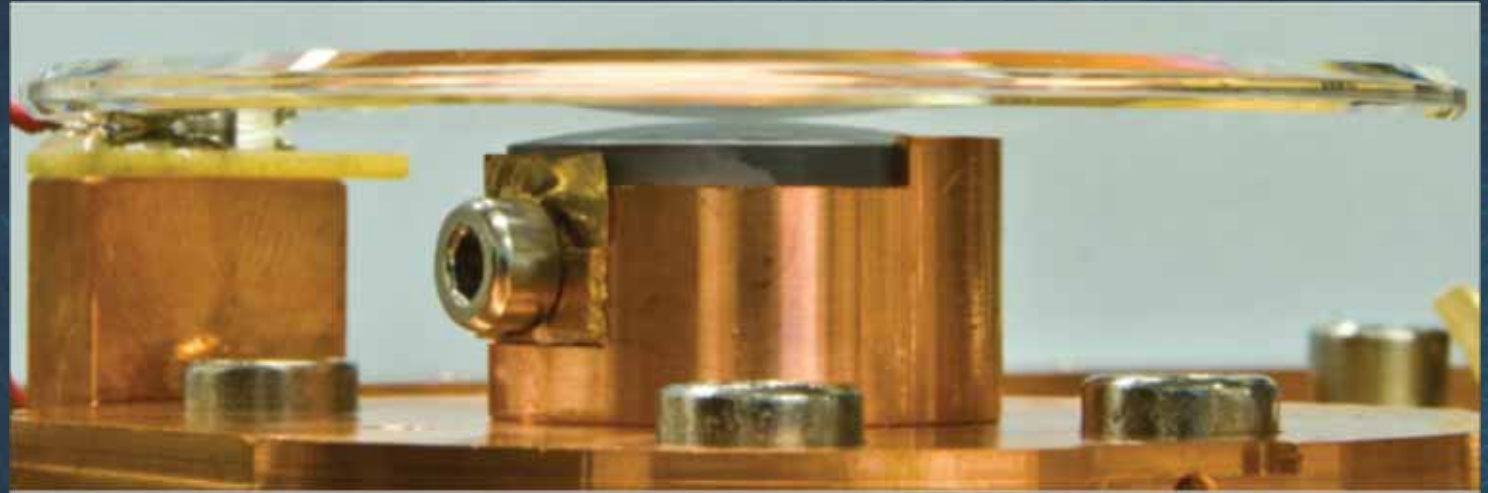


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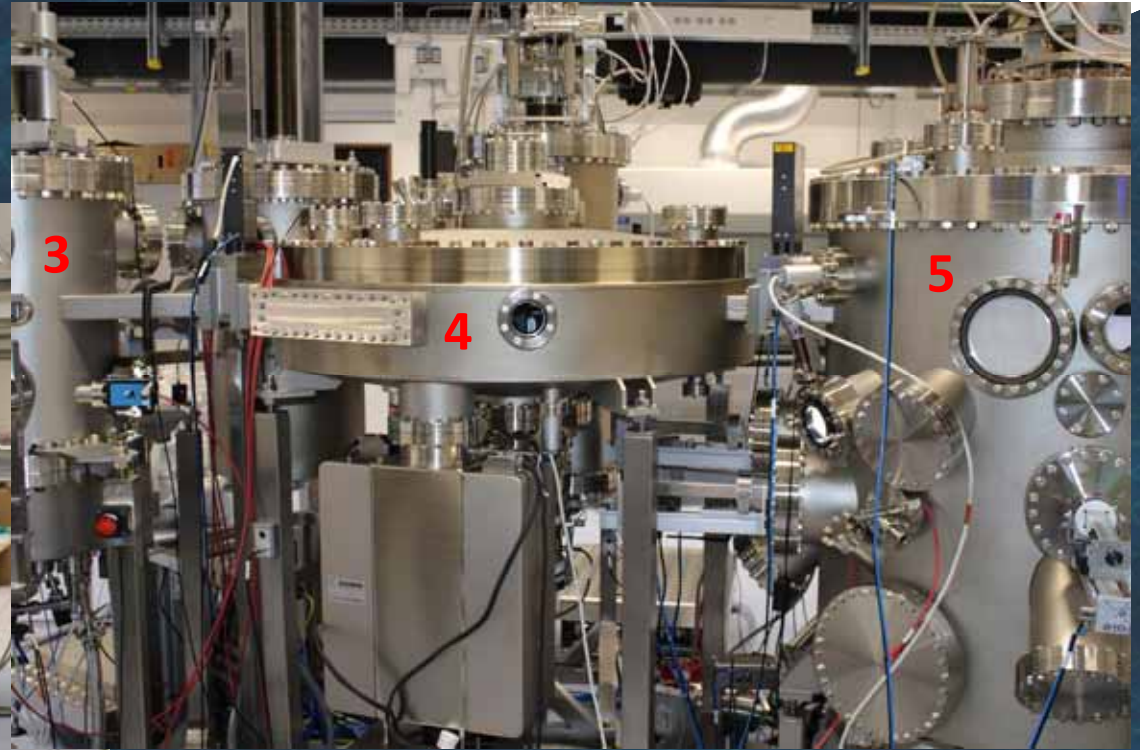
# Measuring mechanical loss

- Mechanical loss is related to noise



# Coating setup for monocrystalline coatings

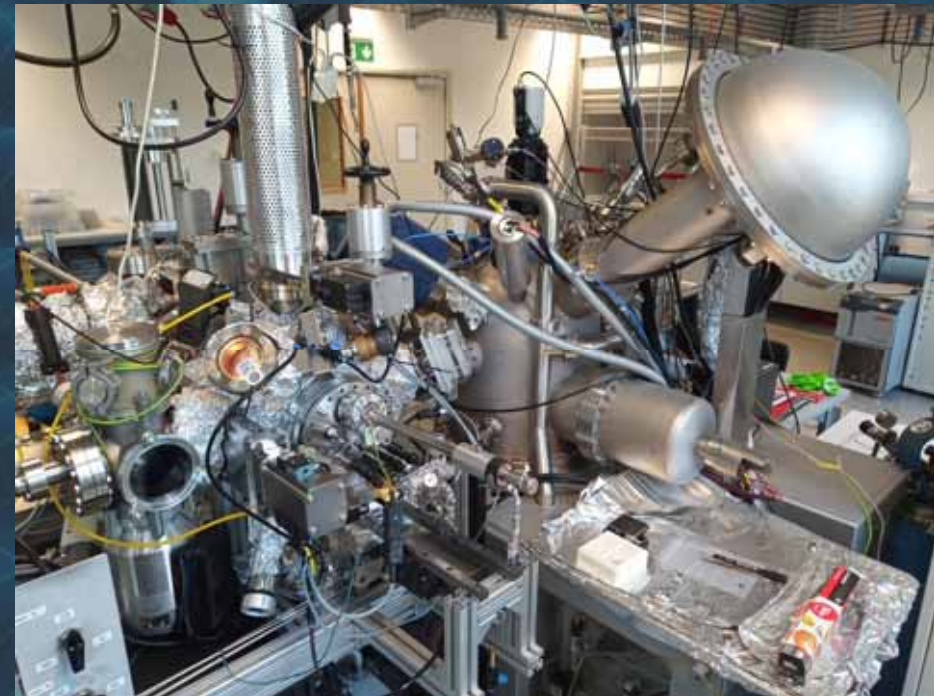
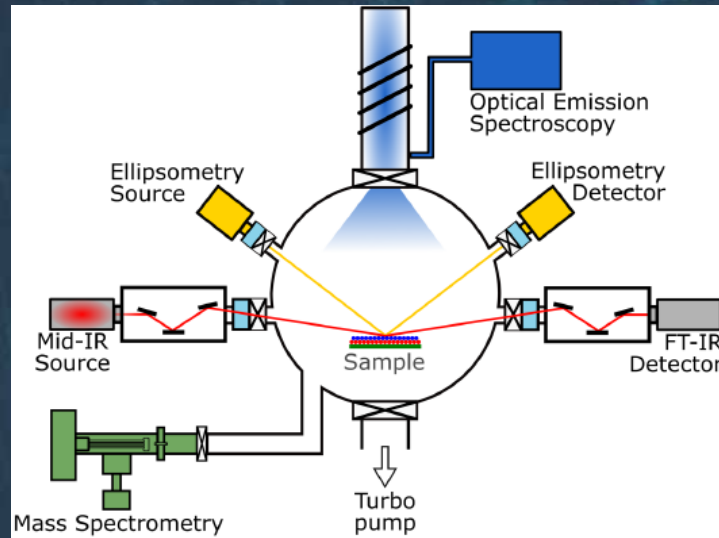
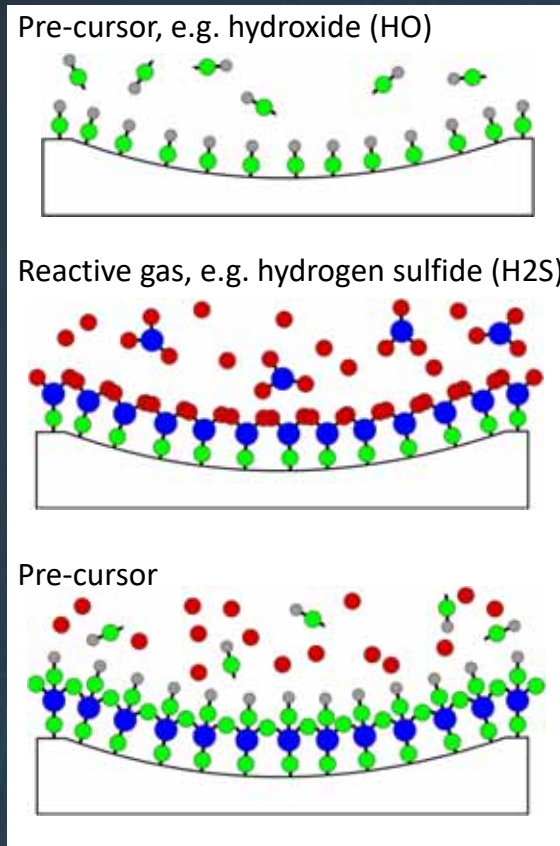
1. efem-foup
  2. load lock
  3. Storage
  4. annealing chamber : pre anneal
  5. growing chamber
- Optional Second post anneal



# Coating setup example for polymorphic coatings

## Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD)

Growing layer by layer with sequence of pre-cursor, reactive gas, pre-cursor, reactive gas ...





# EINSTEIN TELESCOPE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS

# What are the ET power needs?

⚠ All values are rough estimates



## One-Time: 14MW (2 TBMs)

- Tunnel Boring Machines: ~5MW /piece



- Vacuum System Bake-Out: 1.1MW



- Mining equipment: 2MW

## Operational : 8MW (with contingency)

- Vacuum pumps: 1.25MW



- Cryogenics: 4.5MW



- Lasers: 120KW

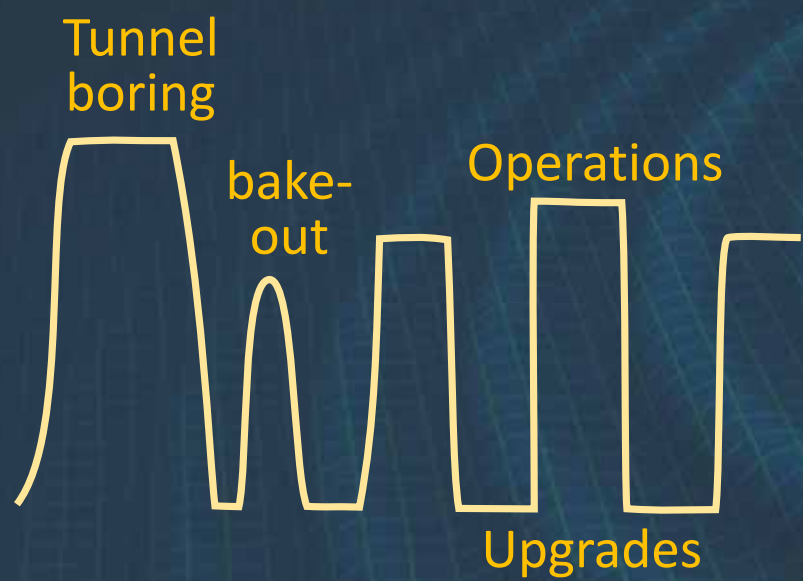


- Surface Buildings: 1MW

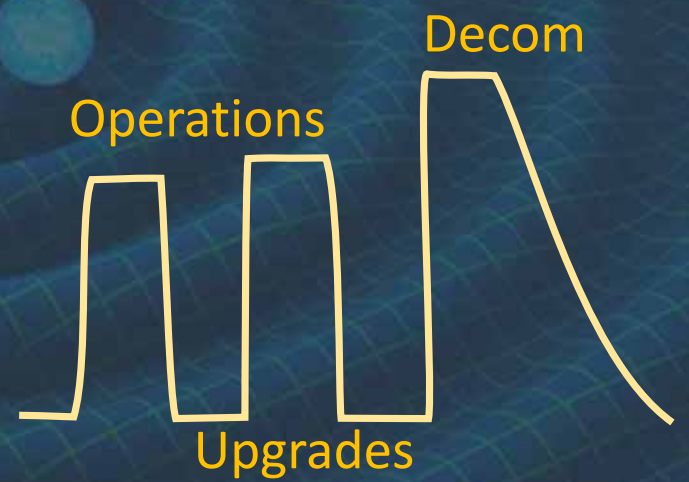
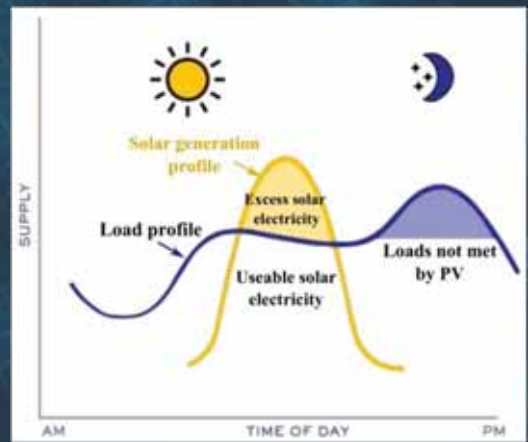


# What are the ET power needs?

- Highly fluctuating power needs ... and supply



## Day/night sequence & seasonal supply



# Power sources



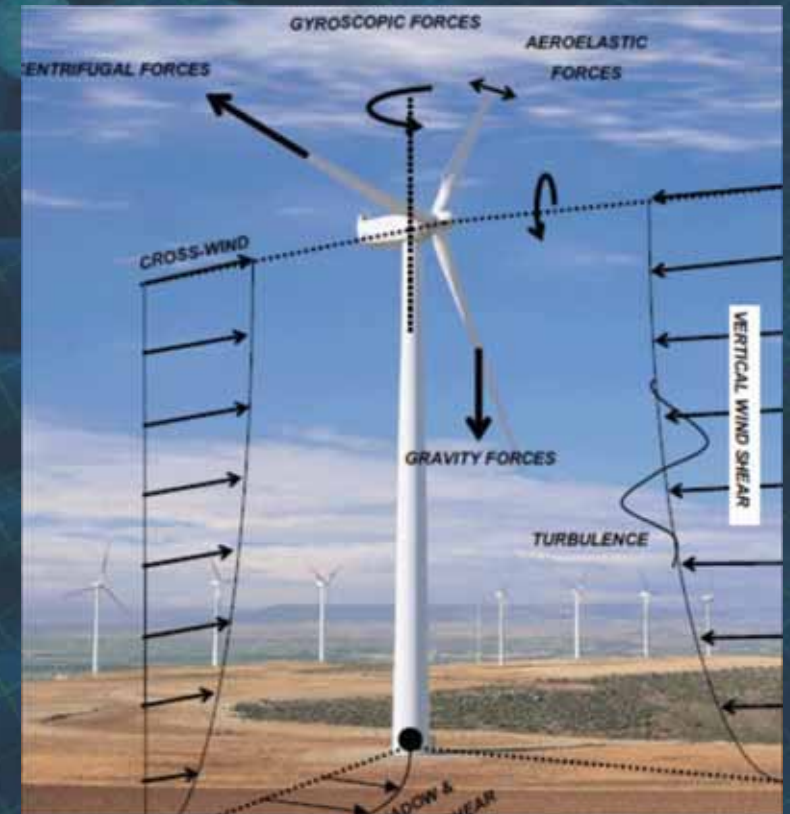
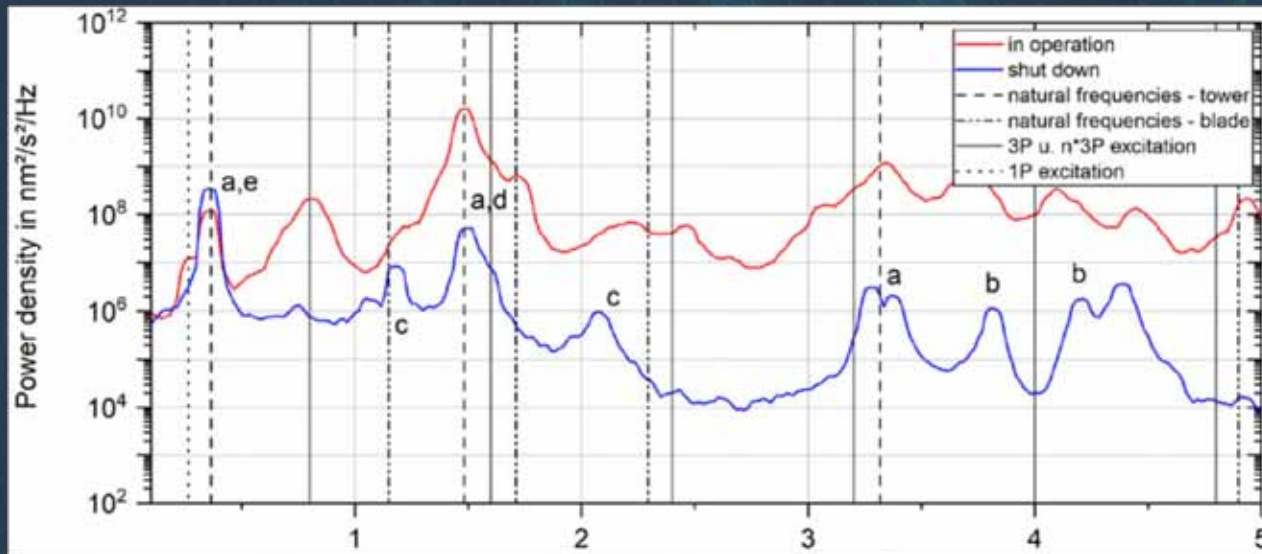
- Hydrogen
  - Power needs too low for H<sub>2</sub> extraction point (single digit MW)
  - Looking for other H<sub>2</sub> users
  - Optional: containers on railroad
- PV Installations
  - 70 ... 80 hectares of solar panels
  - Expected to be not acceptable in Voeren landscape
  - Optional: participatory solar panels
  - Elsewhere if converted to high voltage





# Power sources

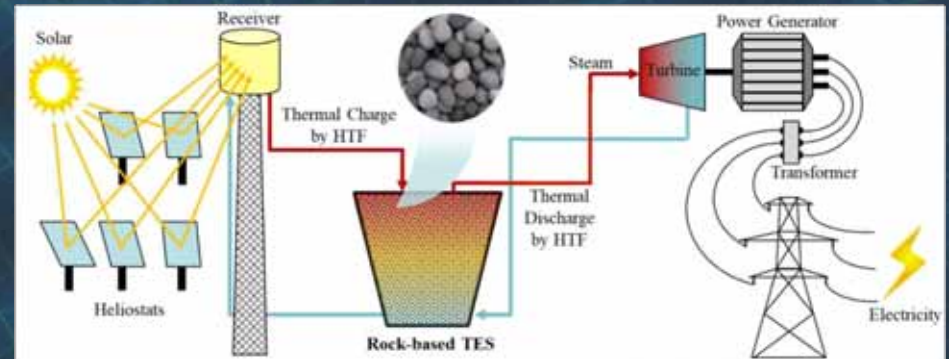
- Wind Turbines
  - Blade vibrations are most important
  - Vibration of pole also when turbine not in use



# Power sources



- Off-shore Wind Turbines
  - Need to be within 10km for DC grid → high voltage net
- Heliostat?
  - Solar heliostat
  - Thermal storage possible to cover for day/night
  - Low supply in Belgium / in winter period



# Energy storage

- H<sub>2</sub> filling / charging stations
  - Electrolyser and hydrogen storage
  - Expected to be unprofitable
  - Connection to H<sub>2</sub> grid required
  
- Local use by inhabitants
  - Low cost power supply
  - Part of participatory design



# Energy storage

- Inject in high power electricity grid
  - Complex power demand
- Battery storage
  - Advantage of grid stability and peak shaving
  - High cost and size
  - New developments in batteries needed



# Energy storage

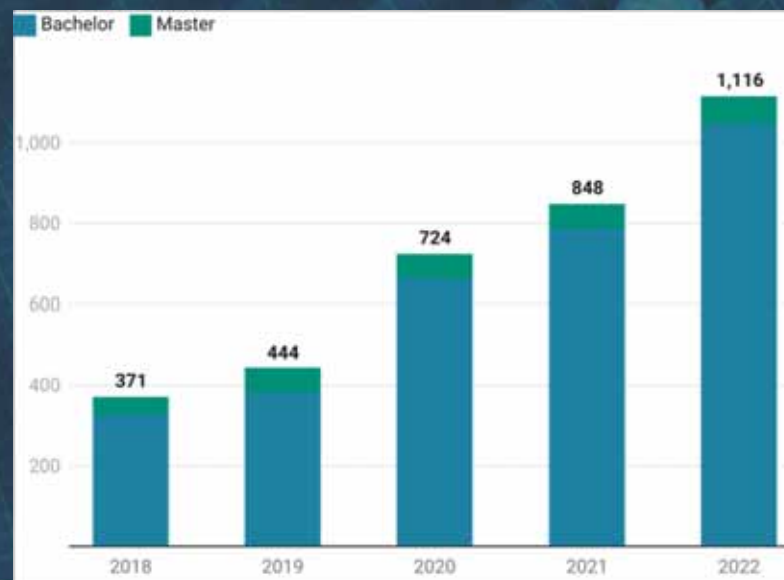
- Flywheel energy storage
  - Limited capacity
  - Small energy fluctuations only
- Other
  - Hydro-electric storage (hydropower)
    - Decommissioned in NRW
  - Geothermal: risk of vibrations caused by pumps
  - Kite wind turbines: only offshore
  - Compressed air: large systems





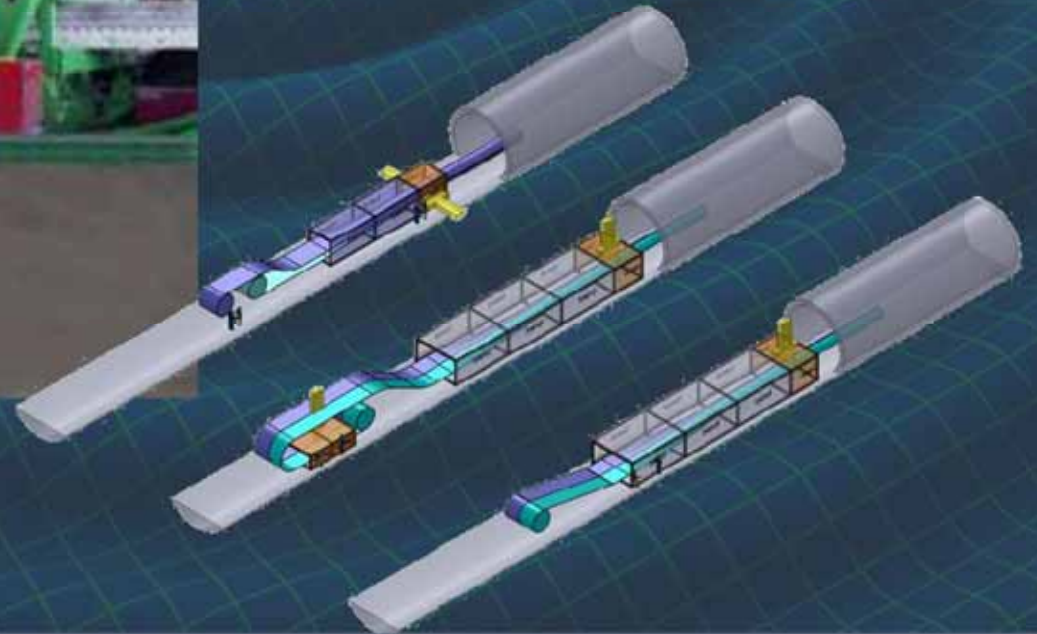
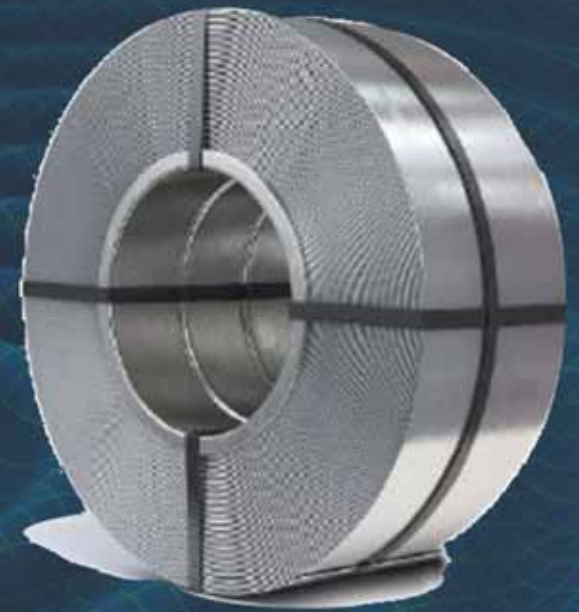
# Where are we now? Business opportunities

# Interest in STEAM



STEM Maastricht

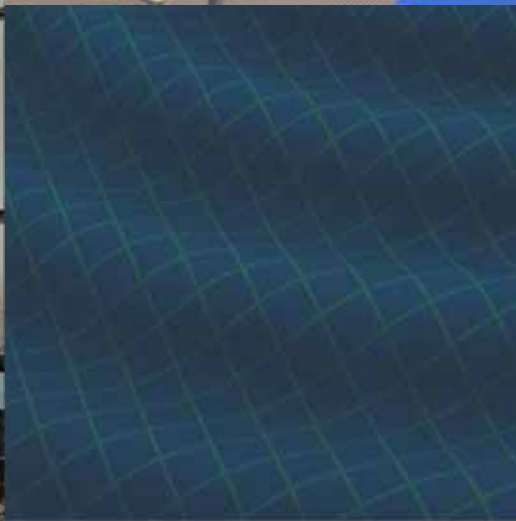
# New inventions happening today beampipes at Werkhuizen Hengelhoef





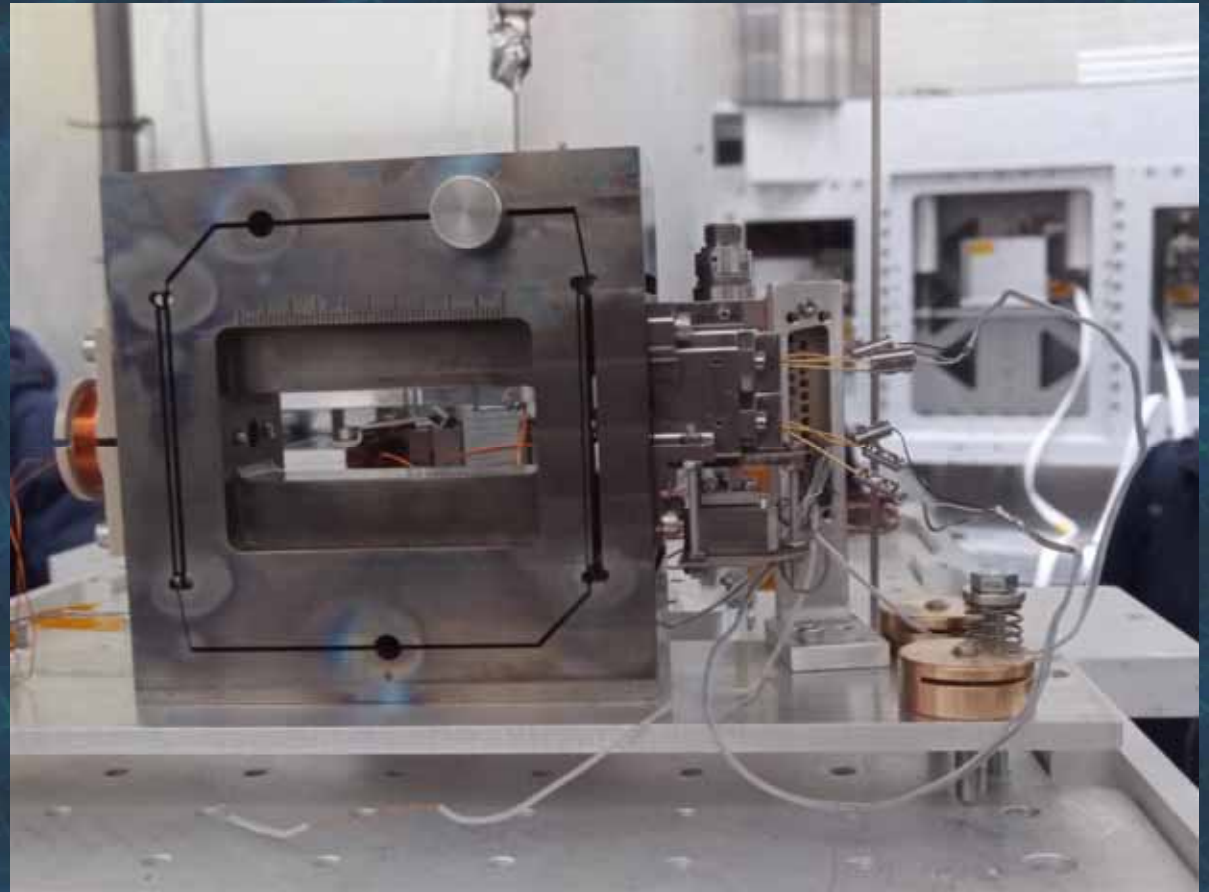
# Vacuum tubes

- Tests done at CERN



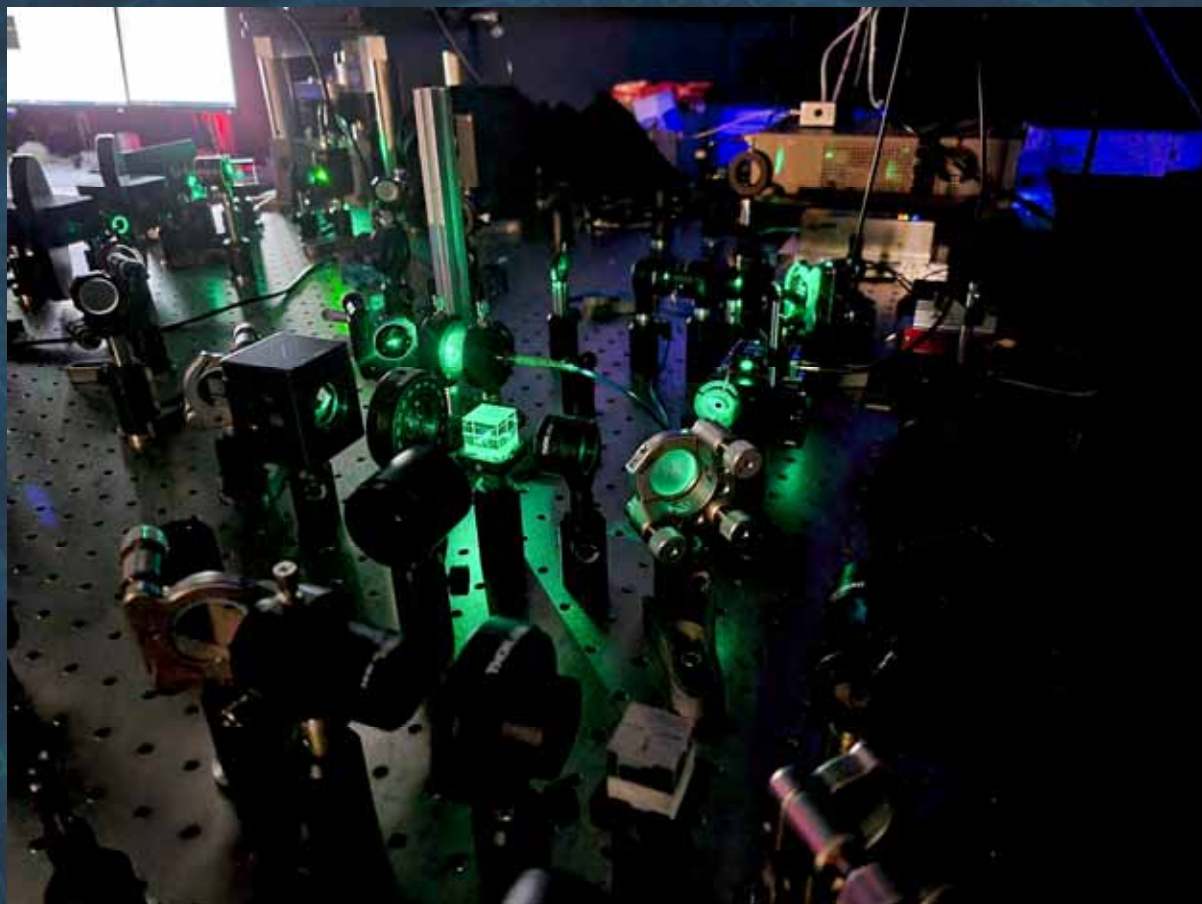
# New inventions happening today

## Ultrasensitive accelerometers



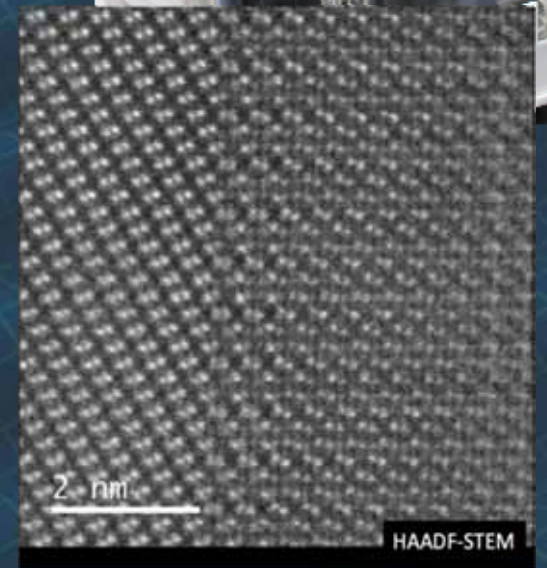
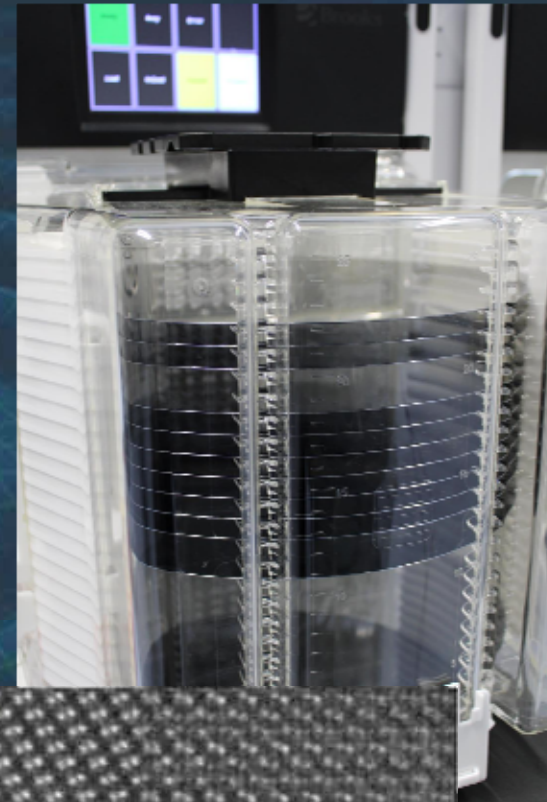
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## Ultrasensitive magnetometers



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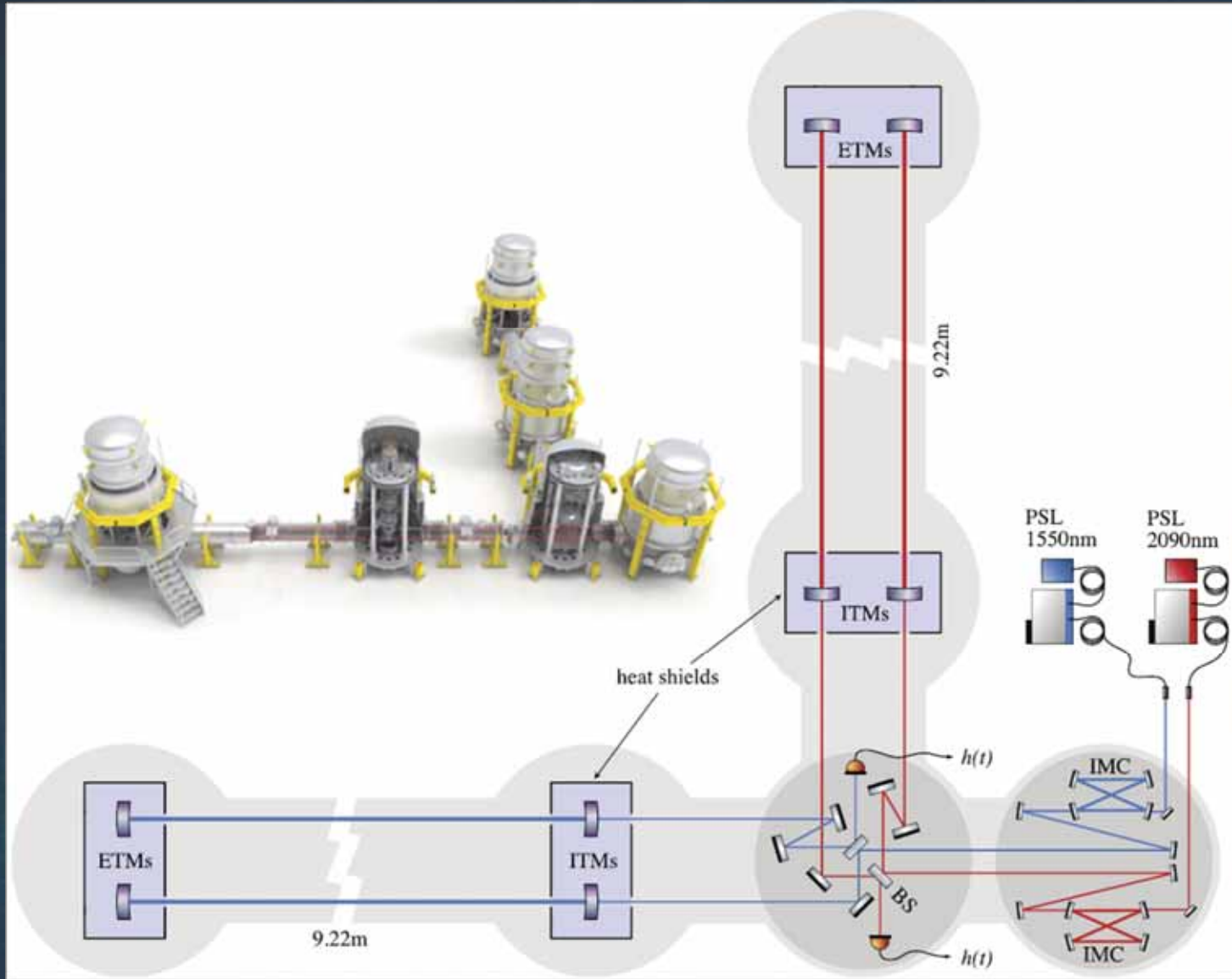
## New coating machines



# ETpathfinder in Maastricht



# Vacuum Tower Lasers



# E-TEST in Liège (CSL)



# Challenges for the climate



Reuse of excavations



Carbon-free transport



Waste water treatment

Use of Energy



Prepare for decommissioning upfront



Protected Bocage landscape







# OTHER RESEARCH AREAS

# Technologies



## Instrumental Technologies

Cryogenics

Vacuum

Precision instruments

High grade mirrors

Mirror coatings

Sensors

Lasers

Advanced algorithms

## Construction Technologies

3D models & Simulations

Geografic imaging

Tunneling techniques

Ground water techniques

## Sustainability

Sustainable constructions

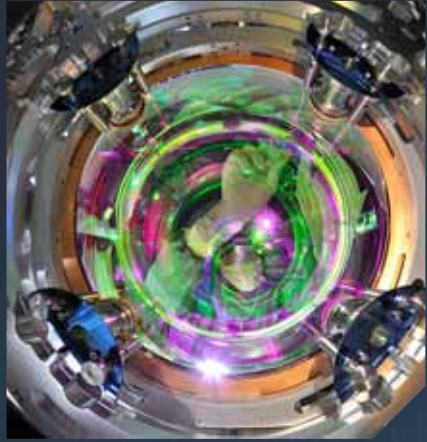
Sustainable waste ground removal

Climate neutral and sustainable energy

Sustainable logistics

Sustainable maintenance

Sustainable decommissioning



# ET Pathfinder

Ca. 1980s





**January 2020**



**April 2020**

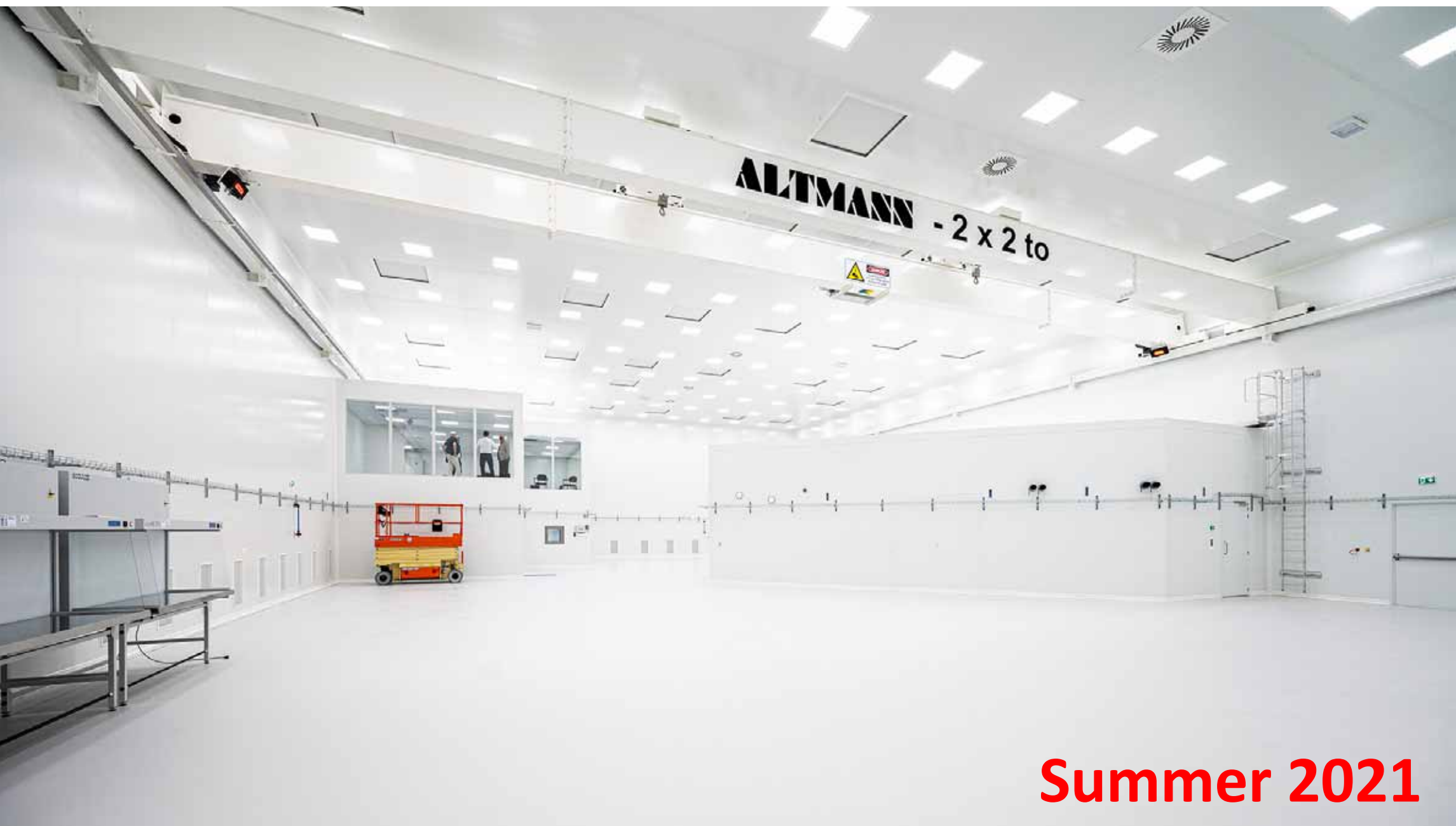


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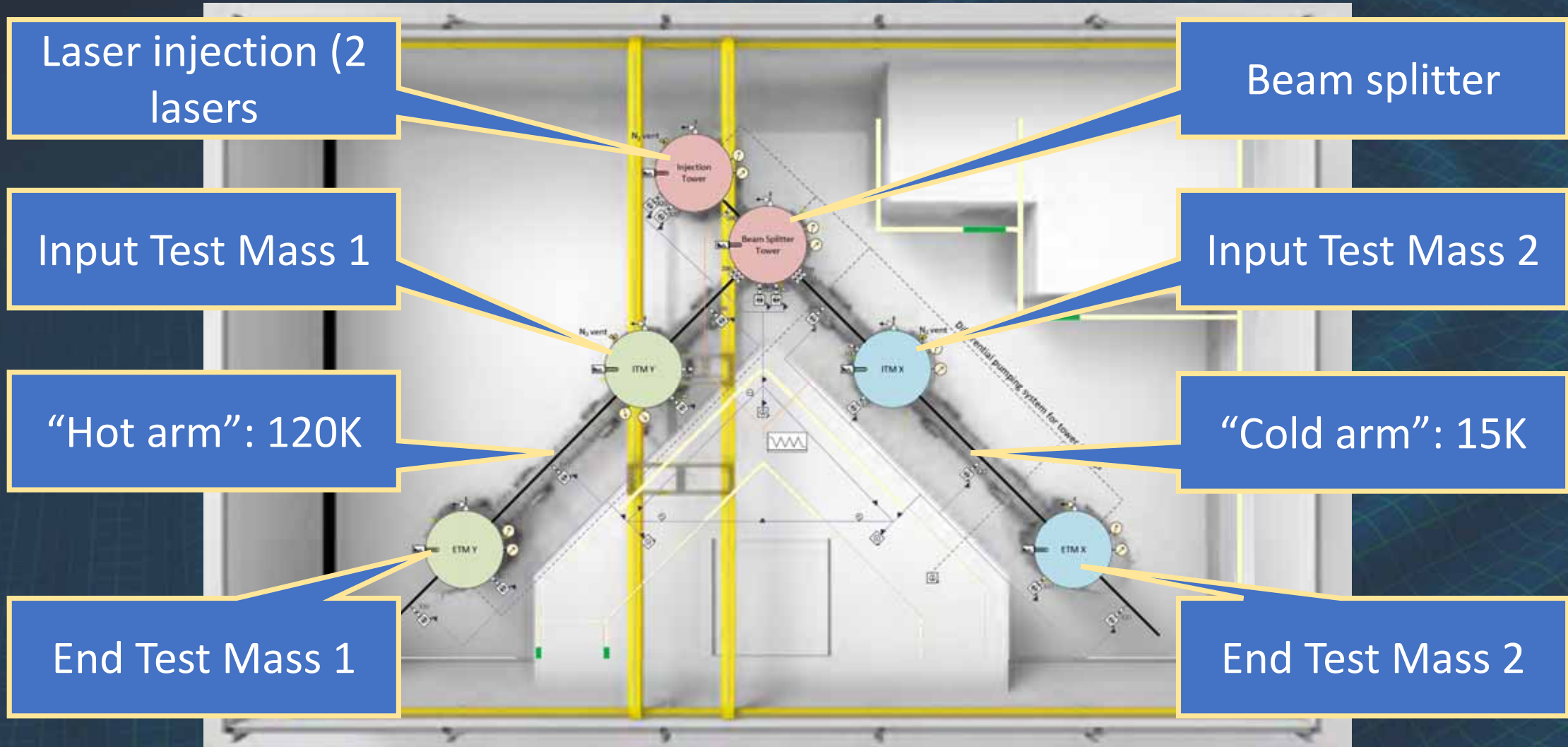


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# ETpathfinder in Maastricht



# ETpathfinder layout



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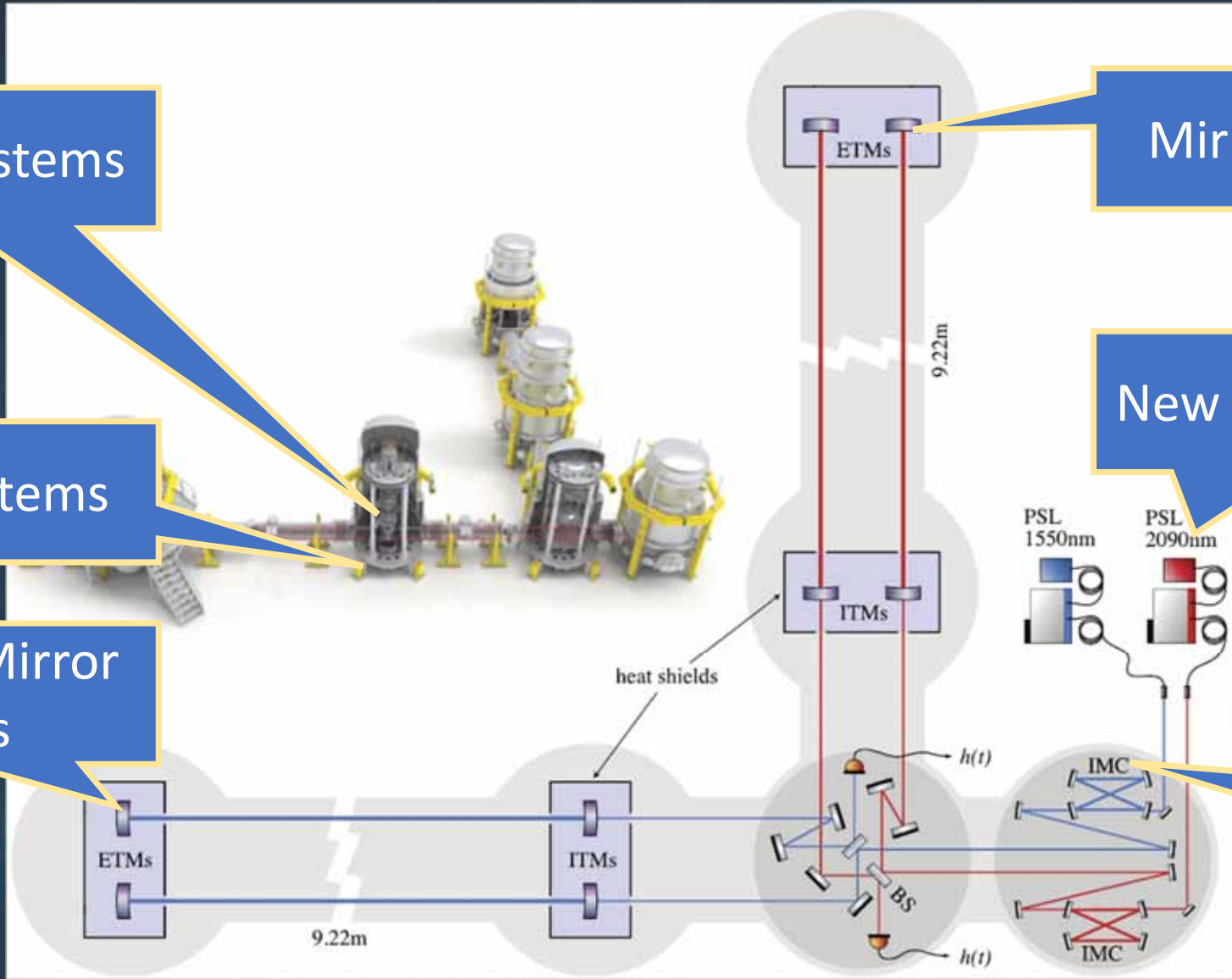
Control Systems

Cryogenic Mirror designs

Mirror Coatings

New Laser designs

Optics



## Research areas (2)

Vacuum Pipes

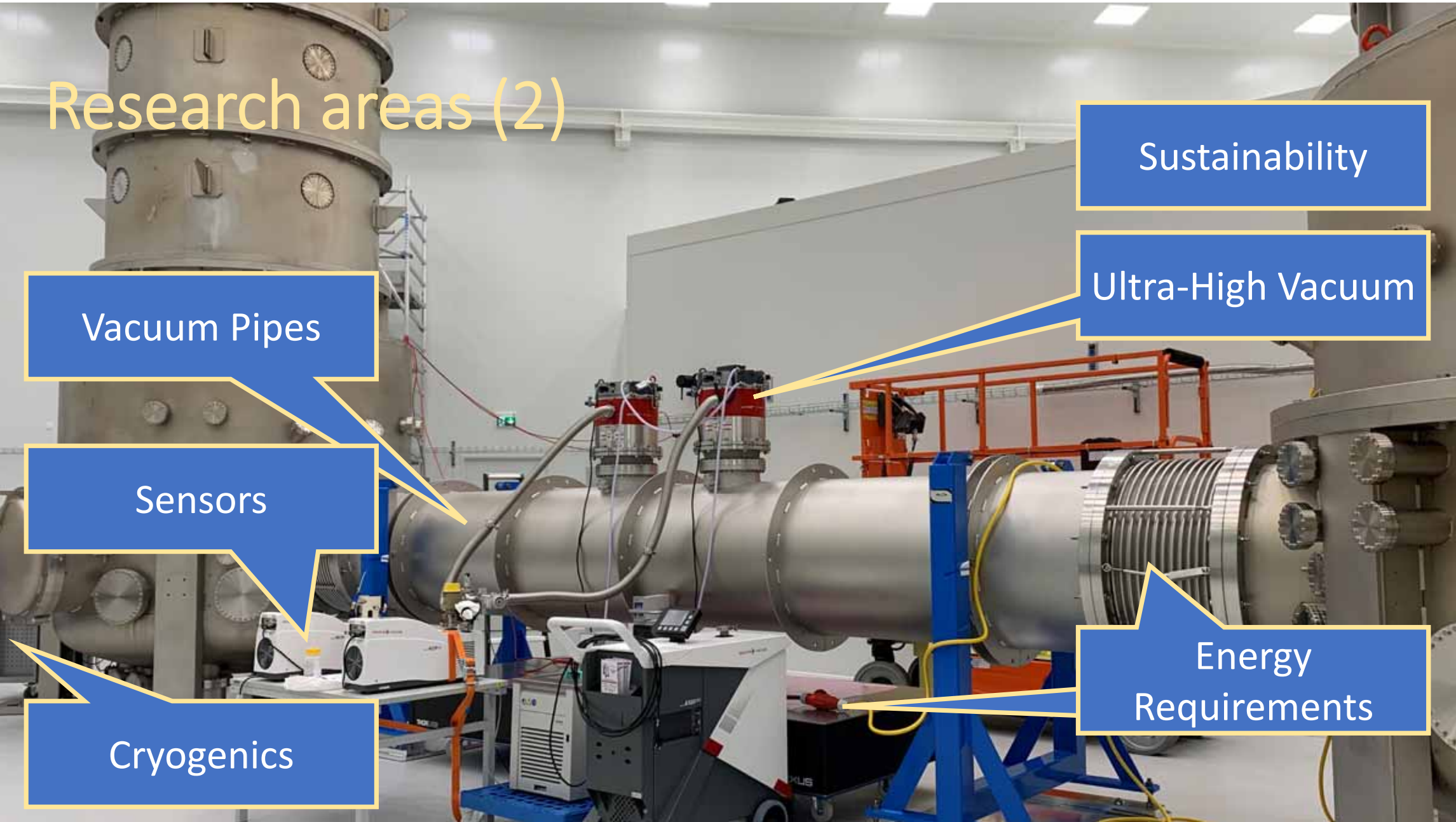
Sensors

Cryogenics

Sustainability

Ultra-High Vacuum

Energy Requirements



# Silicon as a mirror material





# A COMPLEX ORGANIZATION



# Einstein Telescope Preparatory Phase (ET-PP)

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ET-PP

Preparatory Phase for the Einstein Telescope  
Gravitational Wave Observatory



# European Level

## ET Organisation (ETO)

**Board of governmental representatives**  
A. Covello, J. Ridder-Numan

**Coordinators**  
S. Bentvelsen, A. Zoccoli

**Board of Scientific representatives**  
S. Bentvelsen

**ET Directorate**  
A. Freise, F. Ferroni, M. Martinez

M. Martinez  
**INFRA-DEV**

EU project coordination  
WP1:  
WP2:  
WP3:  
...  
WP10:

A. Freise, F. Ferroni  
**Project office**

**Engineering department**

...

## ET Collaboration

**Collaboration board**

**Executive board**

### Specific boards

ISB

OSB

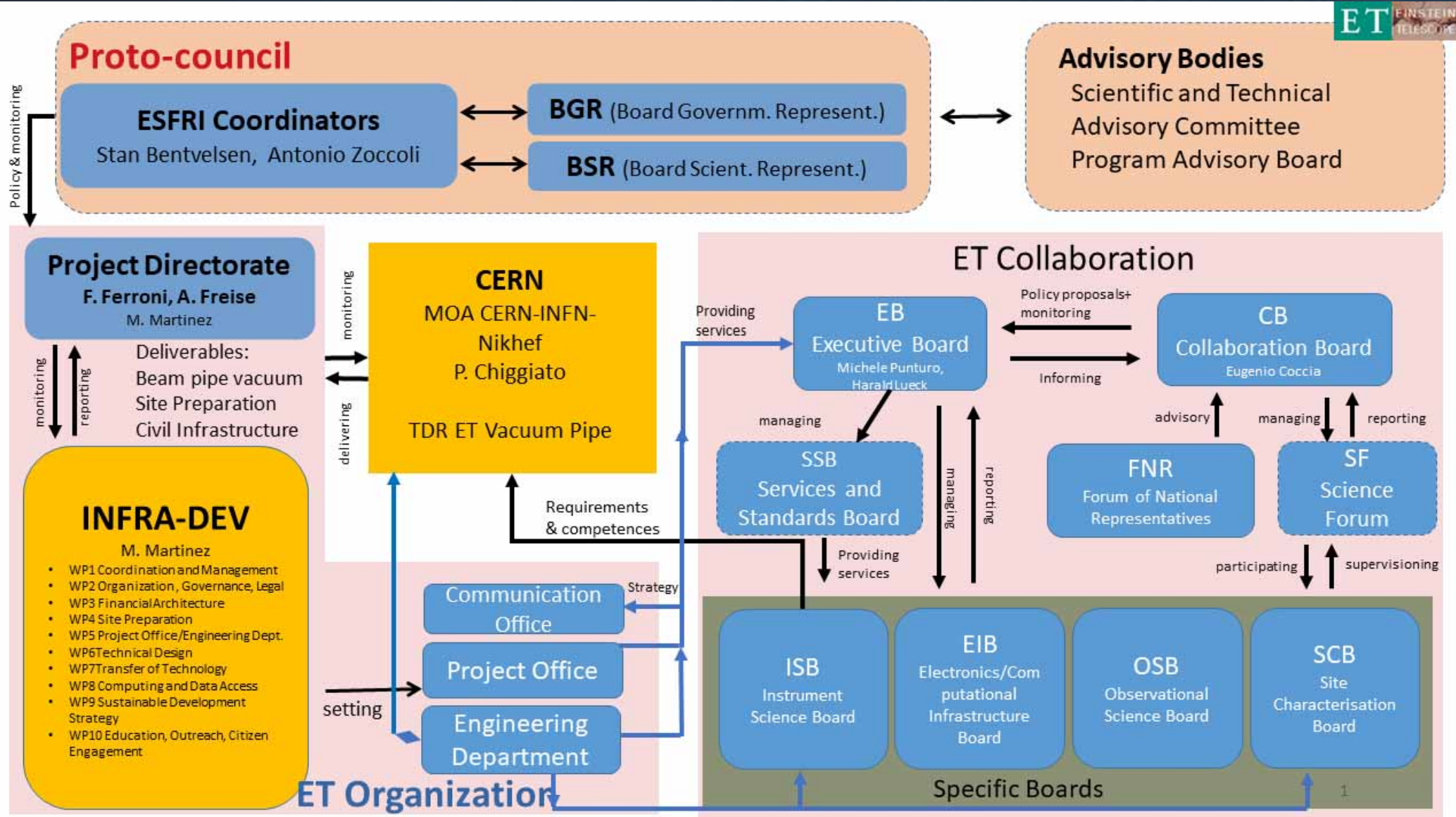
EIB

SCB

SSB

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# Einstein Telescope Collaboration



# Euregio Maas-Rijn (EMR)

## Interministerial Conference

- Highest steering body at EMR level
- Composed of the ministers of the EMR entities

## Steering Group Einstein Telescope

## Taskforce Einstein Telescope

### Tasks to decide upon:

1. Collection and dissimulation of relevant information;
2. Coordination with scientific experts and committees;
3. Preparation of the bid book;
4. Preparation of the host consortium of governments.

### Members of the Taskforce:

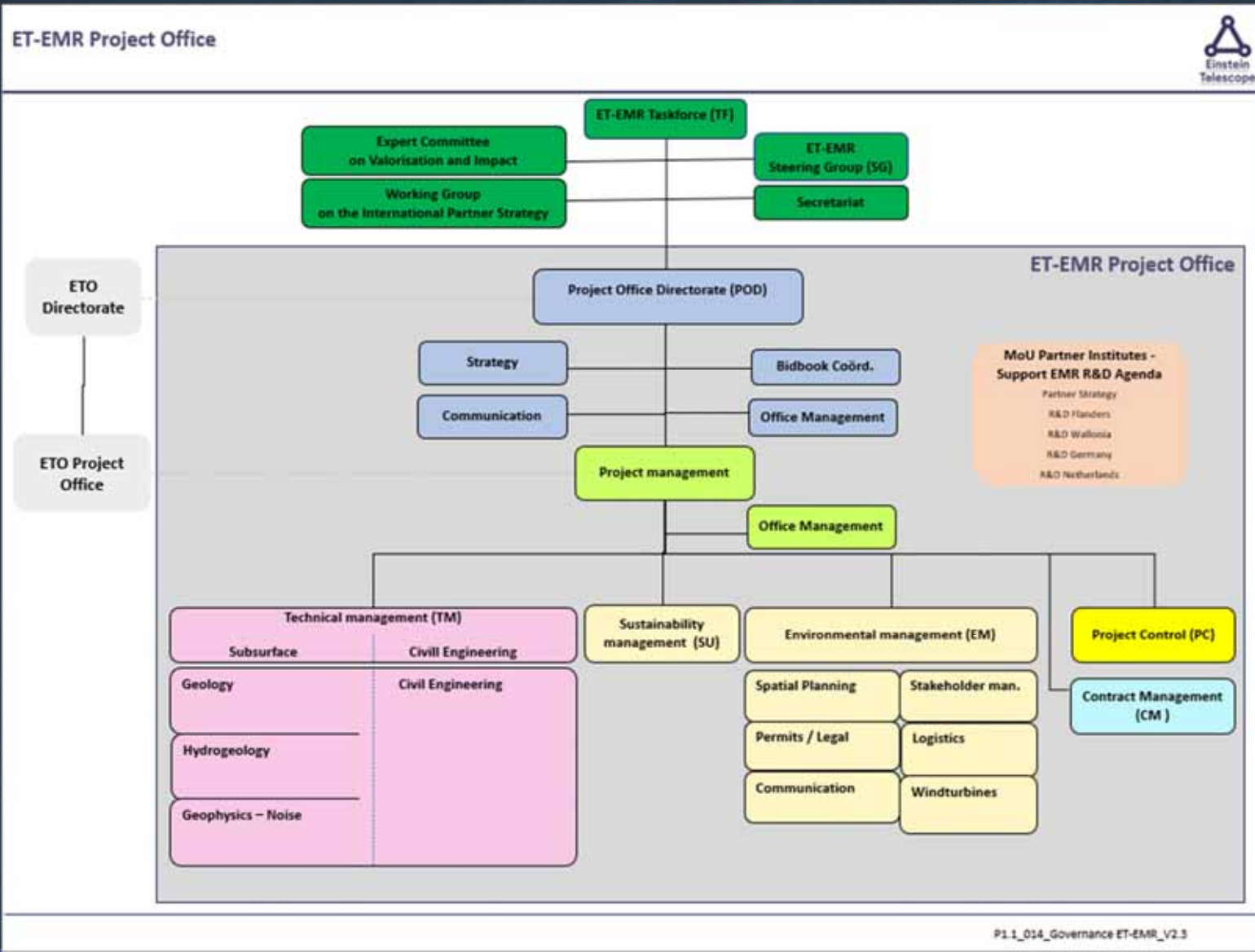
- Netherlands and Province of Limburg;
- North Rhine-Westphalia;
- Belgian federal entity;
- Flanders (Belgium);
- Wallonia (Belgium);
- German speaking community (Belgium).

### Observers of the Taskforce:

- Federal Republic of Germany;
- Benelux-Union;
- Euregio Meuse-Rhine.

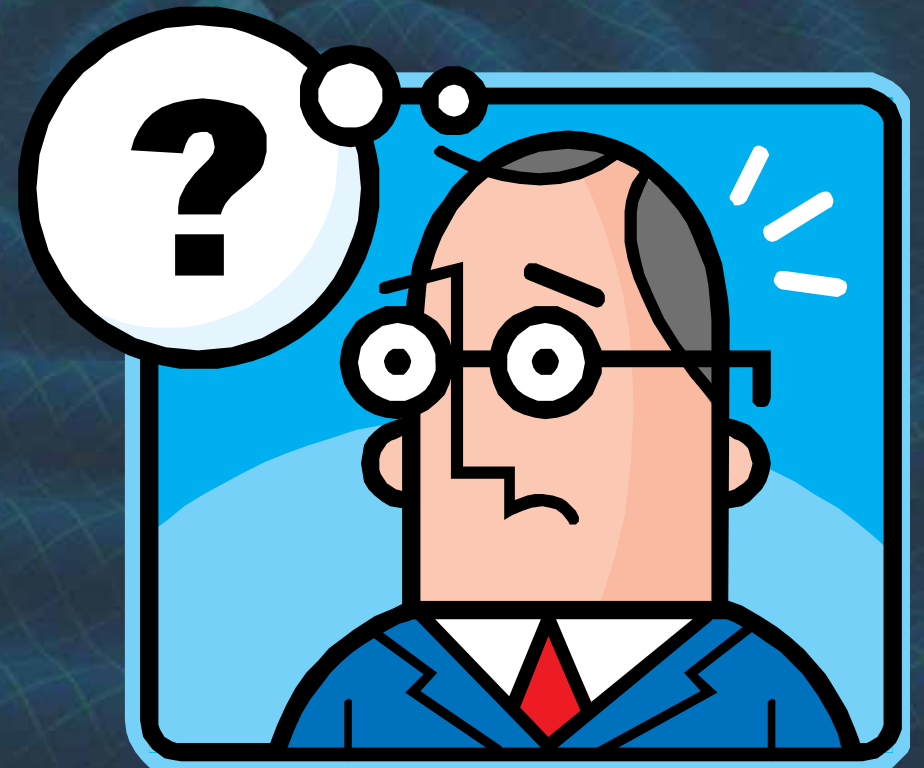
## Projectbureau

# Euregio Maas-Rijn (EMR)



# What is the request?

- “Spread the word”
- More parties interested?  
Let us know!
  - Schools?
  - Companies?





Thank you!

Questions please?

