

Observing the Universe from Underground Gravitational Wave Telescope, KAGRA

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Overview

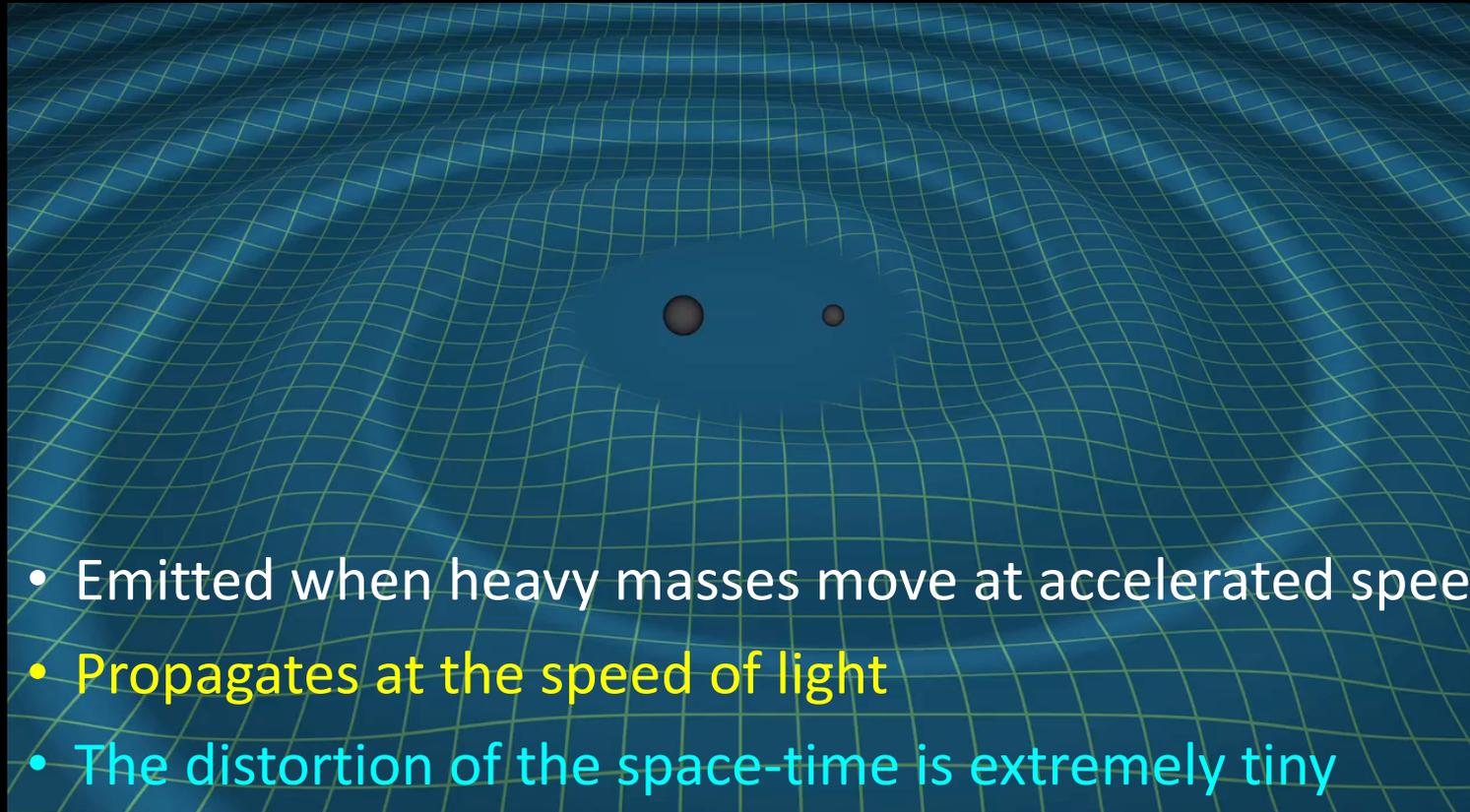
Gravitational Wave Detectors

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 - Challenges for the ultimate sensitivity
- KAGRA project
 - Challenges of underground and cryogenic
 - Current status and prospect

Gravitational Waves

Dynamic distortions of the spacetime

Credit: LIGO-VIRGO

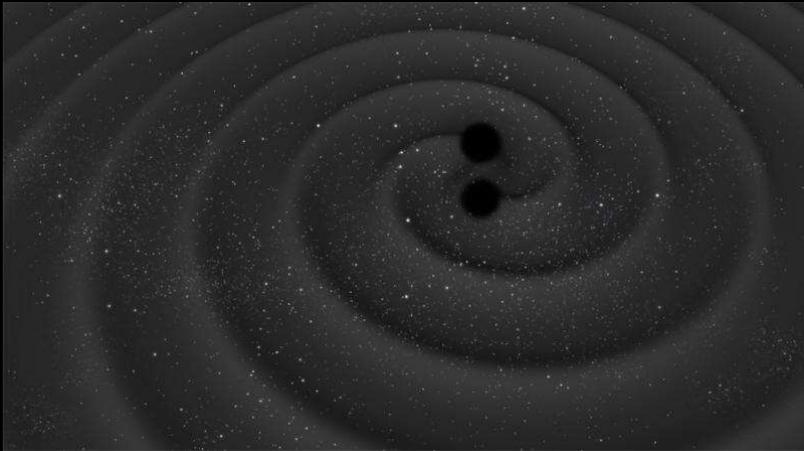


- Emitted when heavy masses move at accelerated speed
- Propagates at the speed of light
- The distortion of the space-time is extremely tiny

(so it took 100 years to detect)

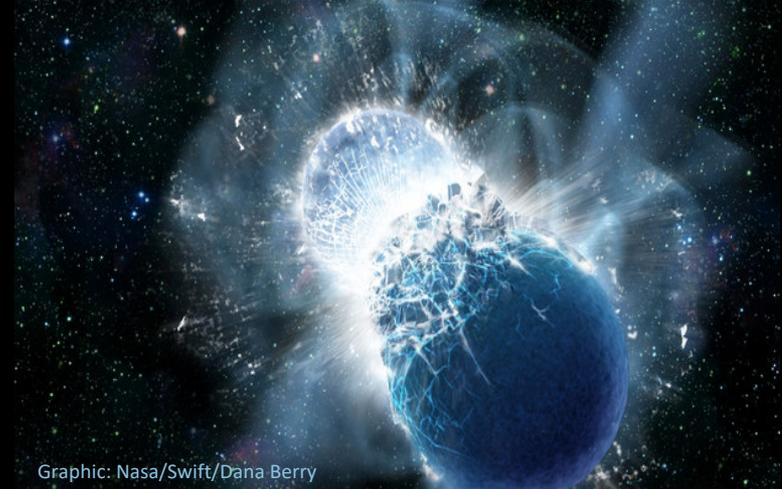
Major Discoveries So Far

Binary Black Hole (BH) Mergers



- Detected by LIGO in 2015
- BH $\sim 30M_{\odot}$

Binary Neutron Star (NS) Mergers



- Detected by LIGO-VIRGO network in 2017
- Confirmed kilonova (r-process) from binary NSs
- Hubble constant, speed of GWs

Worldwide Detector Network

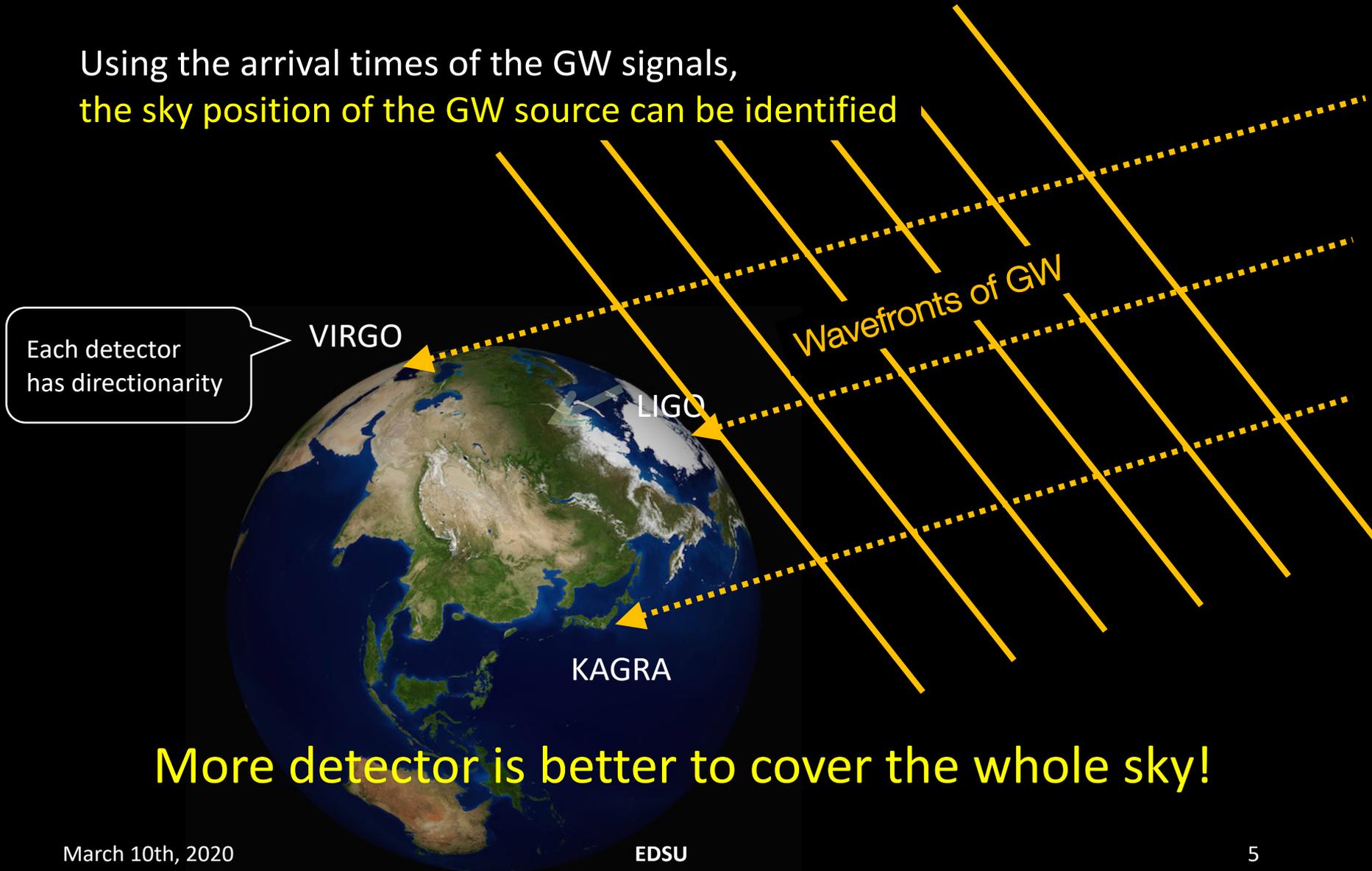


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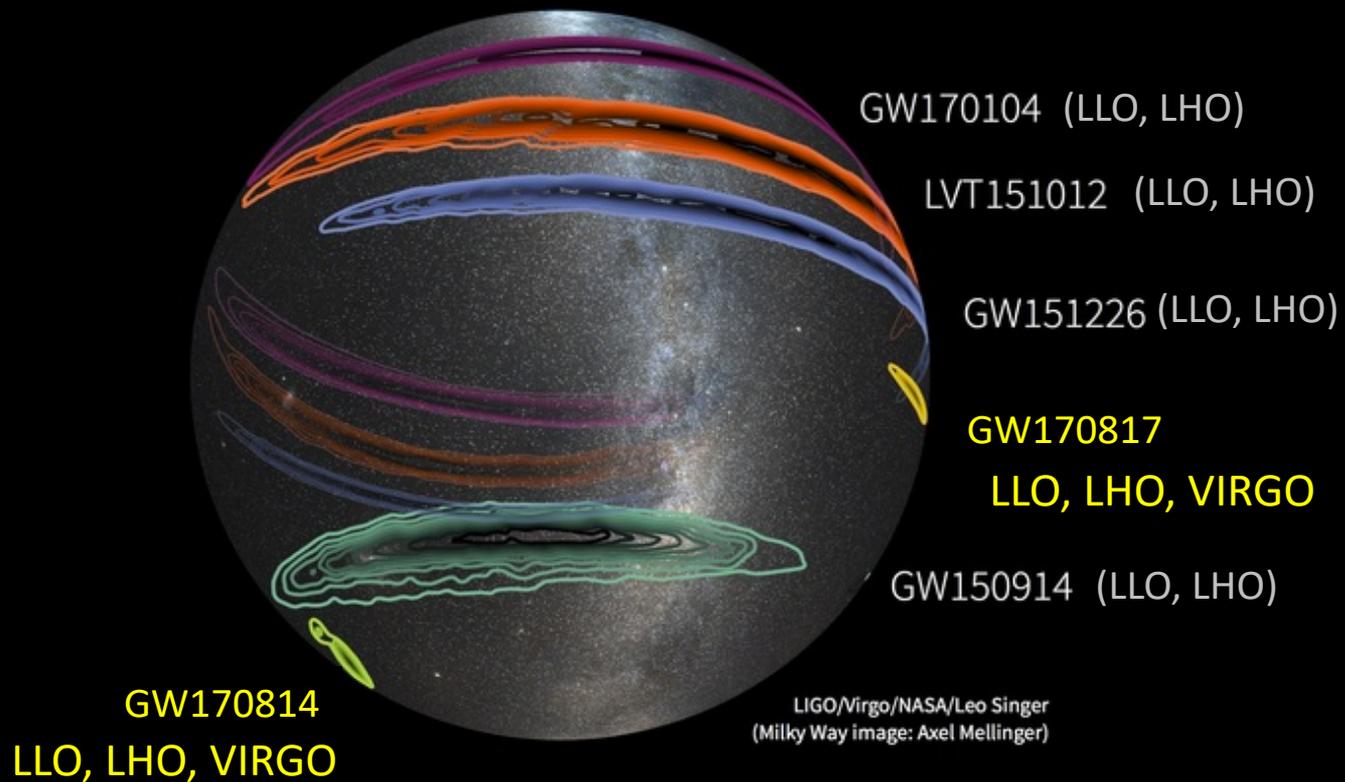
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Sky Localization by the network

Using the arrival times of the GW signals,
the sky position of the GW source can be identified



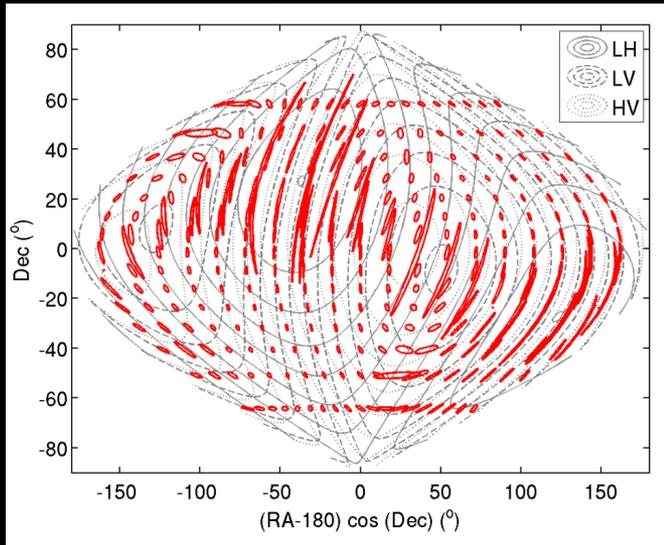
Better Sky Localization with VIRGO



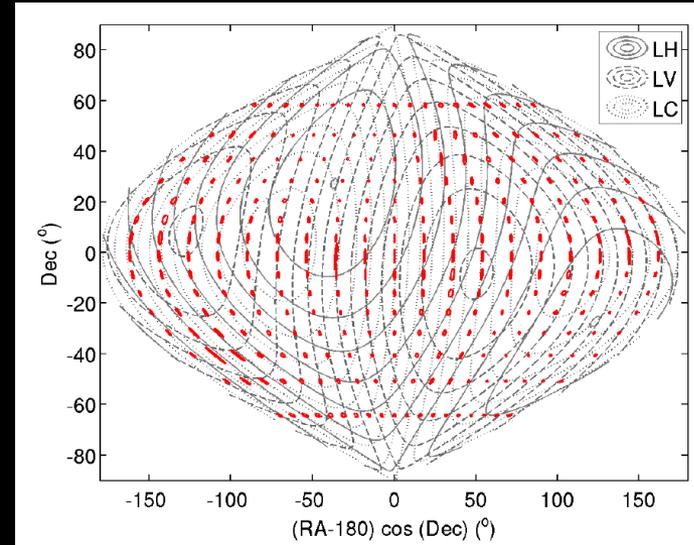
With the 4th Detector, KAGRA

- Improve the sky localization of the source

Wen and Chen, arXiv : 1003:2504, assuming similar sensitivities for the detectors



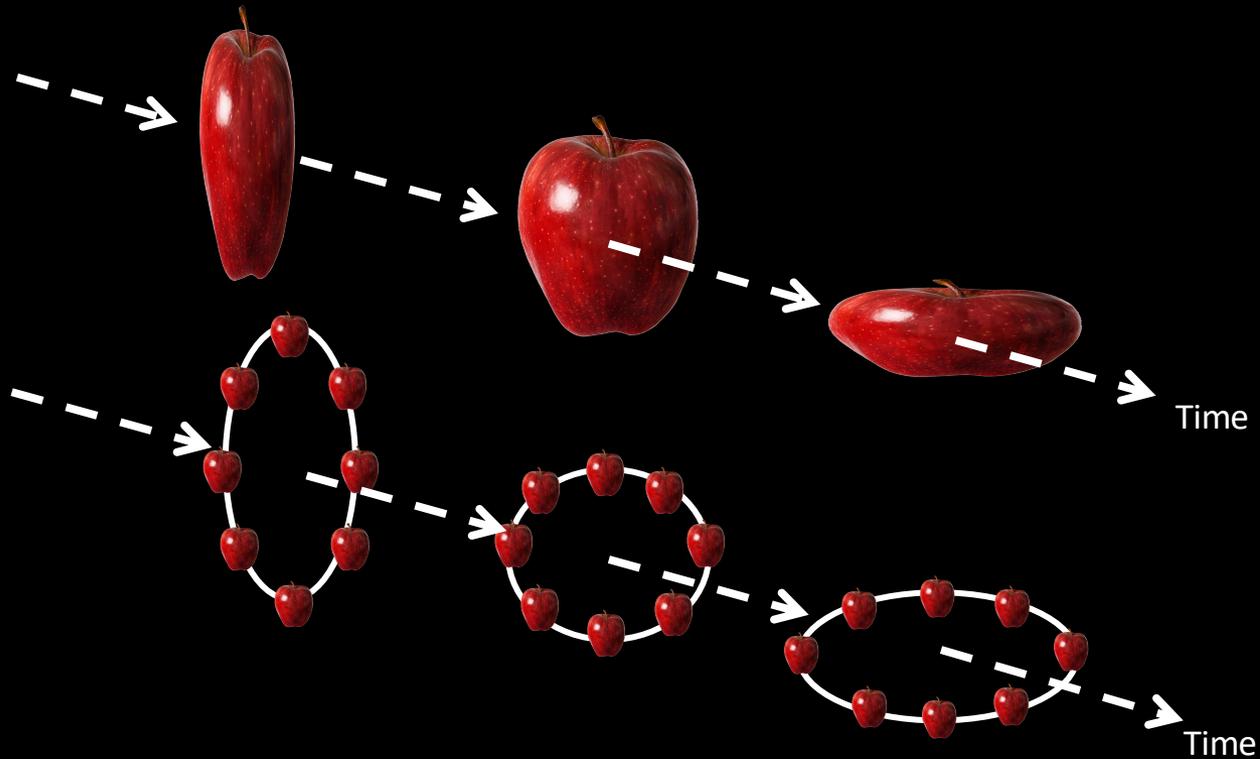
LIGO (L+H) + VIRGO



LIGO (L+H) + VIRGO + KAGRA

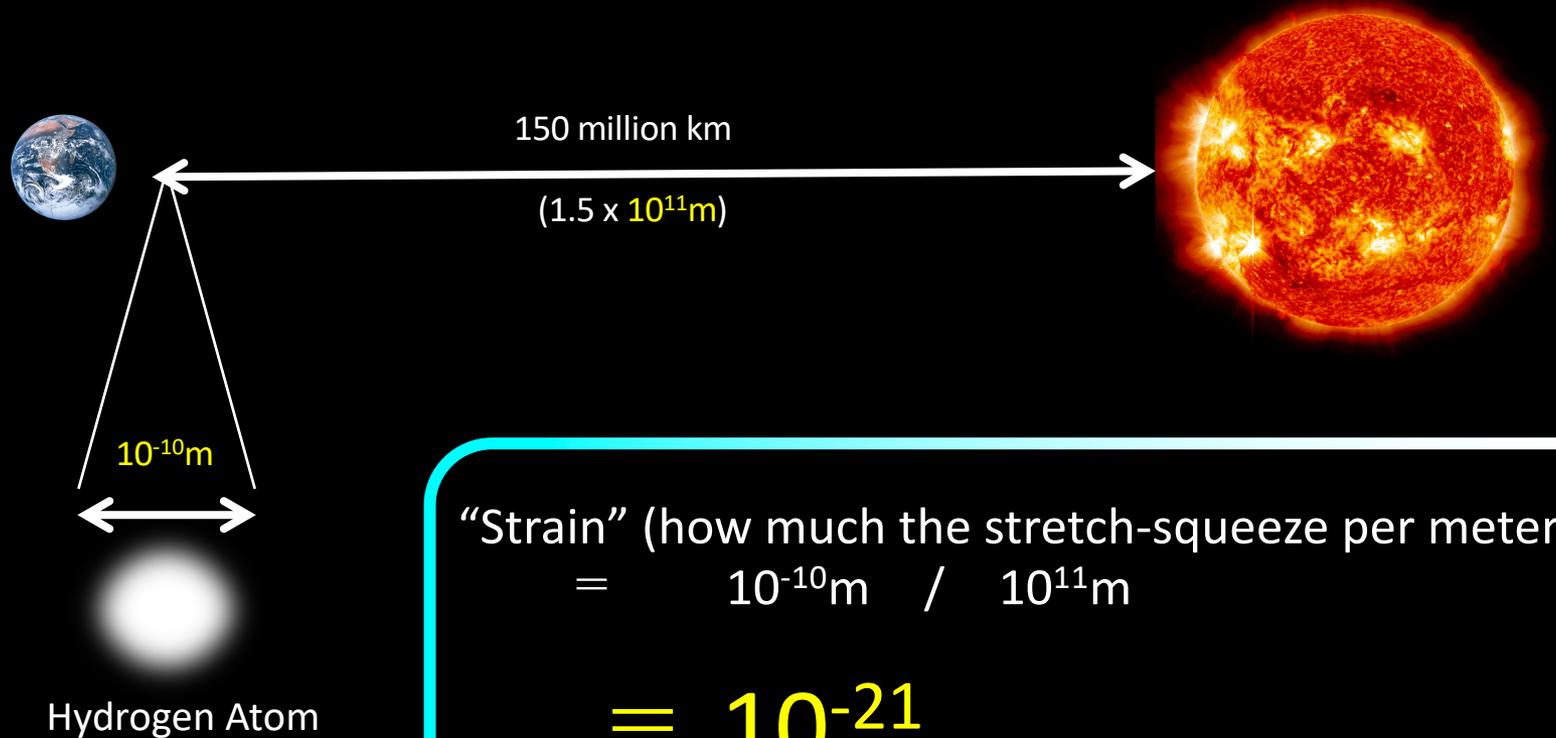
- KAGRA single observation started on 25th Feb, with a limited sensitivity
- Planning for an observation brake for 2 weeks from today, aiming to join LIGO-VIRGO Observation3 (O3, 1st April 2019 – 30th April 2020)

How to Detect the GWs?



Space-time distortion
=> Distances between masses change

Signals are EXTREMELY Small !!

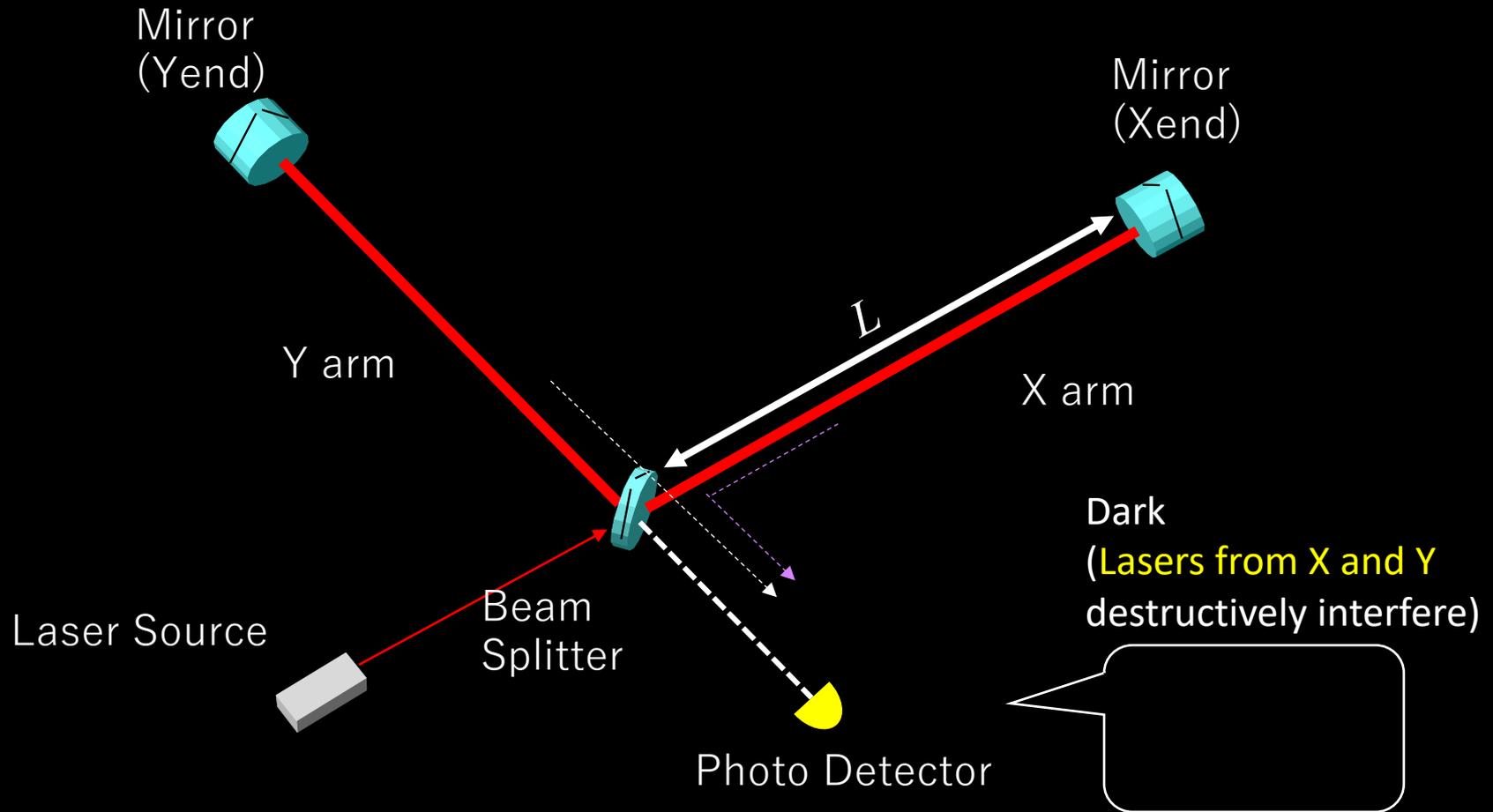


“Strain” (how much the stretch-squeeze per meter)

$$= \frac{10^{-10} \text{m}}{10^{11} \text{m}}$$

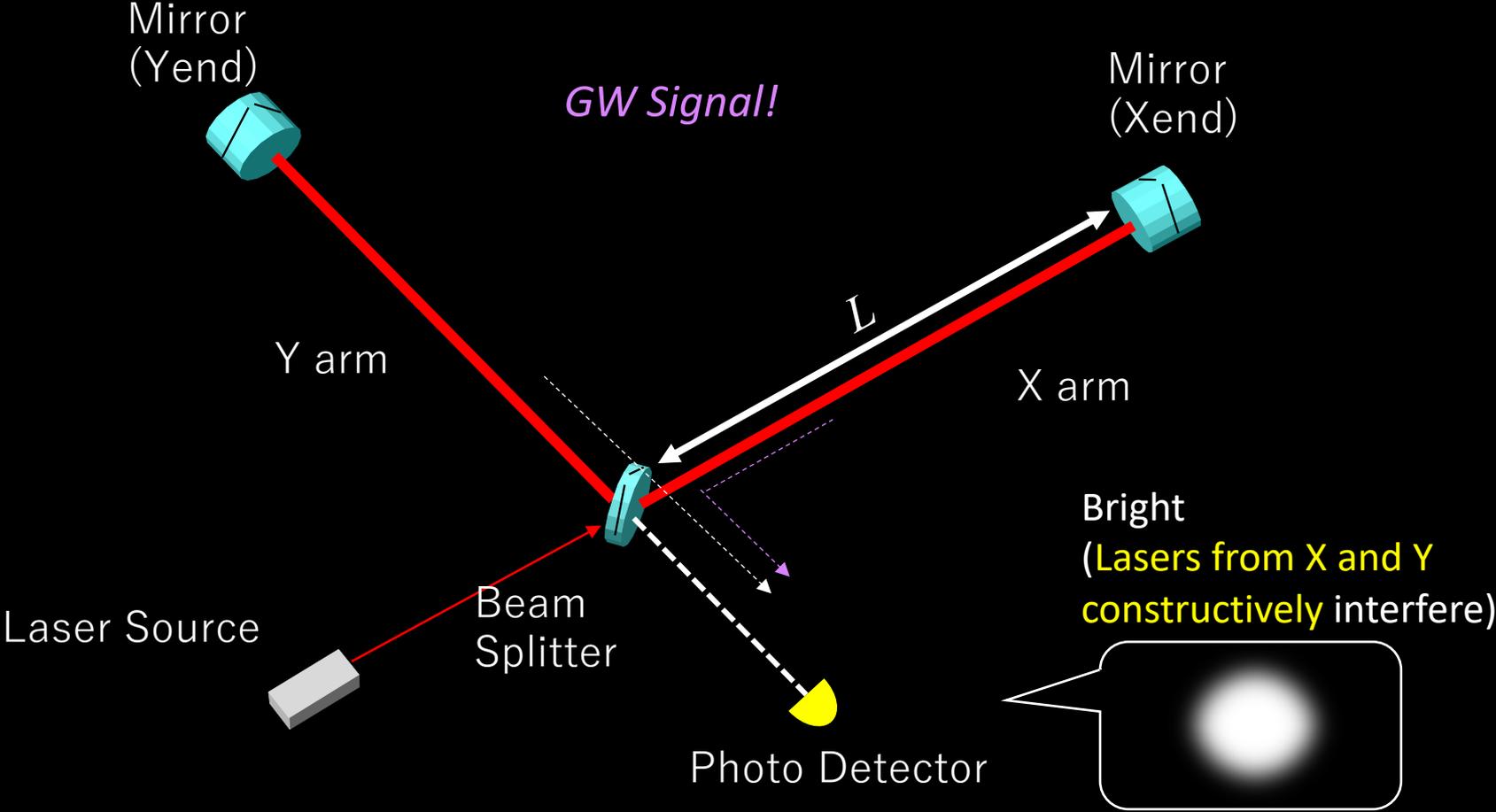
$$= 10^{-21}$$

Detector: Laser Interferometer



Optical sensor detecting the length difference between X and Y arms

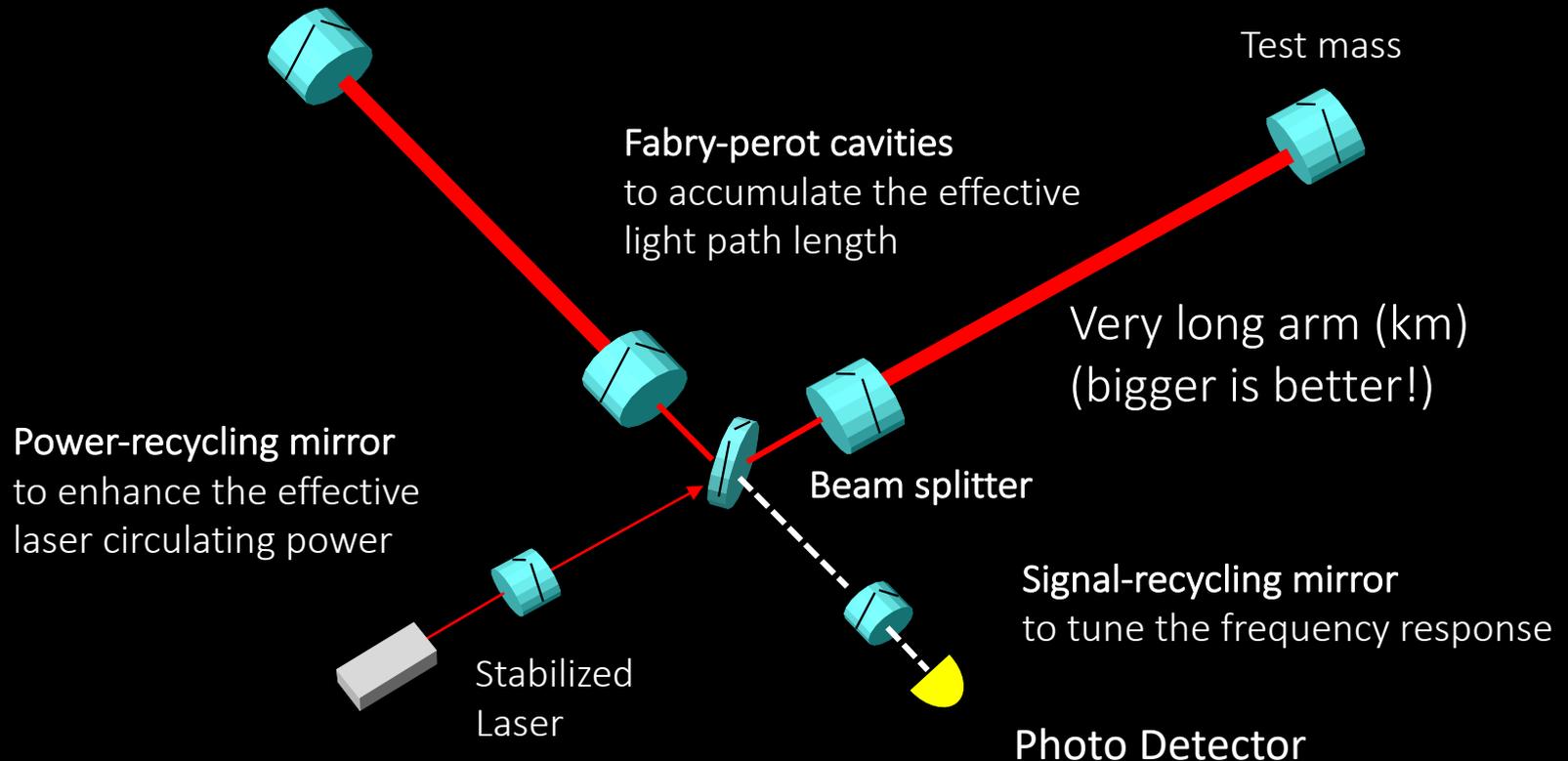
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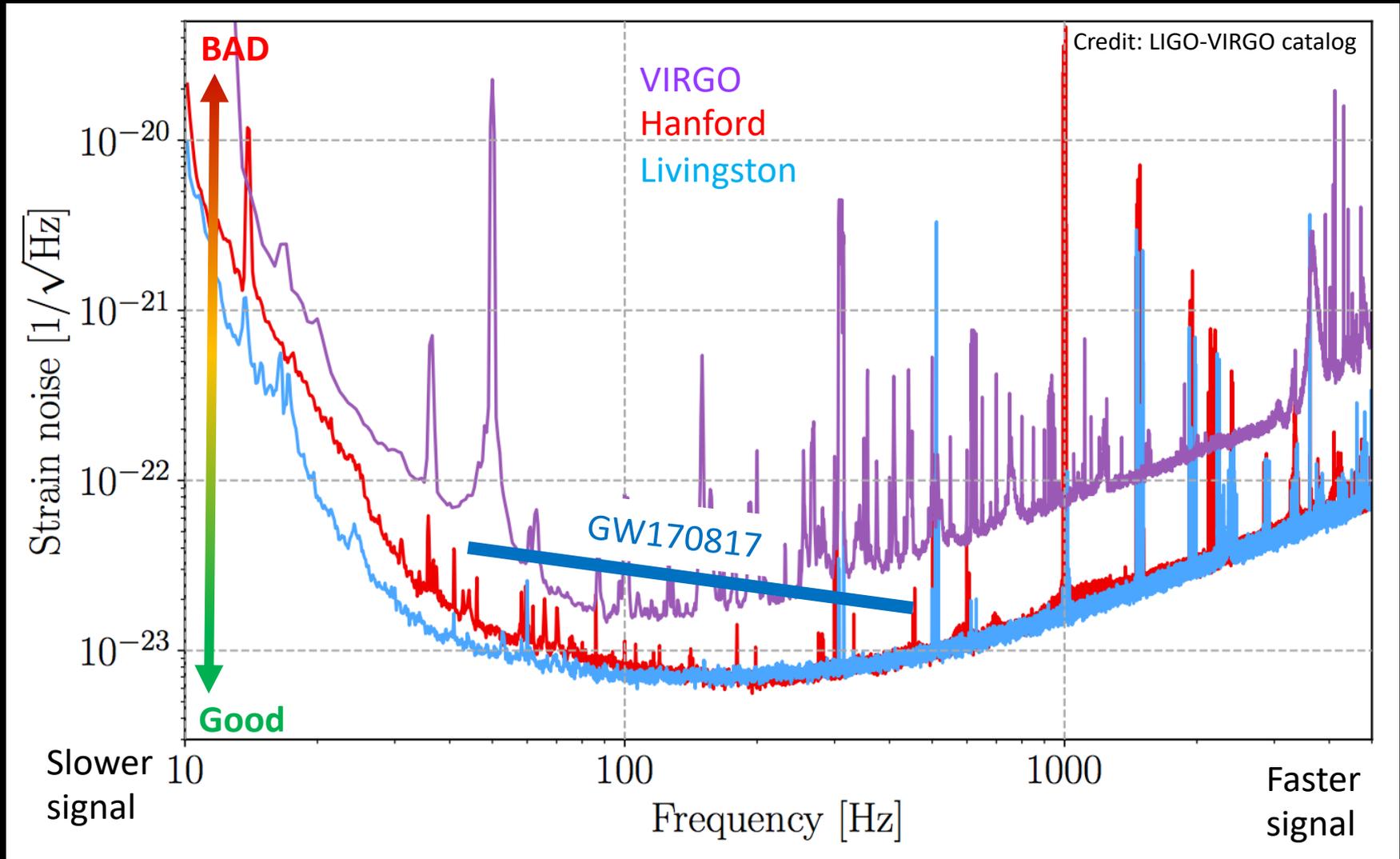
Optical sensor detecting the length difference between X and Y arms

“Actual” Modern Detectors

Test mass (mirror)
hung by a large suspension
to be isolated from seismic motions



“Actual” Sensitivity



Note that the detector directionality isn't taken into account for GW170817 line

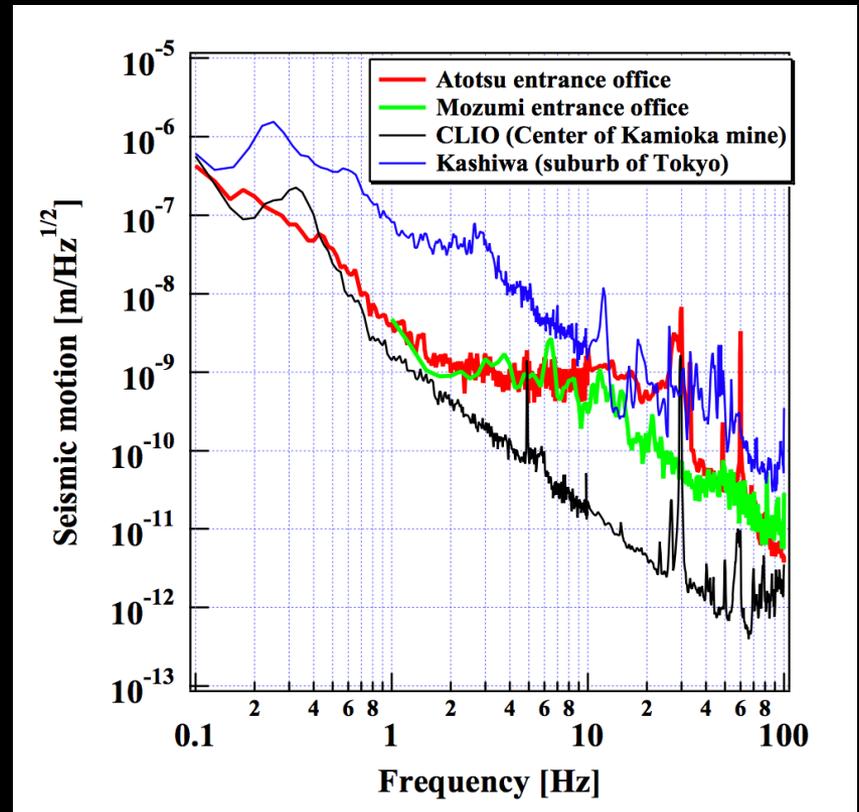
Reducing Seismic Noise



◀ KAGRA

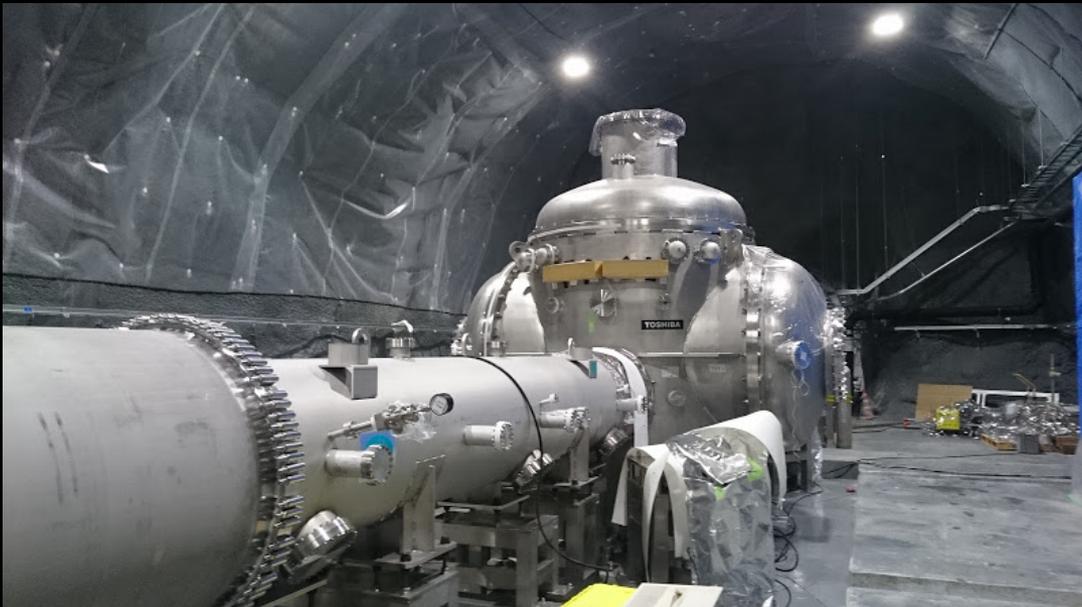
Tower type Large suspension

▼ Ground motion of underground site

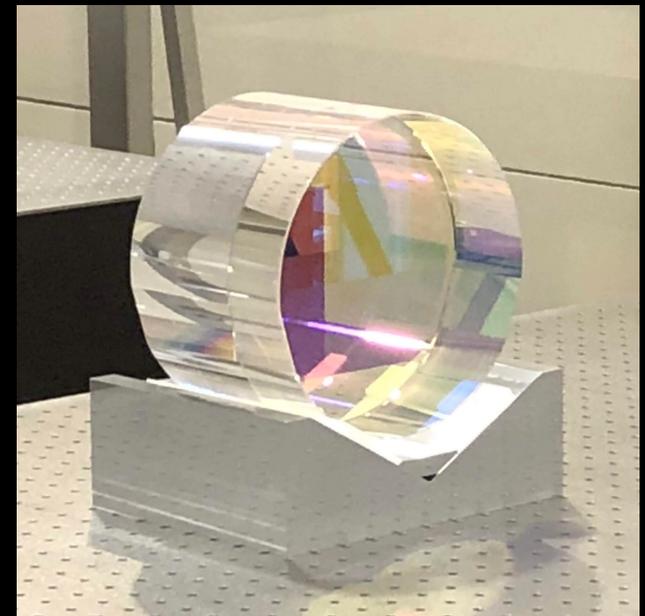


Reducing Thermal Noise

Thermal noise level $\propto \sqrt{T/Q}$

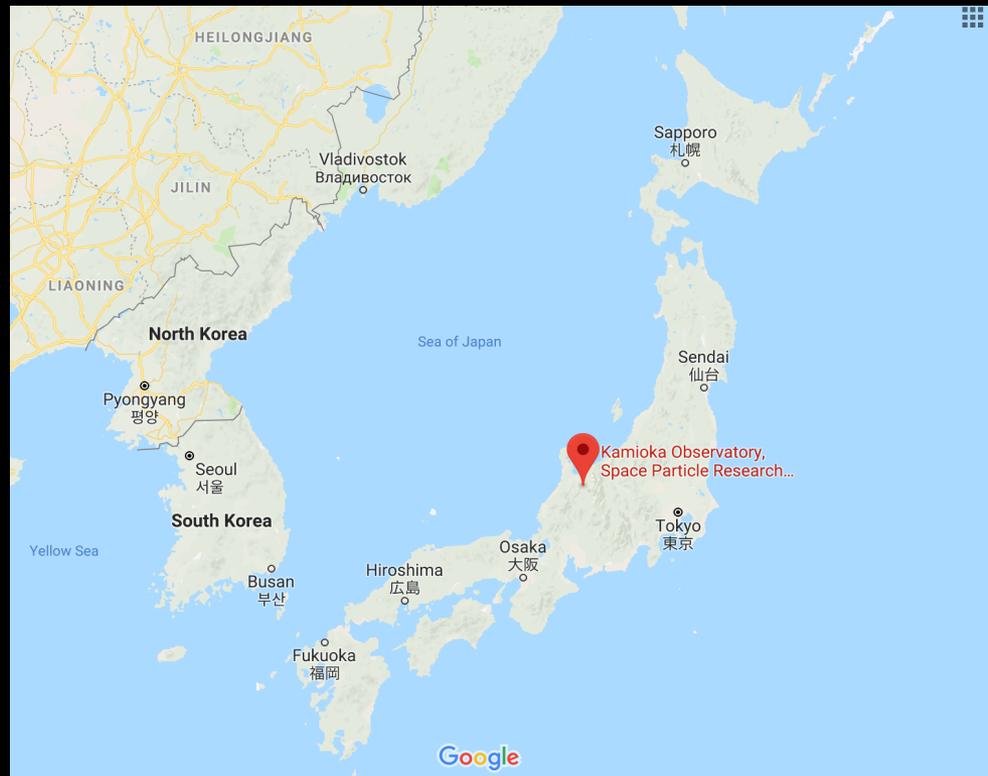


Cool mirrors down to 20K



Sapphire mirrors
 $Q \Rightarrow$ big in cryogenic

The 4th Detector, KAGRA in Kamioka, Japan



Underground and Cryogenic Detector

Toyama bay

Toyama city

KAGRA Map

Mt. Ikenoyama

Other
Underground
experiments

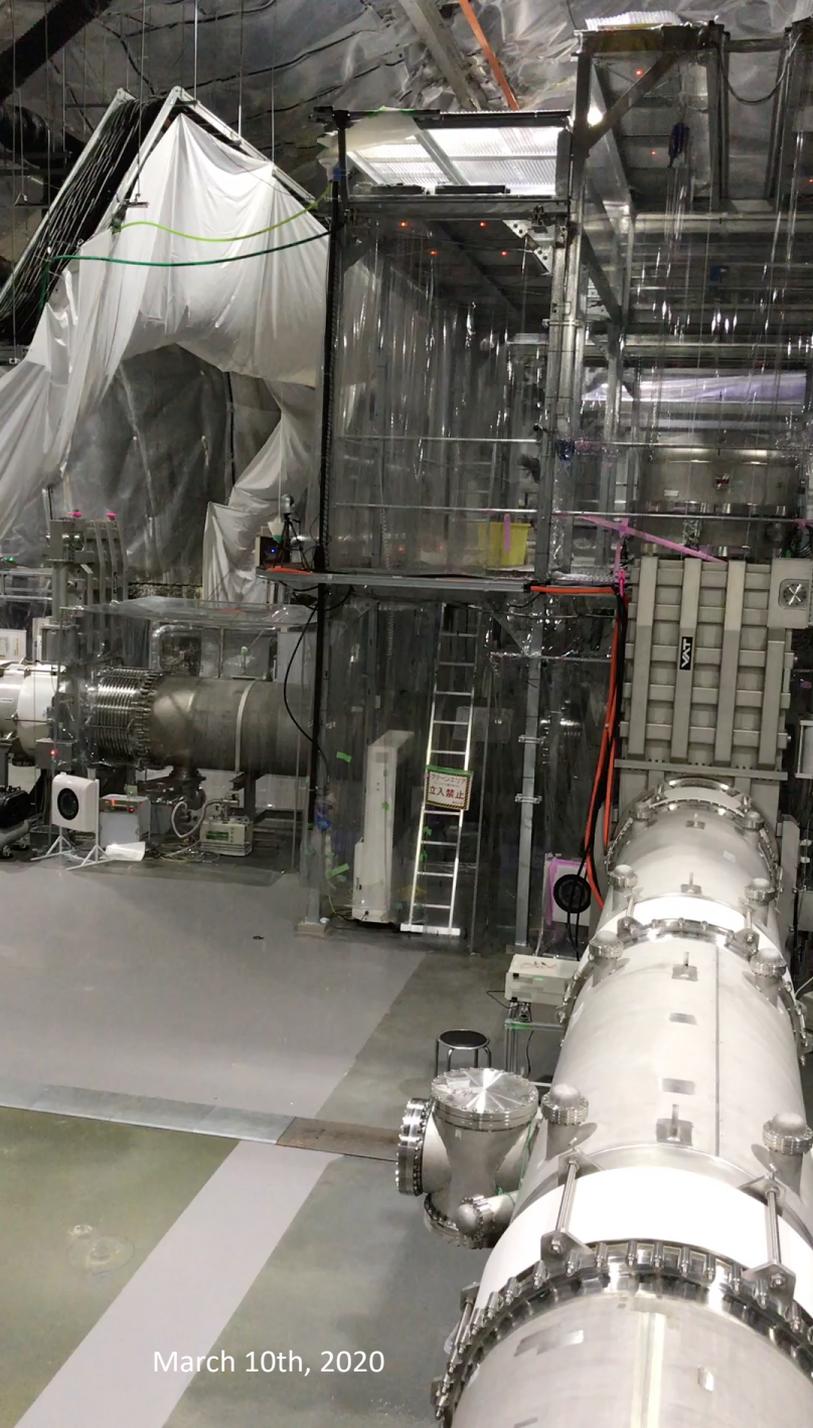
3km tunnel
Route 41

3km tunnel

Tunnel
Entrance







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Laser Room

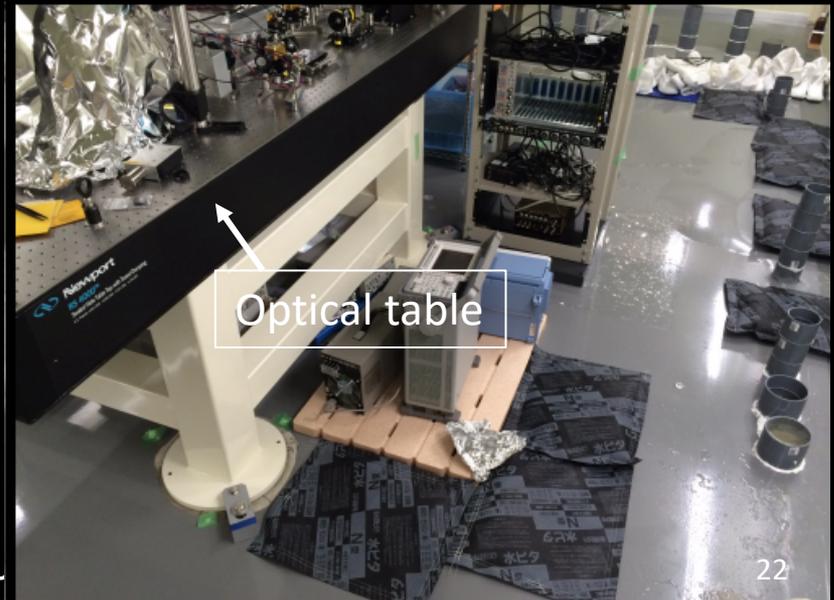


- Pre-Mode cleaner
- Intensity noise stabilization
- Mach-Zehnder Modulator
- Frequency stabilization
- Reference cavity

Frequency stabilization
Laser spatial mode cleaning
Mode matching to the main interferometer...etc

Unexpected (1): Floods!

Laser room flooded by underground spring water!

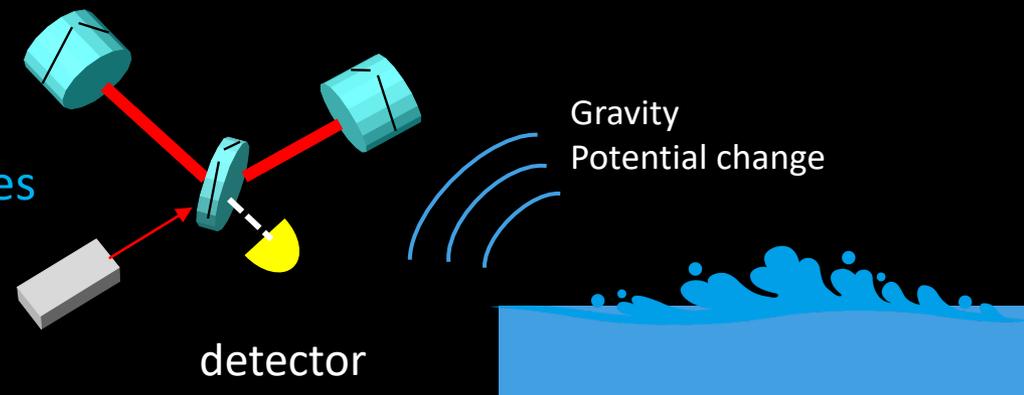


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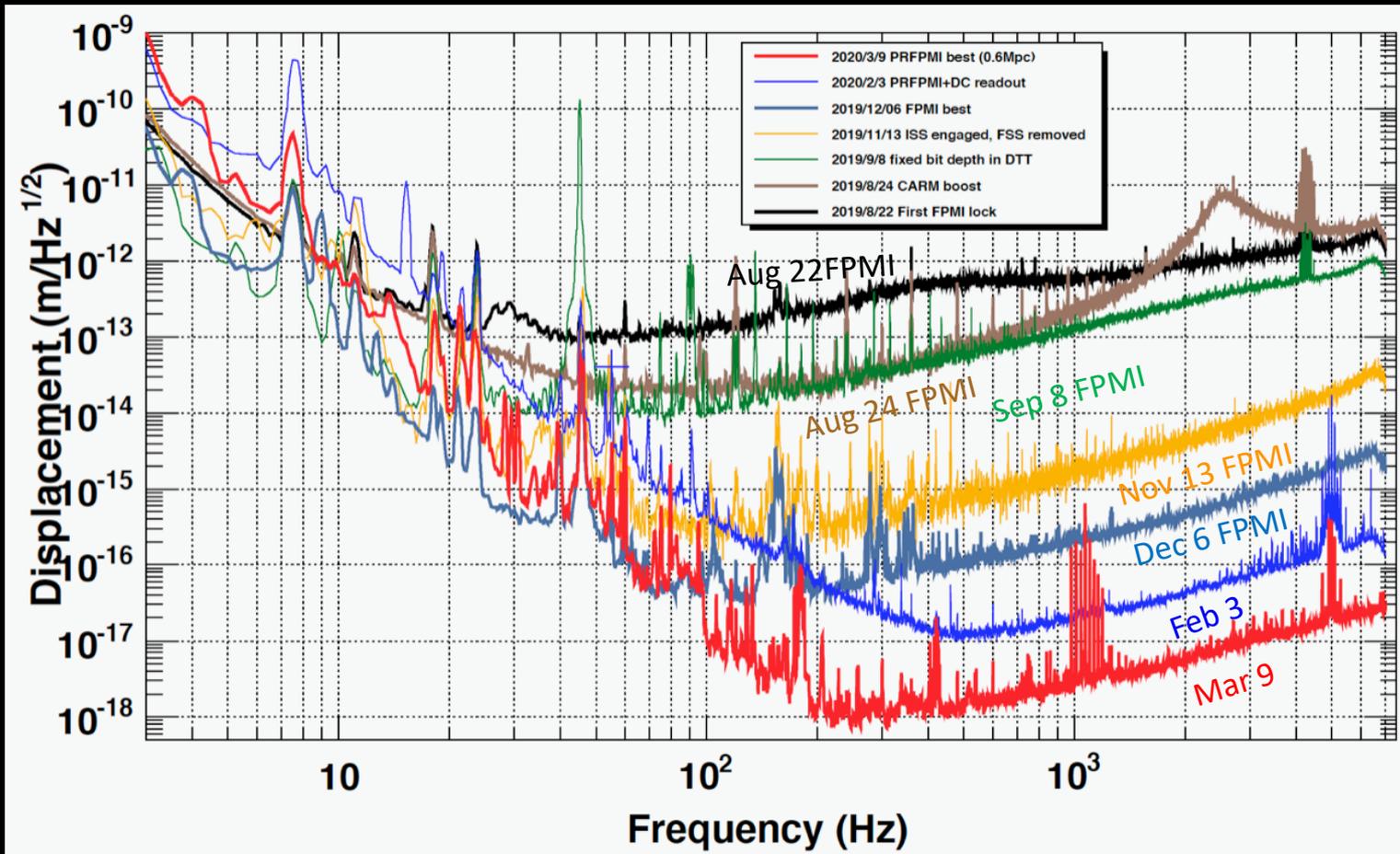
Additional construction to build drainage ditches under the room was applied



Now it is good, however...
Underground water possibly produces
“**Newtonian Noise**” in near future

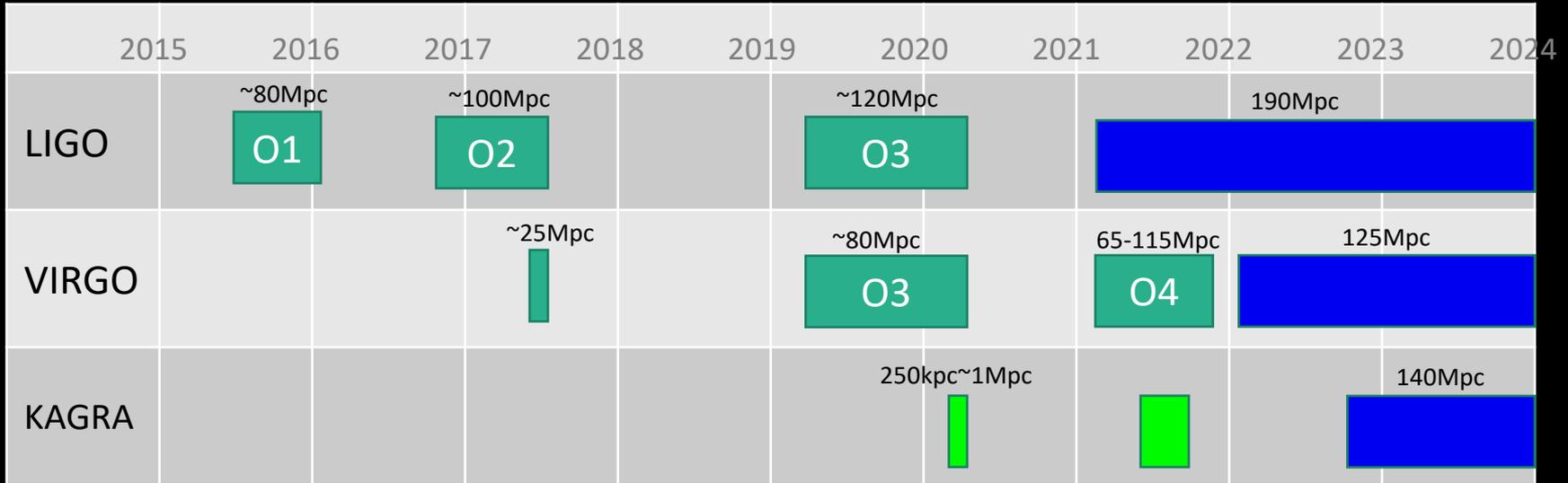


Sensitivity Improvements



- Omitting one recycling mirrors
- Mirrors are not cooled
- Sensitivity ~ 500 kpc for binary neutron star inspirals
- 2-week noise hunting (obs. brake) aiming 1Mpc to join L-V
- Avg duty $\sim 46\%$ (2/25-3/9)

Prospects of Current Facilities



Living Reviews in Relativity volume 21, Article number: 3 (2018)

- Observation and commissioning (sensitivity improvement) happens
- After O3, all the detectors go on the commissioning
- KAGRA will reach more reasonably sensitivity for the next run