



# Can you get there from here?

*Thinking about paths from AdV+/A+ to 3 G*

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# Outline

- Perspective on A+
  - *Can someone offer symmetrical view for Adv+? Sorry, was planning to do more homework.*
- Constraints: real vs. imagined
- “Baby steps” vs. “Giant Leaps”
- Some ideas

# A+ 'elevator pitch'

*(we'll come back to this later)*

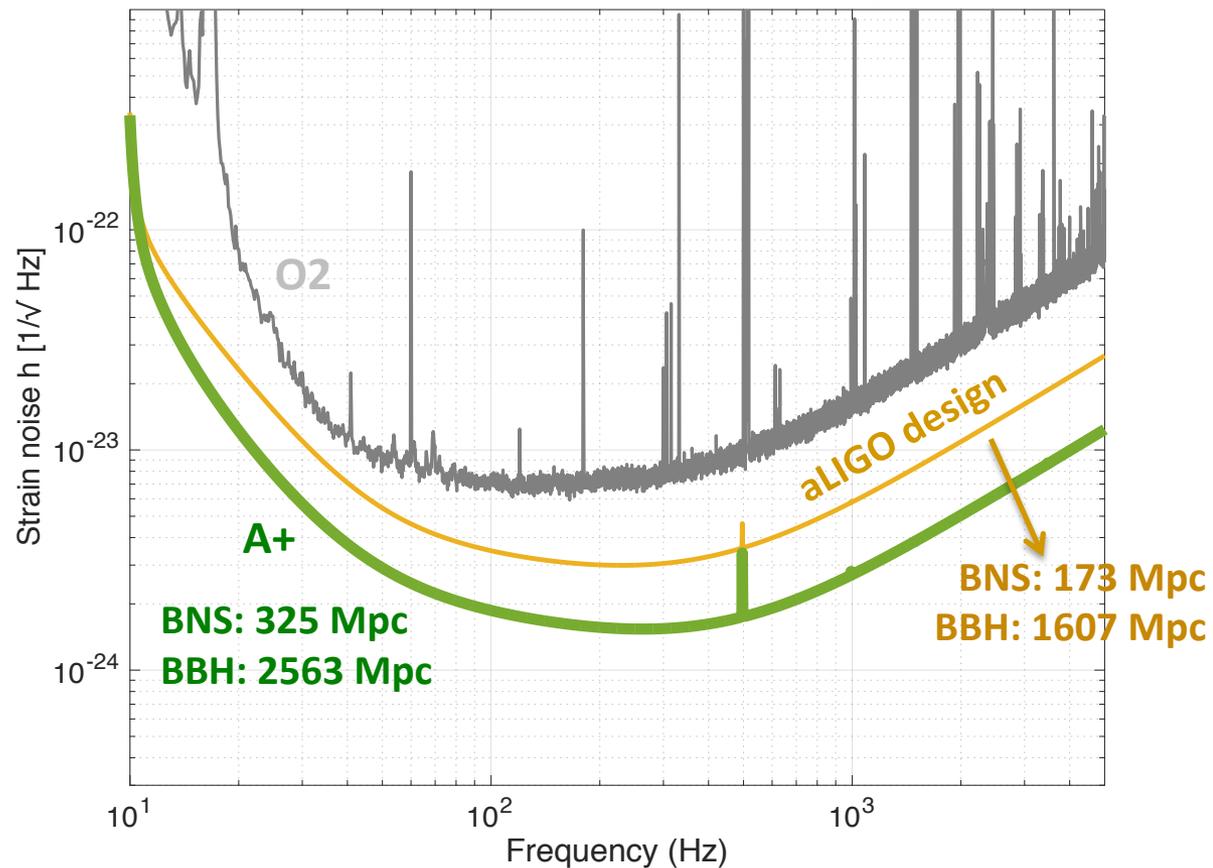
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  - ➔ About a **factor of 4-7** greater CBC event rate
- Bridge to future 3G **GW astrophysics, cosmology, and nuclear physics**
- Stepping stone to **3G detector technology**
- Can be **observing within 6 years** (mid- 2024)
- “Scientific breakeven” **within 1/2 year** of operation
- Incremental cost: ***a small increment on aLIGO***
- ***Joint international effort: ~ 35% UK and Australia funding***

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# A+: a mid-scale upgrade to Advanced LIGO

Projections toward aLIGO+ (Comoving Ranges: NSNS 1.4/1.4  $M_{\odot}$  and BHBH 20/20  $M_{\odot}$ )



- Reduced **quantum noise**
  - Improved optical losses
  - Improved readout
  - **Frequency-Dependent Squeezing**
- Reduced **thermal noise**
  - Improved **mirror coatings**
- Observing by **mid-2024**

# Selected A+ Discovery Targets

Based on P170608 and P170817 rate density estimates:

BBH rate 4.1x aLIGO → **17-300 BBH/month**

Off-axis observations → *BH component spins*

BH Spins → *Origins of stellar-mass BH*

$Z_{\max} \sim 1.5$  → *BBH cosmological evolution*

SNR  $\sim 100$  → *Ultra-precision tests of GR*

BNS rate 6.7x aLIGO → **1-13 BNS/month**

*(2-11 BNS x SGRB coincidences/year)\**

Multimessenger coincidences → *precision  $H_0$  measurement, kilonovae, etc.*

High inspiral SNR → *BNS tidal deformation*

BNS remnant “ringdown” → *NS matter equation of state*

*\*(or more, if GW170817 represents hidden sub-threshold SGRB population)*

Solar Masses

GW150914

GW170814

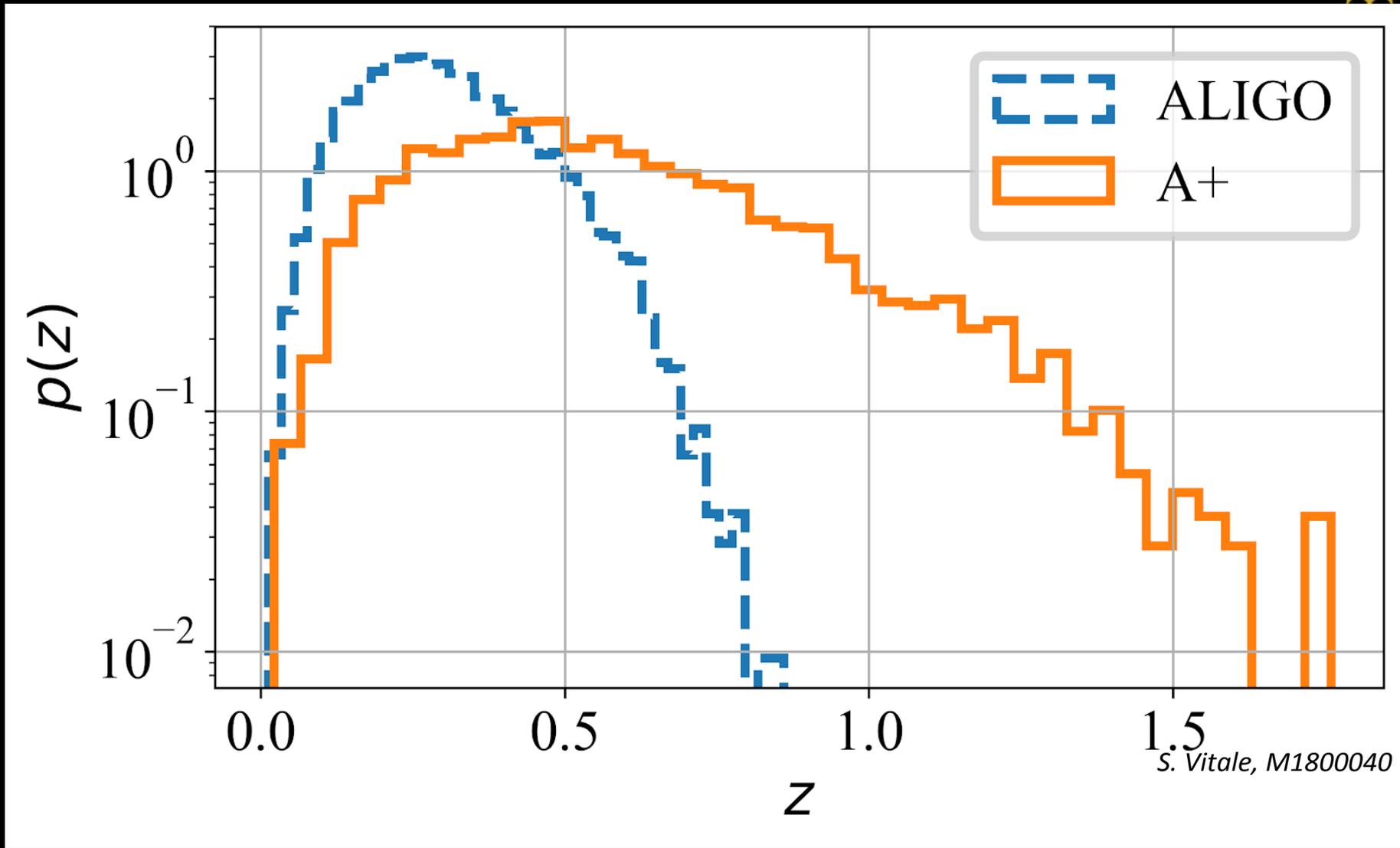


Figure 7: Redshift distribution of binary black hole sources detectable with SNR > 10 in a single A+ detector, as compared to baseline aLIGO at design sensitivity.

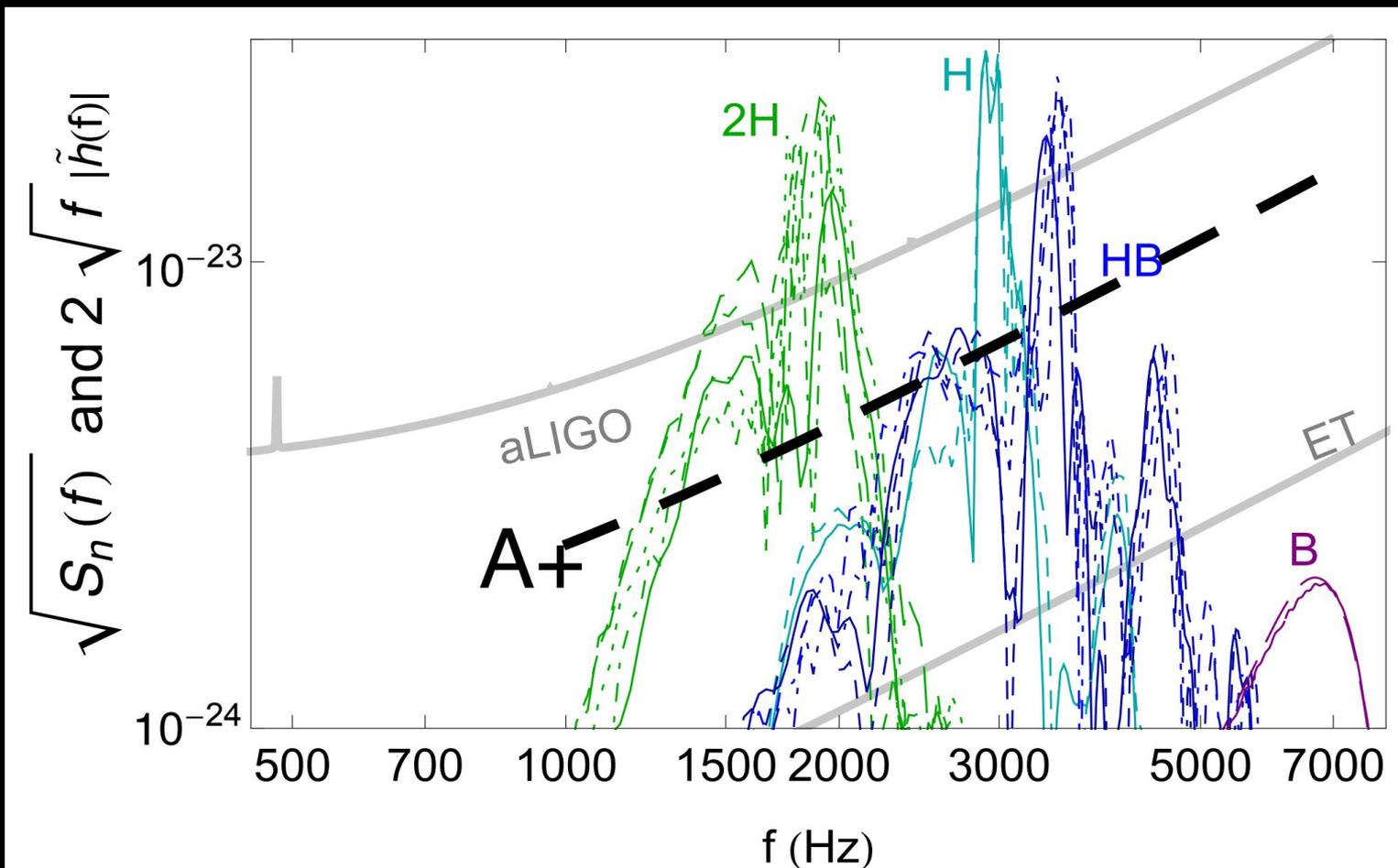


Figure 6: BNS post-merger signal models vs. aLIGO and A+ detector noise for a range of speculated neutron-star equations of state (labeled 2H - B). A+ will have significantly improved capacity to detect post-merger “ringing” modes, whose characteristic frequencies are determined by the equation of state of super-nuclear matter. The low-frequency inspiral waveform component, which can also bear signatures of tidal deformability in the progenitor stars, is not shown. Simulations presume a reference BNS coalescence at 100 Mpc. (courtesy J. Veitch and S. Vitale, adapted from Read et al. [31])

# A+ Upgrade Status

- NSF awarded US funds, **18 months earlier** than original request
  - Same end date (4QFY2023, limited by COC coatings) but *much faster start*
  - Acceleration may allow **facility and vacuum upgrades** between O3 and O4
  - Retires risk, may well accelerate commissioning and O5 (no promises!)
  - LIGO Lab team has formed and mobilized; formal start in 1 month, **10/1/2018**
- Australian ARC funding has already been awarded
- Companion UK proposal is now under UKRI/STFC review
  - We are cautiously optimistic for a similar accelerated UK start
  - This would relieve schedule pressure on core optics polishing (sequential fabrication) and suspension design pipelines

Big picture: we expect LIGO will be observing with  
A+ sensitivity by **late 2024**



# A+ ~~elevator pitch~~ *constraints*

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# Look at all the constraints:



- “Your next investment should...
  - ...be **incremental** in cost
  - ...minimize **loss of observing** for existing instruments
  - ...provide **immediate scientific return**
    - e.g., improved *rate\*time* integral should ‘quickly’ wipe out observing hiatus due to upgrade
  - ...build upon and fully exploit **prior** investment
    - “we already invested  $10^9$  \$/€/£...”
  - ...simultaneously support **following** investments, e.g.,
    - test technology for “(n+1)G”
    - probe future astro source landscape

## ...all the constraints (2):

- All good and wholesome, but taken together, recipe for a *holding pattern*
- Nothing big happens that way
  - (certainly not Initial or Advanced LIGO)
- Which constraints to challenge here?
  - (really asking, I don't know).



# Are there other constraints we *should be considering?*



- For example:
  - We naturally fret about **seismic, quantum and thermal noise**
  - Our reviewers (perhaps the more influential ones?) may fret about 15% cost growth in **steel, earthmoving, or concrete**
    - Even “routine” roads and tunnels see 100% overruns
  - Are we investing responsibly to bound and manage large, “conventional” risks, or are we only looking after the novel “interesting” ones?

# Suggestion: diversify

- Increments like A+, AdV+ and Voyager are necessary, but too overconstrained to put us in the strike zone
- Always the possibility of a visionary patron and a leap of faith; hope for this, but can't plan on it
- **3G technology demonstration** investments can retire investment risks
  - Without interfering with 2/2.1/2.5G observations
  - Without forcing 'profitable' integration on an existing (obsolete) instrument
- LIGO and Virgo invested millions and decades to pre-qualify
  - beamtube construction;
  - phase noise at the MIT 5m;
  - displacement noise at the CIT 40m;
  - optic polishing, metrology & coating pathfinders;
  - etc.
- What are the analogs for 3G?



# Possible “Large-scale” 3G technology demonstration investments



- 3G Value-Engineered Beamtube Demo
  - LIGO is planning a water vapor desorption test on a spare 7m tube section at LLO
  - NSF just funded a LIGO workshop for early ‘19 on Very Large Scale Vacuum Systems
  - What about a 500m scale 3G beamtube fabrication and degassing test?
- 3G Tunnel/Earthwork Demonstration
- 3G Very Large Optic Polishing & Coating Pathfinder
- ...?...(ideas welcome)

# Discussion points

- Nobody wants to wait
  - Nobody wants to invest 10-100M \$/€/£ in engineering demo projects that don't detect GW's
- BUT
- Moving directly to full scale design without some proofs of concept may meet resistance
  - We can't demonstrate all of what we need on H1/L1/V1/K1/I1
  - We probably need to break *all* the risky problems (not just the interferometry) into pieces and show what we can do in each domain separately.
  - We hope that increments like A+, AdV+, and Voyager will buy us time and let us hold our place at the forefront of modern astrophysics



**THANKS**

*(and sincere apologies from MZ)*



# *Spare Slides*

# A+ WBS & foreign effort

- UK ISC
  - BHD readout
- UK COC
  - Large beamsplitter
  - COC substrates, polish, coatings
- UK SUS
  - BOSEMs
  - BHD SUS
  - Large BS SUS
- UK CDS
  - Coil drivers (partial)
- AUS ISC
  - SQZ optics (partial)
  - Adaptive mode match (partial)

Code	Title	Description	US	UK	AUS
1. PM	Project Management	Resource management, safety, budget, scheduling, earned value reporting, contingency allocation, procurement, travel	✓	✓	✓
2. SYS	Systems Engineering	System integration, interface control, standards compliance, integrated layout and ray tracing, stray light control, installation tooling, installation and test coordination, quality assurance	✓	✓	✓
3. VAC	Vacuum System Modifications	Decommissioning, rearrangement and recycling of legacy H2 vacuum chambers; creation/adaptation of new 300m auxiliary beamtube, vessels and support systems to house FDS filter cavity at each site.	✓		
4. FAC	Facility Modifications	Alterations to corner stations and creation of new FC beamtube enclosures and end station laboratory structures at each site; support for interferometer subsystem installation	✓		
5. CDS	Control and Data Systems	Electronic modules, sensors, cabling, feedthroughs and software to support control and operation of ISC, SUS and SEI components	✓	✓	
6. COC	Core Optic Components	Filter cavity mirrors, enlarged main beamsplitters, and input and end test masses bearing reduced-dissipation reflective coatings.	✓	✓	
7. SUS	Suspensions	Isolated suspensions for beamsplitters, filter cavity mirrors, readout components, and beam relays; improved suspension fiber infrastructure and tooling for core optics installation	✓	✓	
8. SEI	Seismic Isolation	Active single-stage seismic isolation platforms for filter cavity end mirrors	✓		
9. ISC	Interferometric Sensing and Control	Balanced homodyne antisymmetric port readout, adaptive mode matching, high-efficiency optical isolators, squeezed light injection adaptation, and frequency-dependent squeezing filter cavity control.	✓	✓	✓

Table 1: Project work breakdown structure (WBS) and definitions, denoting areas of US, UK and Australian participation.



# A+ Proposal Team



- LCCL- Zucker
  - Science targets- Vitale
- Lead Engineer- Billingsley
- Project Manager- Hansen
  - Schedule & resources- Toon
- Subsystem Leads:
  - Systems- Torrie
  - Core Optics- Billingsley
  - Seismic- Mason
  - Suspensions- Robertson
  - Facilities- Oram
  - Vacuum- Romel
  - CDS- Abbott
  - ISC- Barsotti
- UK
  - Lead- Strain
  - Science Case- J. Veitch
  - ISC (BHD)- Hild
  - SUS- O'Dell
  - COC- Hammond
- Australia
  - Lead- McClelland
  - ISC- McClelland, P. Veitch

(CIT and MIT departments covered US proposal prep costs ☺)



## A+ NSF Proposal Review: Panel Summary

*“Over the last several years LIGO has made tremendous discoveries which have inspired people around the world and demonstrated the value of gravitational-wave observation as a new tool for astronomy. The proposed effort promises to make a major advance in that effort for even better science. The proposed technical improvements take careful aim at the dominant noise sources remaining at the aLIGO design sensitivity, with a very carefully thought through approach, deploying cutting-edge technological innovations with careful thought to mitigating risks of delay and/or lost science opportunity. While some minor concerns are described in the section notes these are far outweighed by the overwhelming strengths of the proposal. **The panel strongly recommends funding the proposed upgrade.**”*

# A+ parameters vs. aLIGO

Parameter	aLIGO	A+	units	comment
<b>input power</b>	125	125	W	
<b>arm power</b>	750	750	kW	
<b>coating loss angle</b>	360	90	$\mu\text{rad}$	elastic loss
<b>FC length</b>	-	300	m	
<b>FC finesse</b>	-	446	-	
<b>injected squeezing</b>	0-3	12	dB	
<b>BNS range</b>	173	325	Mpc	1.4/1.4 $M_{\odot}$
<b>BBH range</b>	1610	2560	Mpc	30/30 $M_{\odot}$

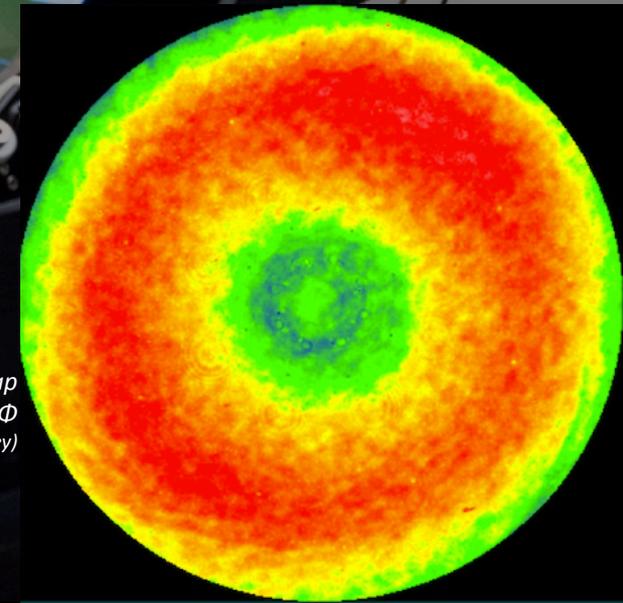
Table 1: Key A+ design parameters and performance metrics, compared with the aLIGO baseline.

# Improved Mirror Coatings for A+

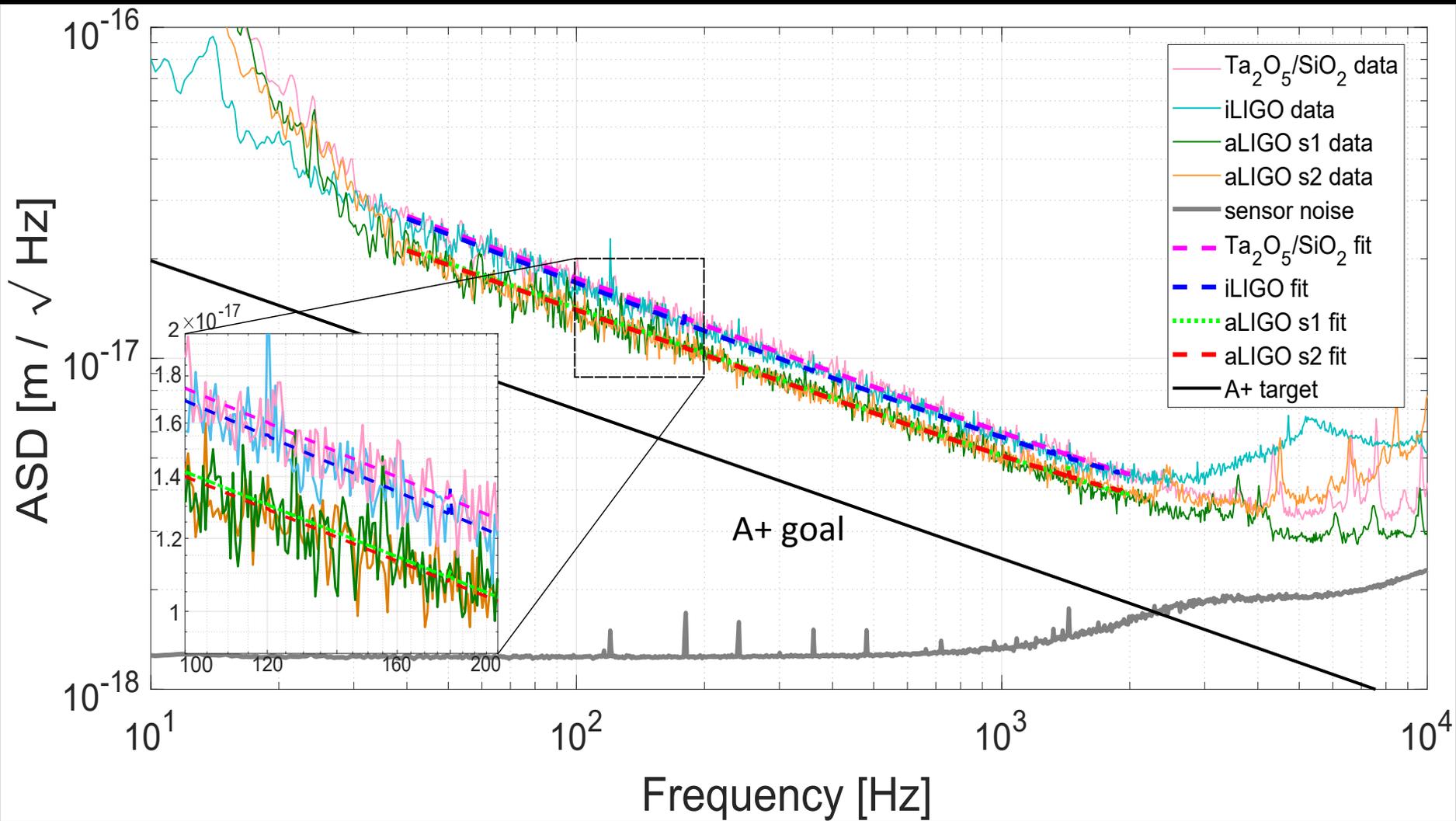
400mm LIGO Fizeau  
interferometer at CIT

- TARGET: Elastic loss angle  $\phi < 9 \times 10^{-5}$ 
  - (aLIGO  $\phi = 3.6 \times 10^{-4}$ )
- Current R&D on small samples
- UK, Europe and US **Center for Coatings Research** initiative to select best low-loss coating design in about 2 years
- **A+ Coating Pathfinder** program will spin up industrial vendor(s) and qualify full-aperture coatings for production
- In parallel, new and existing spare aLIGO optics will be polished
- Metrology, QA, lab infrastructure, tooling, procedures all **same as aLIGO** & reused
- Replacement core optics delivered for **final phase of A+ installation** (mid-FY23)

aLIGO ETM figure map  
 $6.5 \text{ \AA}_{\text{RMS}}$  over central 160 mm  $\Phi$   
(LIGO Lab/G. Billingsley)



Gras & Evans, P1700448



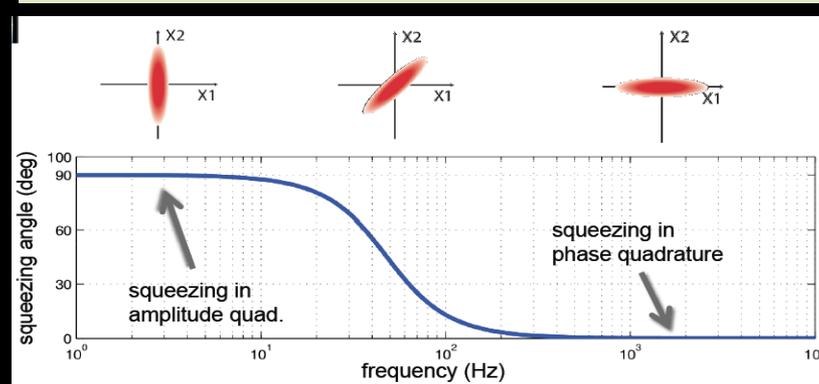
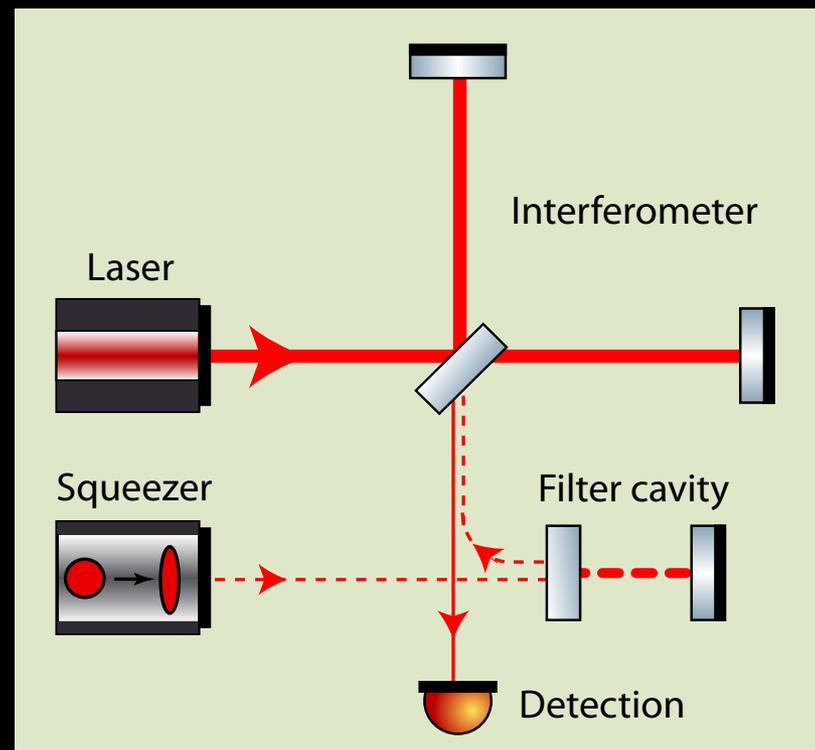


# Quantum Noise Reduction for A+: Frequency-Dependent Squeezing

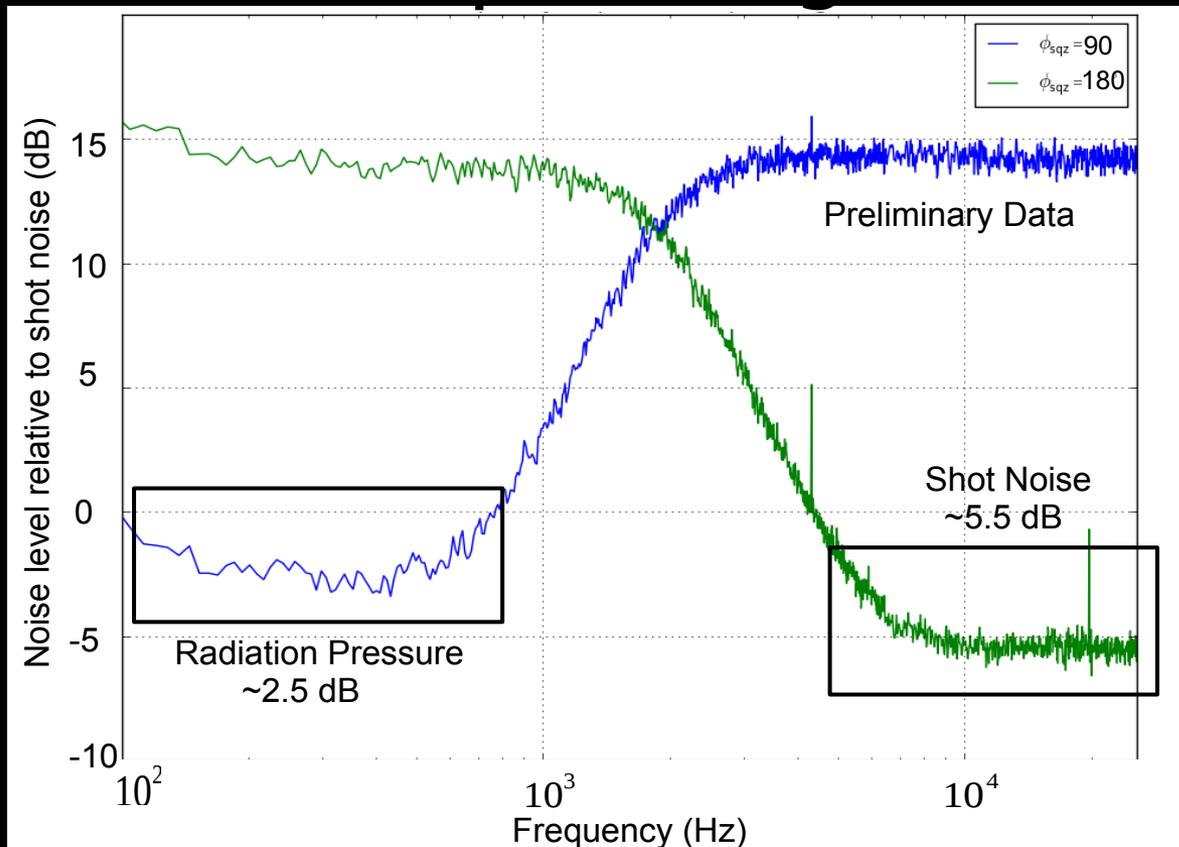
- Expect *squeezed light injection* to be operating soon
- Effective substitute or assist for high laser power
  - Phase squeezing at HF causes amplitude anti-squeezing (radiation pressure) at LF
  - Added radiation pressure bothersome as other LF noise is improved
- Solution: **Frequency-dependent squeezing (FDS)**
  - NOTE: **FDS is also key for planned future detectors (Voyager, ET, CE, etc.)**

# Frequency-Dependent Squeezing

- Optical “filter cavity” (FC)
- Rotates squeezing phase to both improve radiation pressure at LF *and* phase noise at HF
- Low-loss, high finesse cavity with bandwidth  $\sim 100$  Hz
- Sensitive to **optical losses, scattering and mirror motion**
- Requires **seismic isolation and quiet mirror suspension**
- Requires **high-quality FC mirrors**
- Requires  $L_{FC} \sim 300$  m

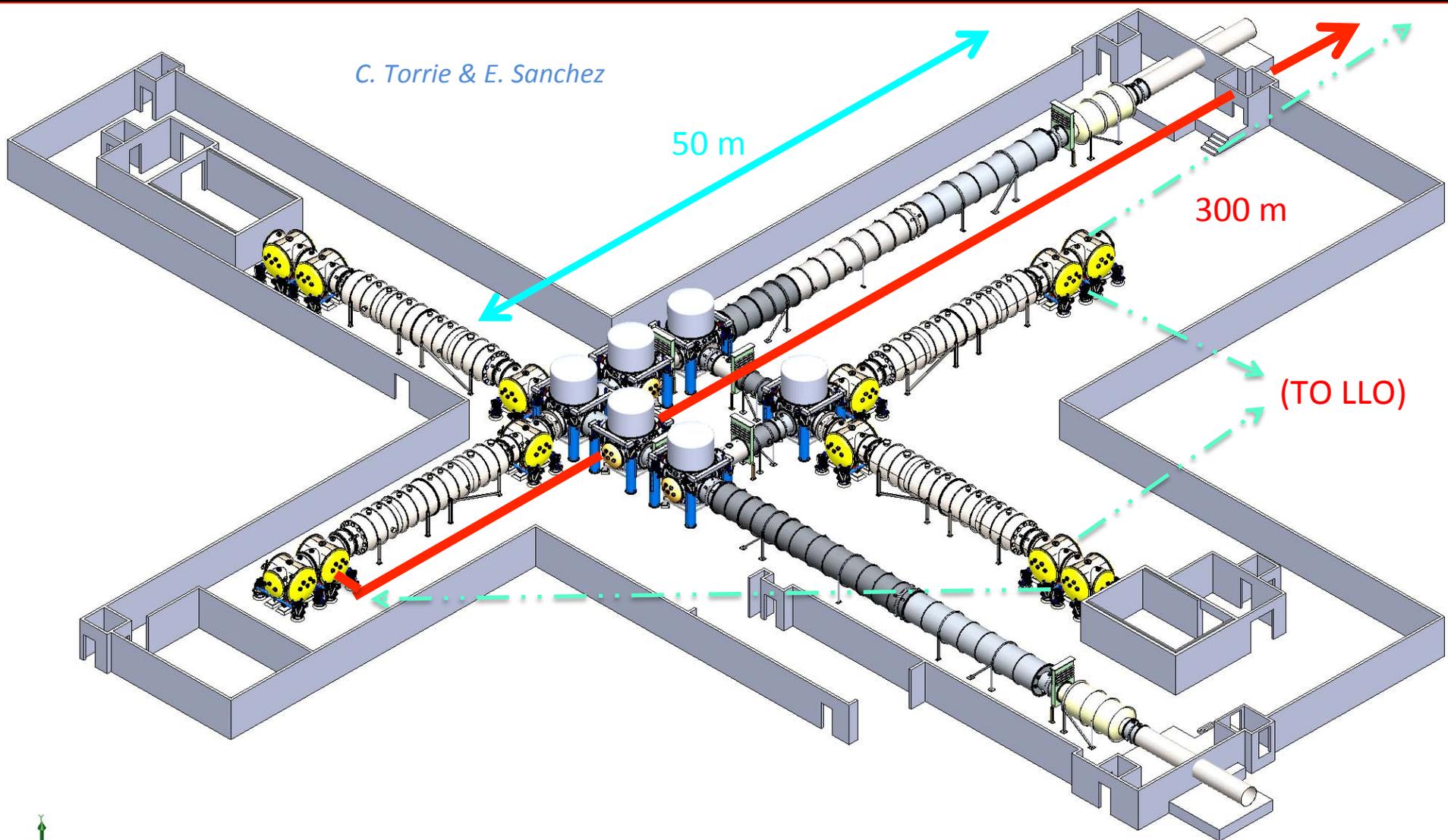


# FDS demonstration w/ 2m filter cavity



Oelker et al, LIGO-P1500062

LIGO demonstration of audio-band frequency dependent squeezing  
(A+ Proposal figure 3)

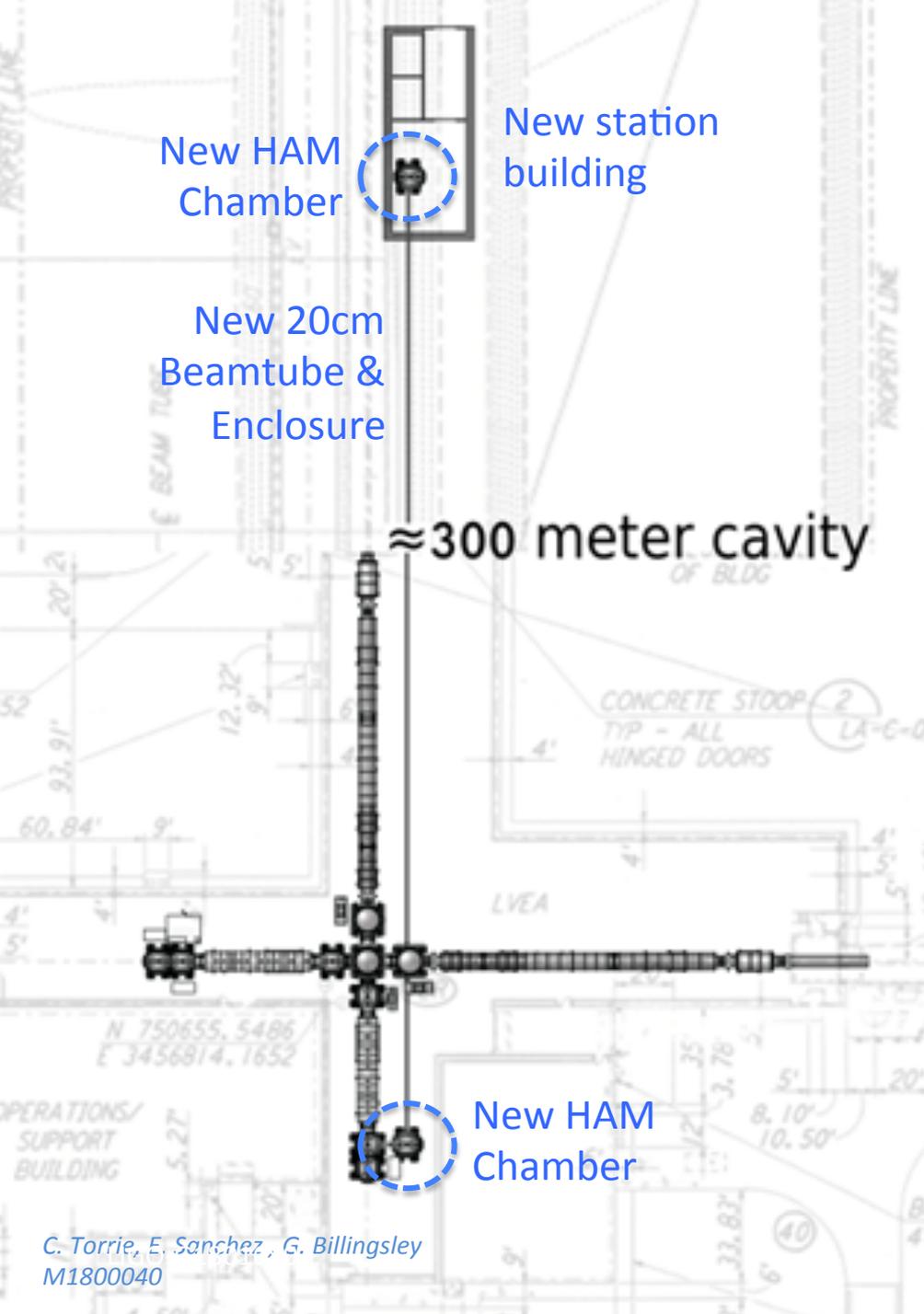


D0901865 AdvLIGO Vacuum Equipment Layout, LHO Corner Station.SLDASM





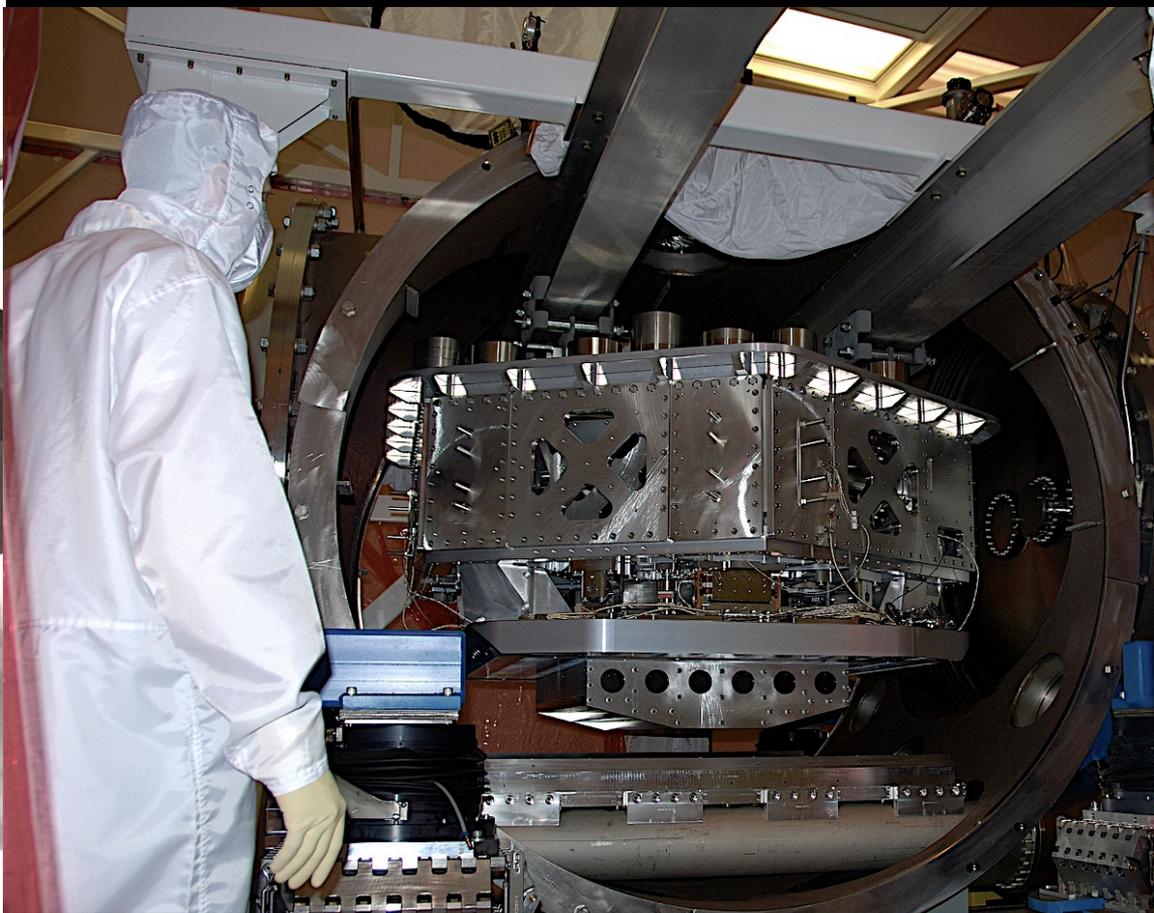
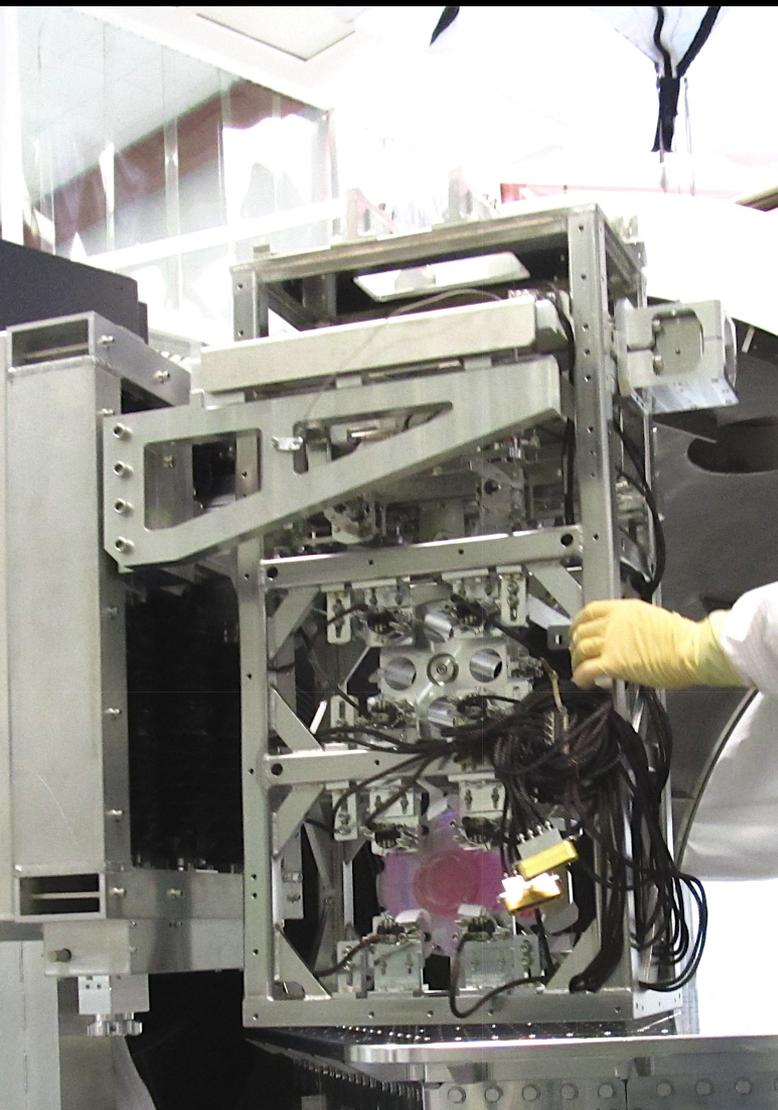
# A+ FILTER CAVITY BEAMLINE



View from future LLO FC end station back to corner

# *A+ filter cavity: mirror suspension & seismic isolation*

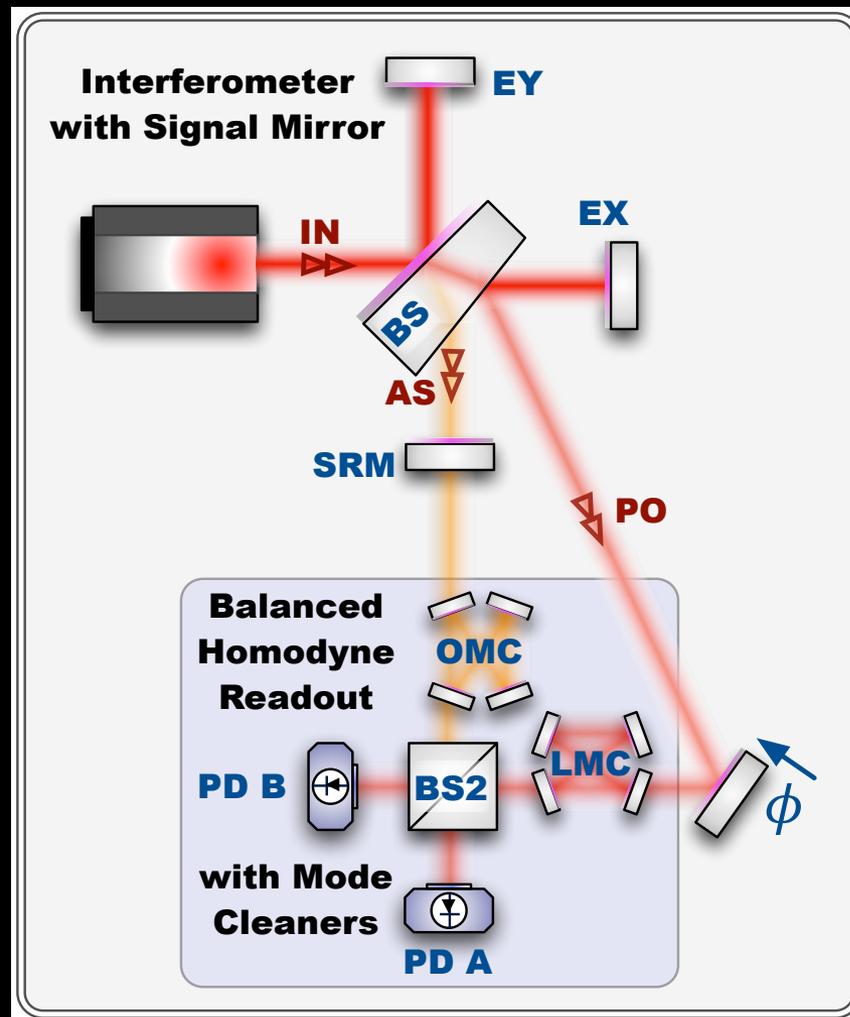
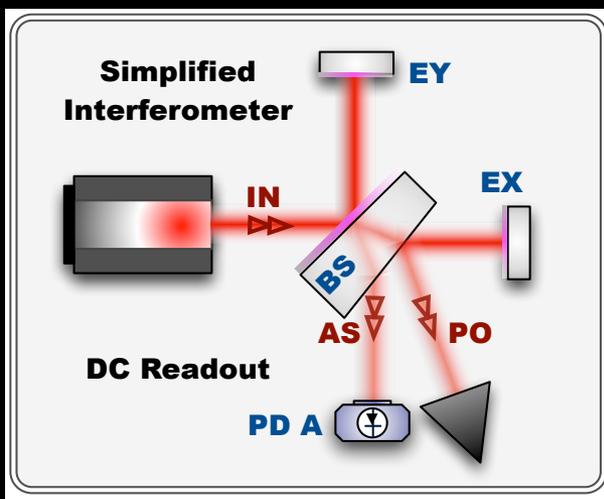
aLIGO HAM Small Triple Suspension (HSTS)



aLIGO HAM Internal Seismic Isolator (HAM-ISI)

# Balanced Homodyne Readout (UK)

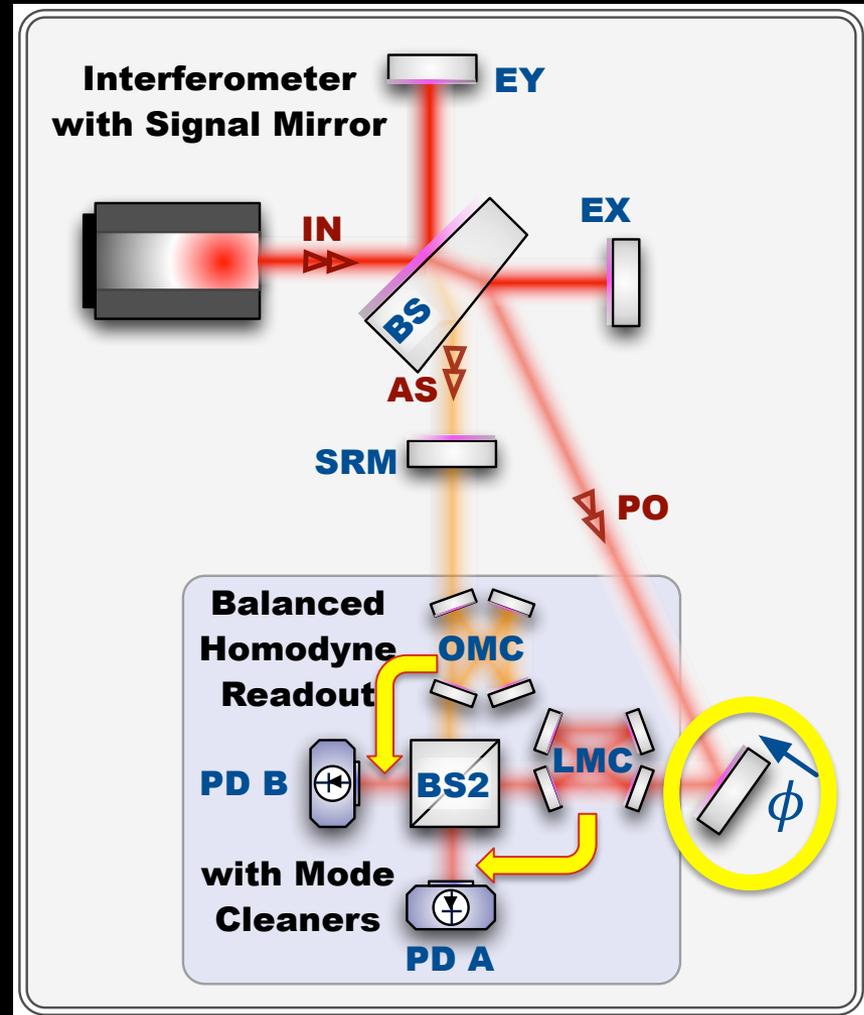
- Reduced dark-port loss
- Improved backscatter immunity
- Improved phase tuning flexibility
- Enhanced readout dynamic range



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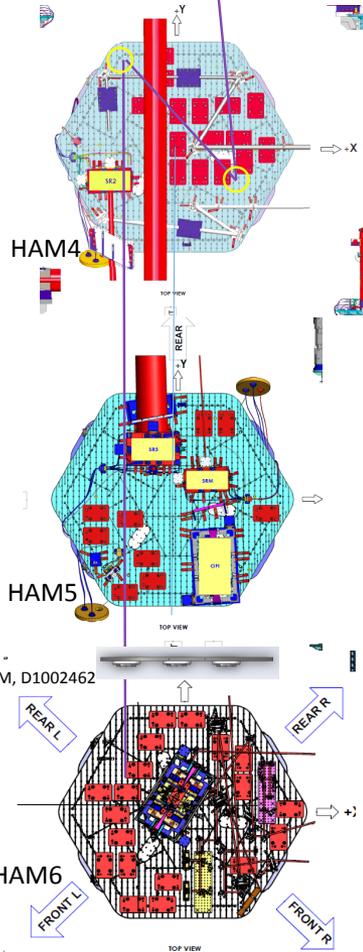
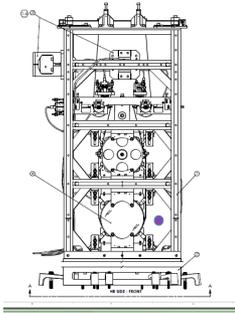
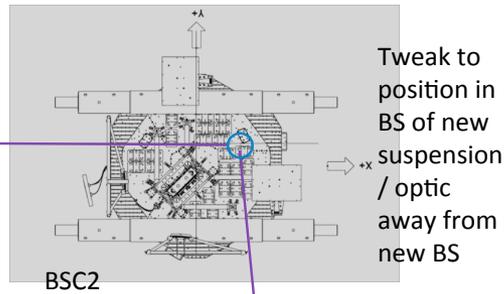
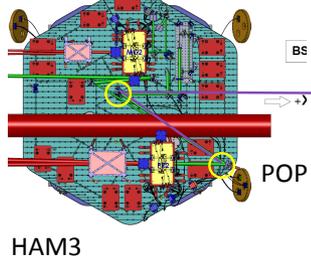
# Balanced homodyne readout

- Revised: LO DIFFERENTIAL PHASE NOISE IS CRITICAL!
- Need low-noise beam relay mirrors
- OMC's now after LO/AS interference



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OPTION 1 - Tweak



- KEY
- \*NEW\* HAM DOUBLE
  - \*NEW\* BSC DOUBLE
  - NEW BEAM

POP FROM HAM3 to HAM6

# A+ BHR

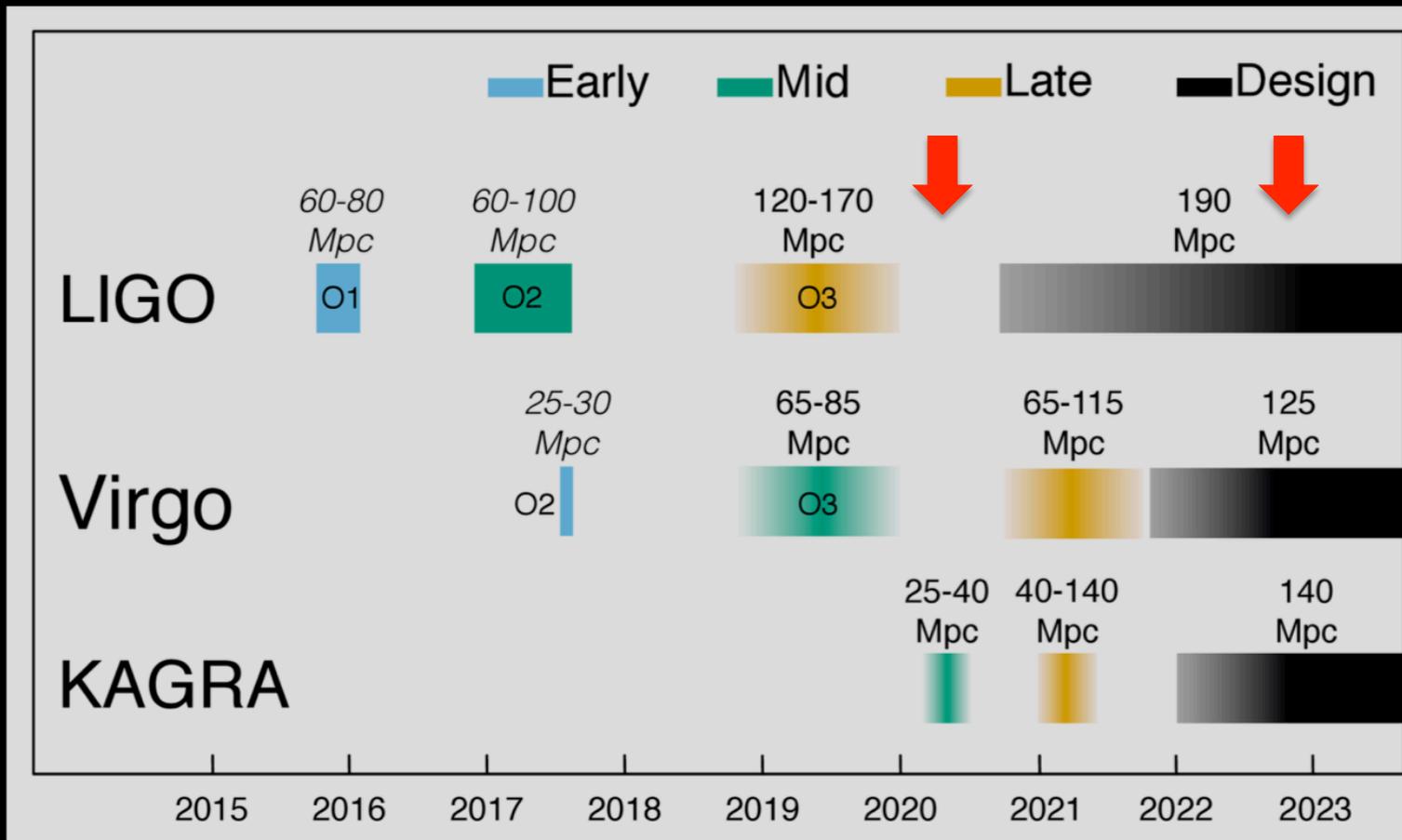
## LO beam relay (work in progress)

- POP pickoff beam used for homodyne local oscillator
- LO phase noise critical
- ➔ Requires *sub*  $10^{-18} \text{ m/Hz}^{1/2}$  mirror noise at 100 Hz
- ➔ Triple-stage suspension for relay optics
- Space constraints ➔ *new compact triple suspension design is required*

# A+ Technical Updates

- Filter cavity length → 300m
  - Model showed insufficient backscatter margin at 100m
  - Modest hit in civil & vacuum cost
- **Low-noise relay optics** for BHD local oscillator
  - Models revealed enhanced phase noise susceptibility
  - Now baselining ~ 11 triple-pendulum suspended small optics to deliver low-noise LO beam (new design)
  - US to do design, UK to fund production
- **BHD topology** changed
  - AS and LO beams to be interfered *before* mode cleaners
  - Modified OMC suspensions needed
- Anticipating coating progress...
  - **Looking closely at zirconia-doped tantala**

# Observing scenario

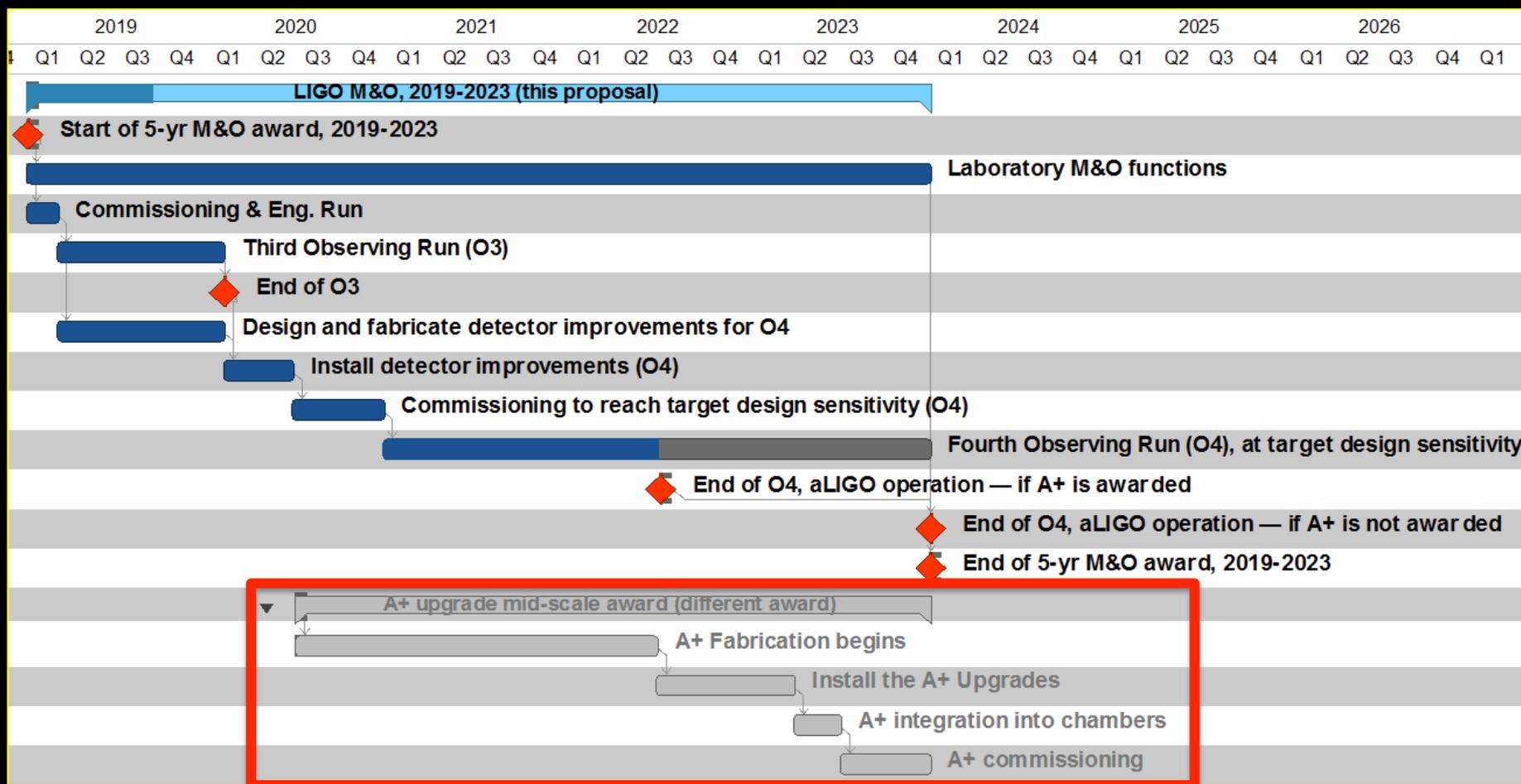


From P1200087-v47



# Original simplified schedule

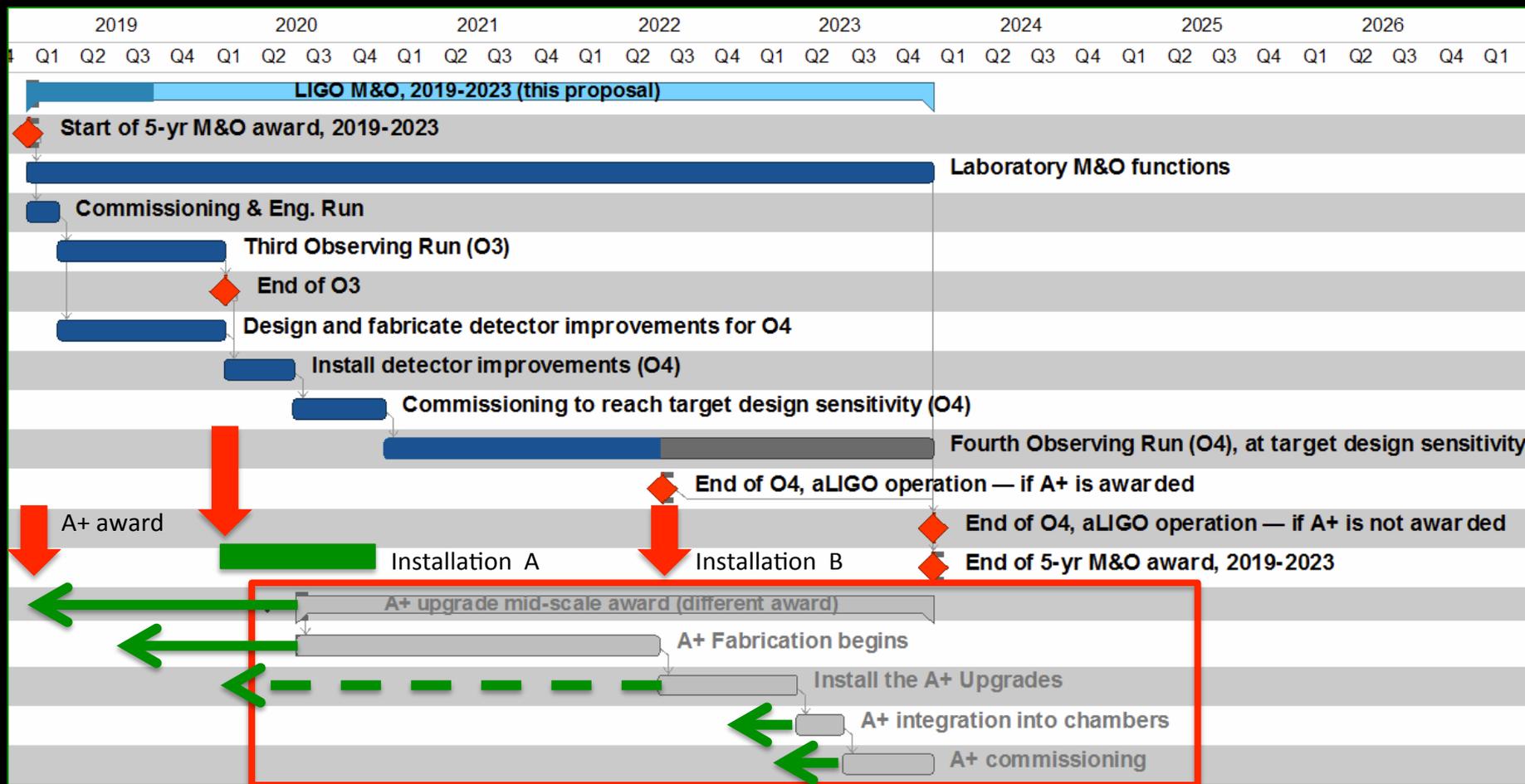
## From '19-23 LIGO ops renewal proposal





# Sample revised schedule (schematic)

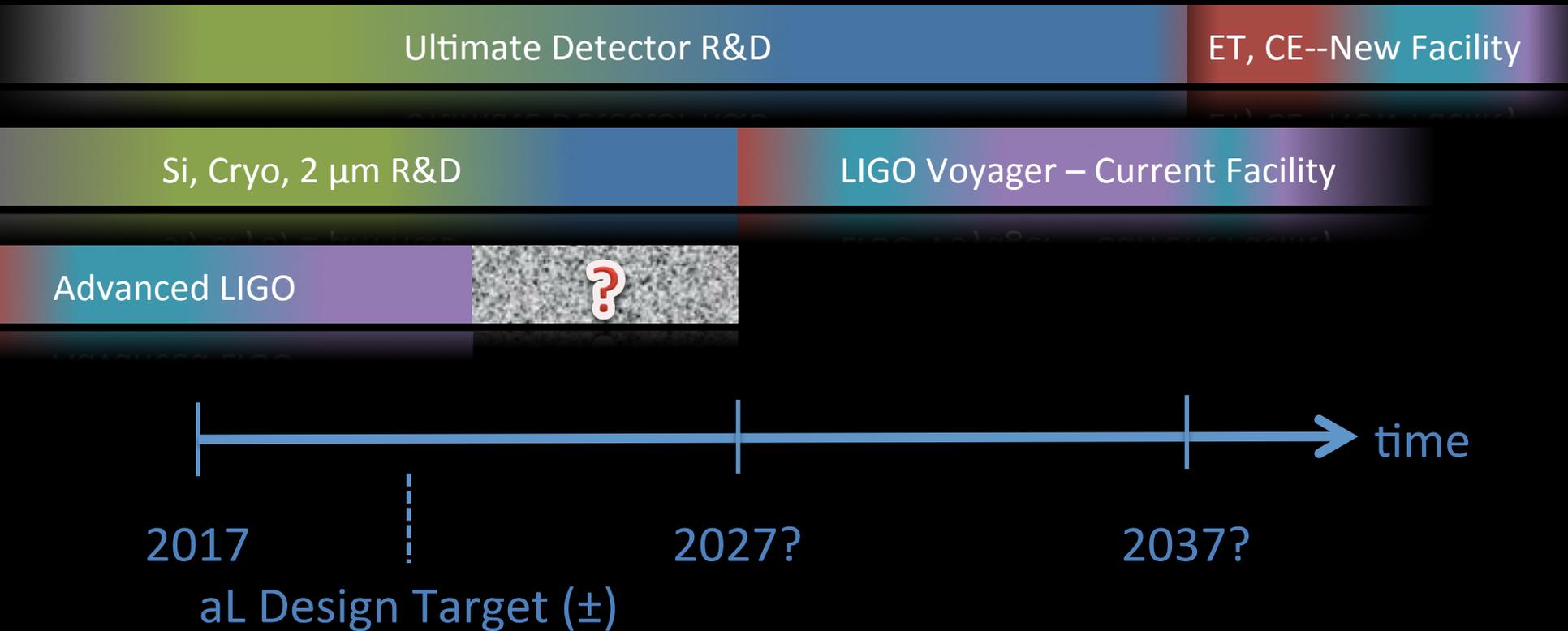
Advance civil & vacuum construction to O3-O4 break  
Start optics integration immediately at end of O4



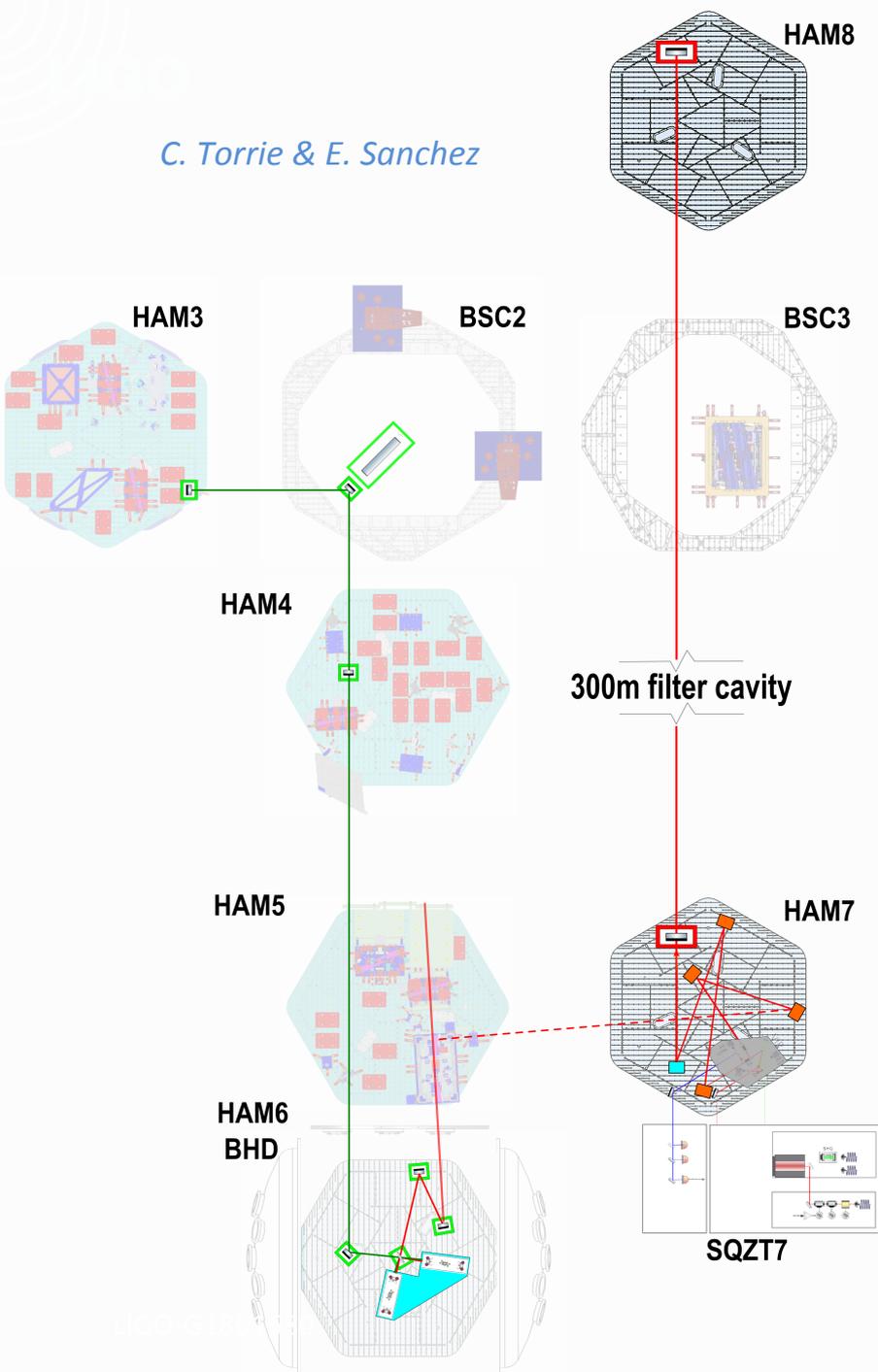
# Context: Bridging the Gap

(adapted from G1401081)

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Is extended observation at aLIGO performance limits the best we can do?

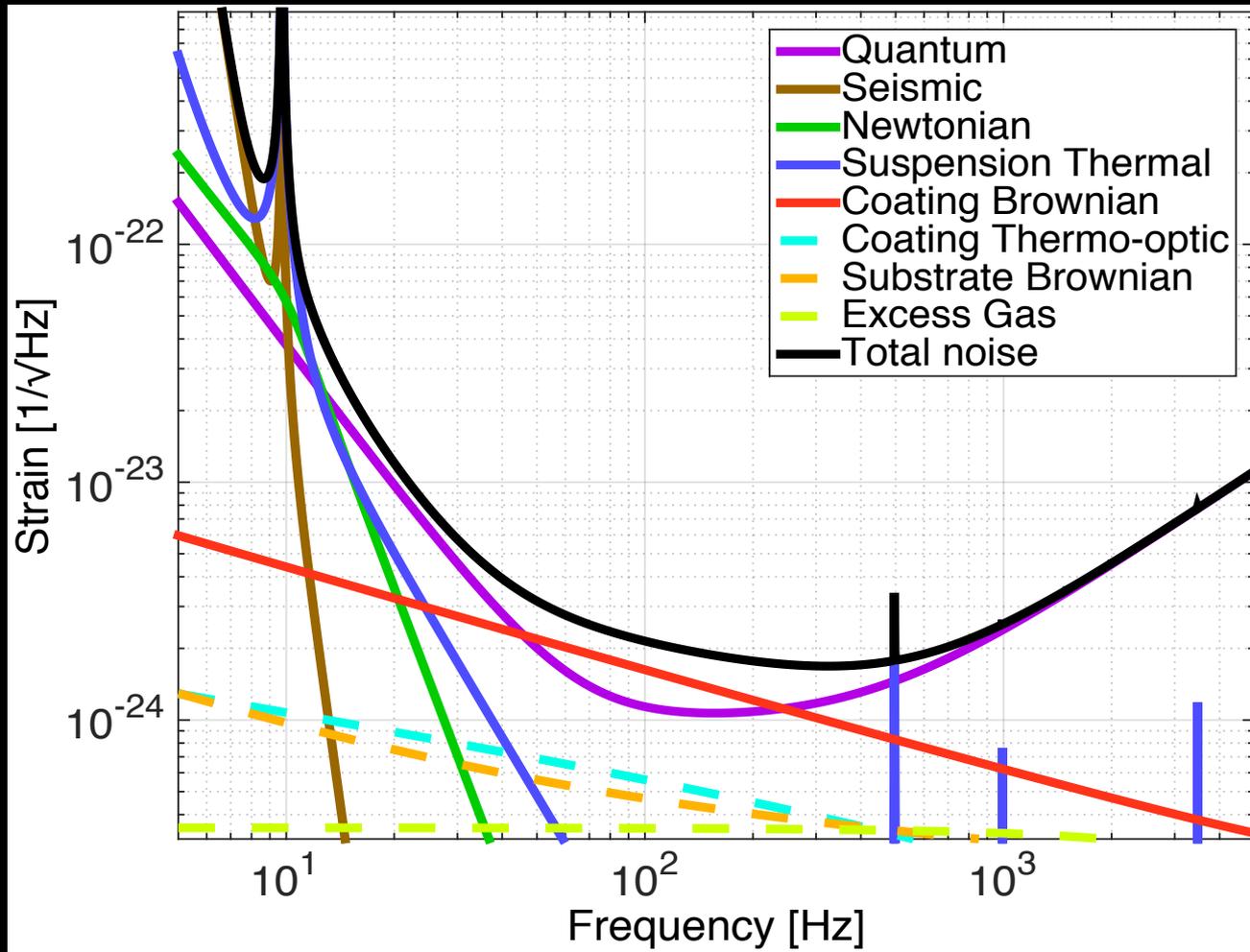


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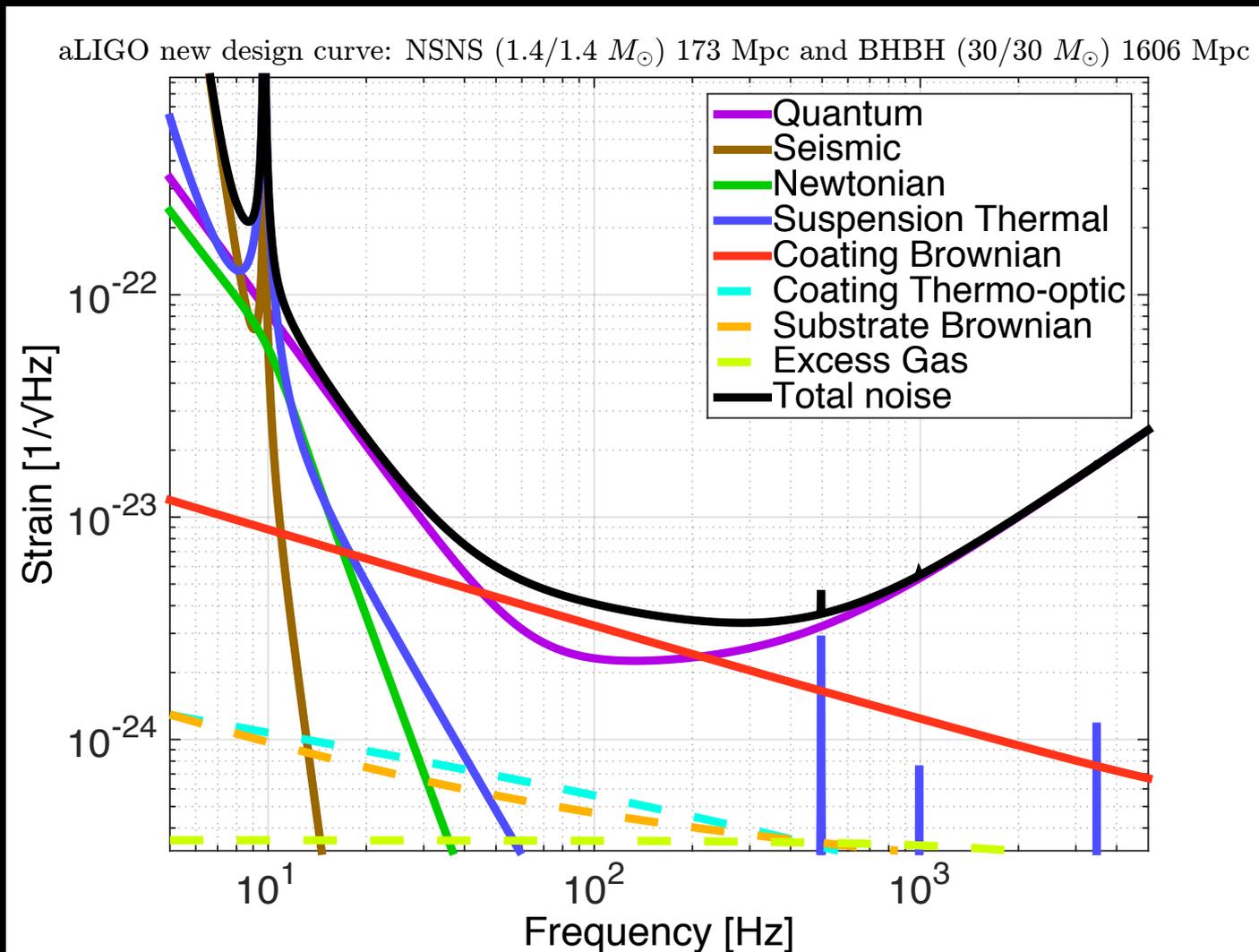


- “New” FC HAM chambers (HAM7,8) salvaged from H2
- New HAM ISI and HSTS for FC mirrors
- LO beam relay to use new “HRTS” triple suspension for low phase noise
- BHD OMC’s may use a common suspended platform (based on VPI)
- FC pipe penetrates BSC3 (beam passes behind ITMX)

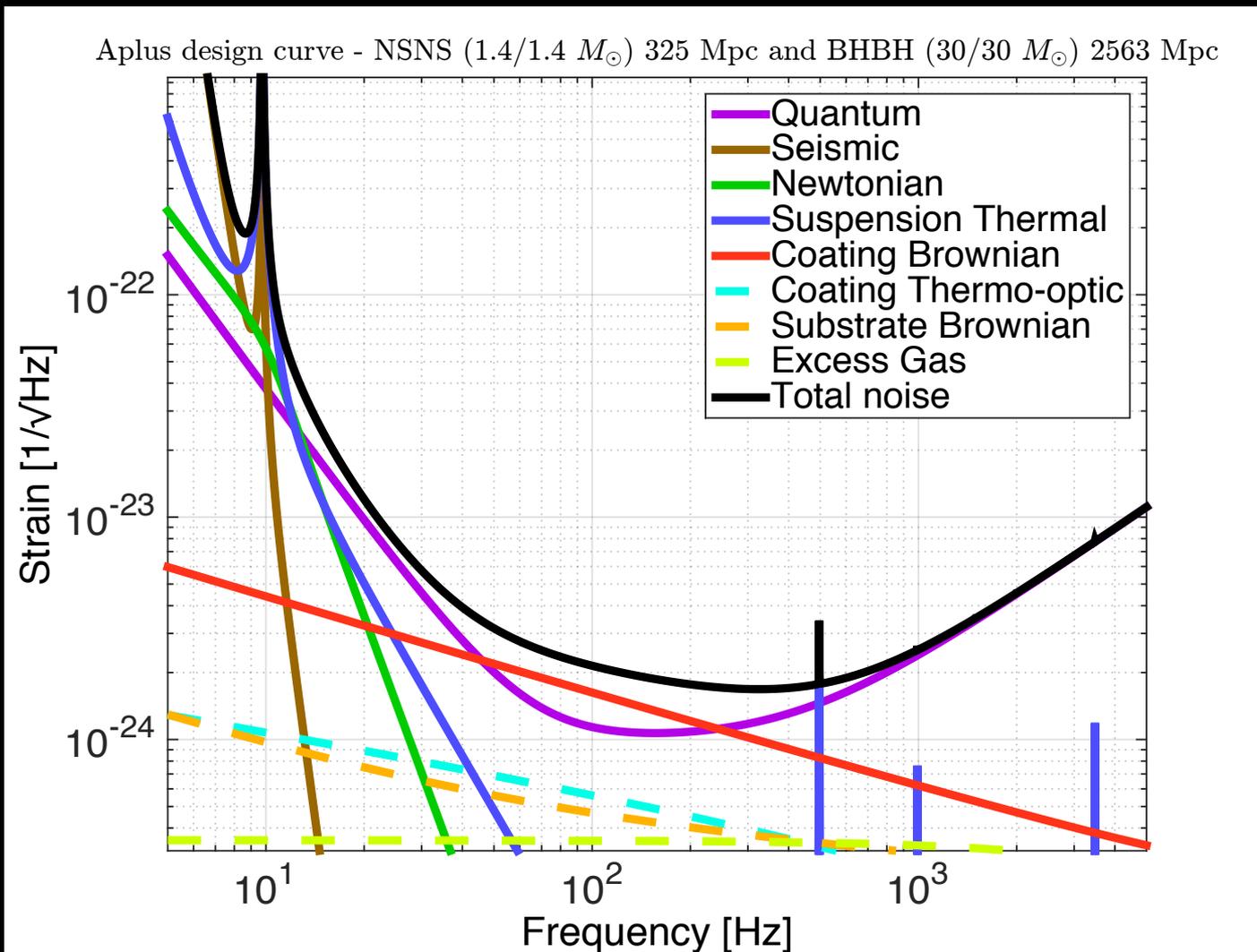
# A+ target noise budget



# aLIGO Design Target



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# A+ FDS with no CTN improvement

No coating noise reduction - NSNS ( $1.4/1.4 M_{\odot}$ ) 223 Mpc and BHBH ( $30/30 M_{\odot}$ ) 1934 Mpc

