



If we were all born deaf  
the discovery of hearing  
would be momentous.

We are born deaf  
to the sounds of the universe.

Soon we will be able  
to listen to the gravitational  
sounds of the universe!

# AIGO and Gravitational Waves - Science for the Future

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# Australia-Italy Workshop on Gravitational Wave Detection

- Italian Embassy: Dr Nicola Sassanelli
- Gravity Discovery Centre
- UWA
- DEST

# AIGO

- **WA Government**
  - 2000: Site, Cornerstation building
  - 2005: Centre of Excellence
- **Federal Government**
  - DEST Systemic Infrastructure Grant
  - ARC Discovery grant

## Gravity Discovery Centre

- Numerous industry supporters
- State Regional Infrastructure
- Federal Regional partnerships
- Mr Jim Zadko

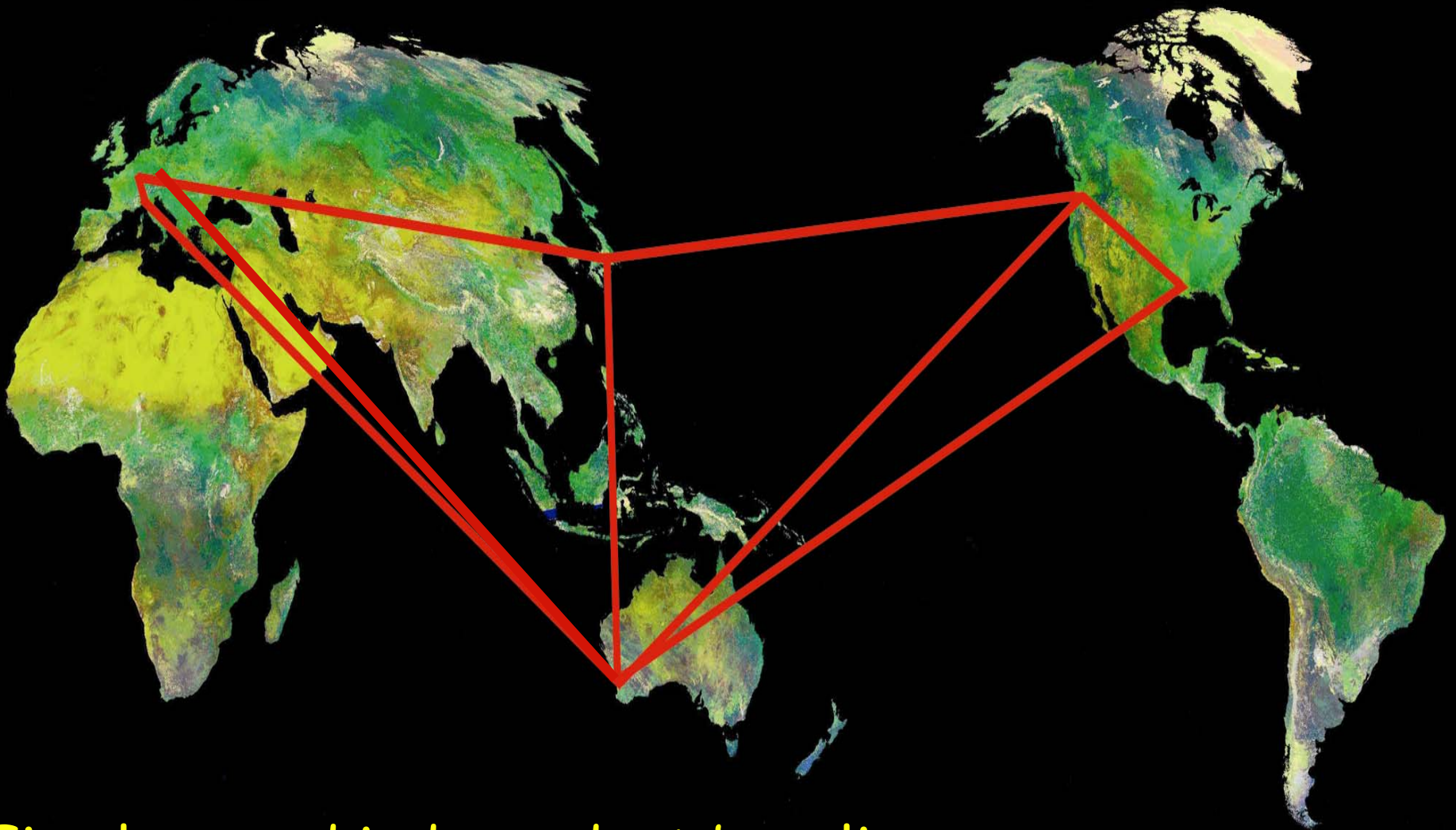
# Participants

Thanks to our international and interstate participants

Italy, France, Germany, Japan, China, USA

and

ANU, Melbourne, U of Adelaide, and CSIRO

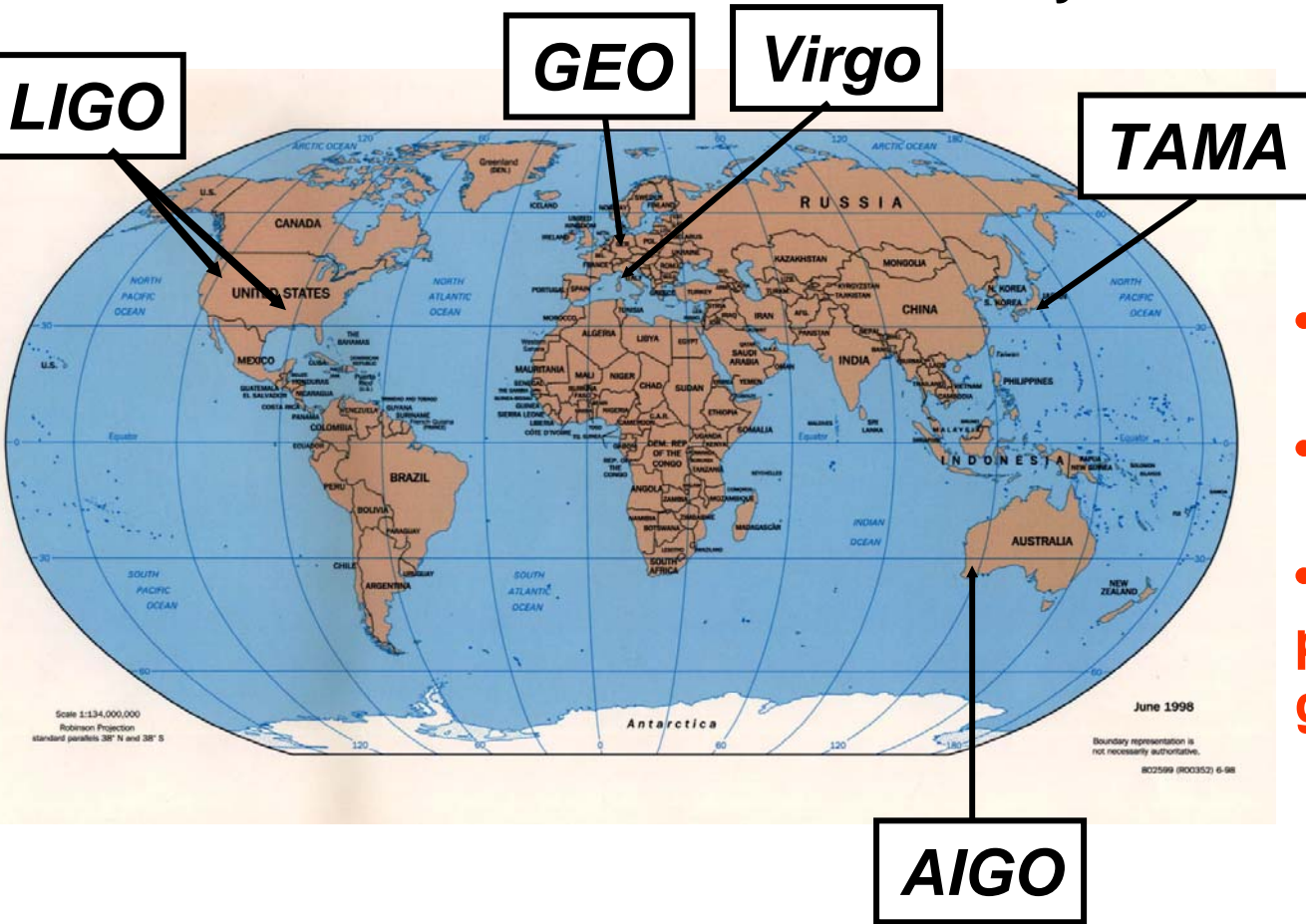


Five long and independent baselines:

Better SNR and much better directional resolution

# Toward a Global Network of GW Detectors

Simultaneously detect signal (within msec)



- Detection confidence
- Locate sources
- Decompose the polarization of gravitational waves





LIGO



# Einstein's Waves can be detected!

*but to do so requires*

- enormous ingenuity,
  - enormous innovation,
  - enormous dedication,
  - enormous world wide cooperation.
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- This workshop is another demonstration of the international support for our shared vision

Here at the AIGO science precinct we also share your concern for the environment,

- - We are combining our science with education, from the big questions of the universe to renewable energy, preservation of our unique environment and respect for indigenous culture

# The next step

- Take AIGO to an observational instrument
  - from 80 meters to 2 kilometers
  - bring significant new welding technology to WA
  - Increase local competitiveness
  - Leverage federal funding
  - Create the southern hemisphere node
  - Boost science education

# AIGO: a national project

- Configuration design, photodetection and autoalignment: ANU, UWA
- Lasers, wavefront sensing: U of A
- Isolation, suspension, infrastructure, thermal lensing: UWA with MIT
- Digital controls: LIGO, VIRGO and UWA
- Seismic studies: Monash and UWA
- LIGO: test masses, suspensions and much support and advice.
- Vacuum System: UWA with CSIRO(MIT) and Duraduct
- Sources and data Analysis: Melbourne, UWA, ANU

# Why so cheap?

- Large investment so far
- Most elements except vacuum pipe already being developed for 80m interferometer
- Cheap site infrastructure
- Pipe fabrication machine already in Perth
- Competitive Australian resource industry.

# What does AIGO Provide?

- Five new independent baselines near to the maximum possible on Earth.
- Improved SNR and greatly improved direction resolution for incoming waves.
- Boost to both physics and steel fabrication industry. (WA Govt goal)
- Symbiotic with SKA as both will be searching for transient and cosmological signals

Thank you for coming!



# AIGO: the next stage

- Long baseline AIGO could be constructed ready to operate in partnership with Advanced LIGO soon after AdvLIGO is commissioned.
- It can be created very cheaply!







Gravitational  
lens,

General  
relativity

and gorilla  
pendulum.

$$T = \frac{c^4}{8\pi G} G$$

MATTER TELLS SPACE HOW TO CURVE  
SPACE TELLS MATTER HOW TO MOVE



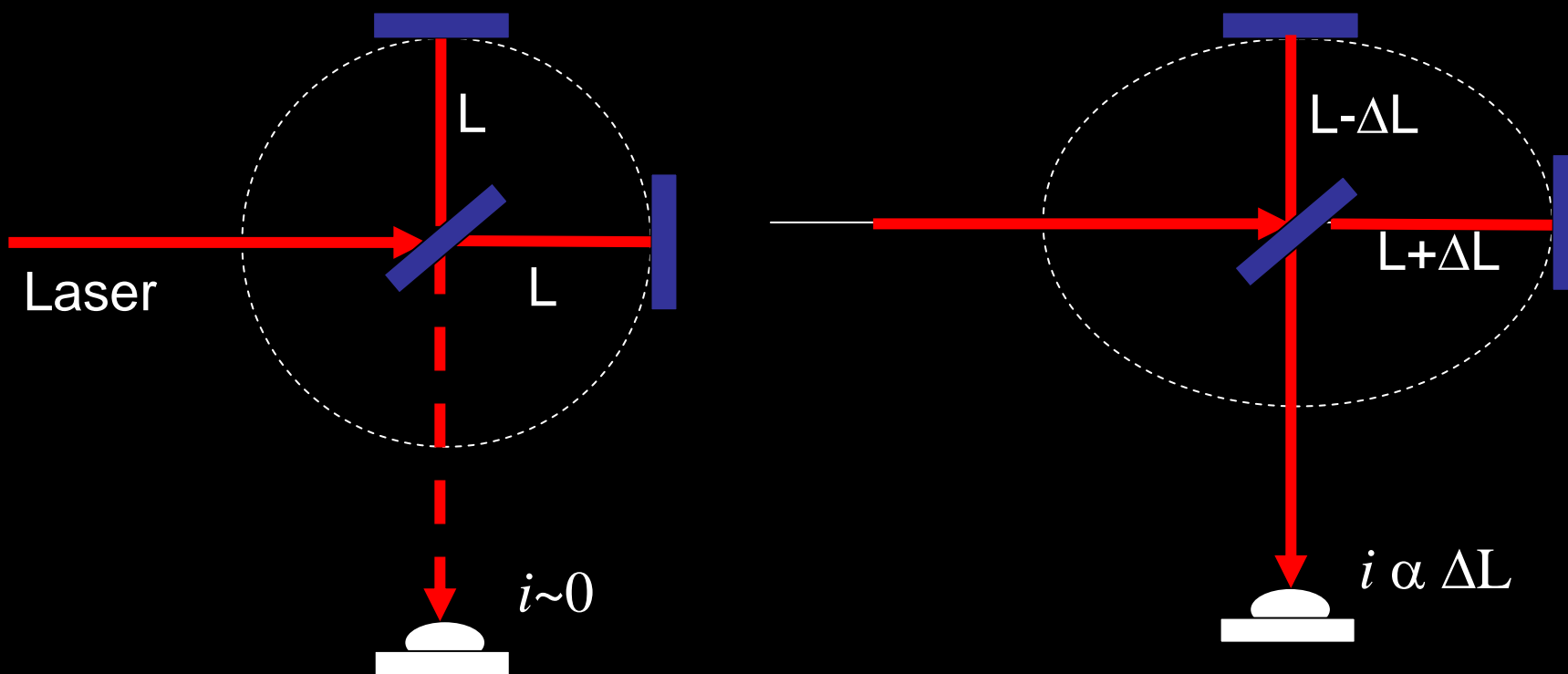
# Gravity Discovery Centre



# Public Education

- Deep public ignorance on *General Relativity*
- Creation of a centre devoted to *General Relativity, Cosmology and the Universe*.
- Creation of a mini-campus to increase infrastructure and create public support for large scale gravitational wave detector.
- School education programs closely linked to the school curriculum.

# Interferometric Gravitational Waves Detectors:



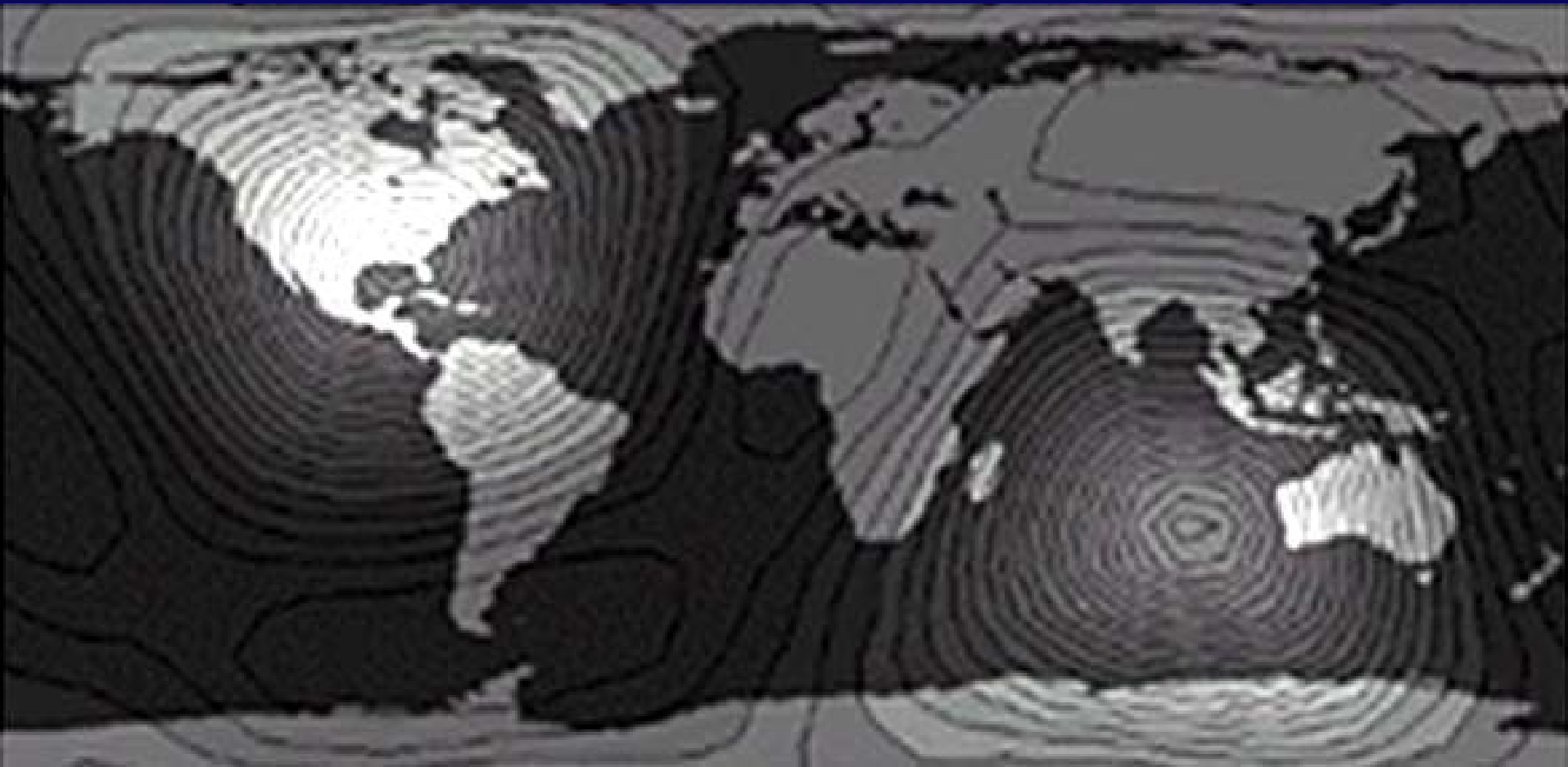
They can detect distances  $\Delta L$  smaller than **a proton diameter!!**

They can work at many frequencies: they are “broadband”

They need to be **VERY** long : 100 km arms folded into few km



# Where is the best location?



- modelling by ACIGA ANU

# ACIGA and AIGO

- Consortium formed 10 years ago
  - ANU,UWA,Adelaide,Monash,ECU,CSIRO
- AIGO site given by WA government
- AIGO stage 1: laboratory development completed
- AIGO stage 2: short baseline advanced detector:
  - begun 2000, now well underway
- AIGO stage 3: long baseline advanced detector:
  - planning, costing underway now

# Australian Consortium for Gravitational Astronomy



squeezed by a passing gravity wave!

# ACIGA and Advanced LIGO

- Advanced LIGO is the second stage of LIGO, designed to achieve astronomy capability.(2009)
- Approved by National Science Board
- Joint US-UK-Germany-Australia project.
- Australia to contribute high optical power R&D plus output optics (total \$11M) to be spent in Australia
- \$6M already spent (Gingin R&D)
- With final installment we will be full partners in Adv-LIGO

# Optical Configuration

Highest possible  
light intensity gives  
strongest coupling  
to gravity waves

*Power recycling  
mirror*

Laser

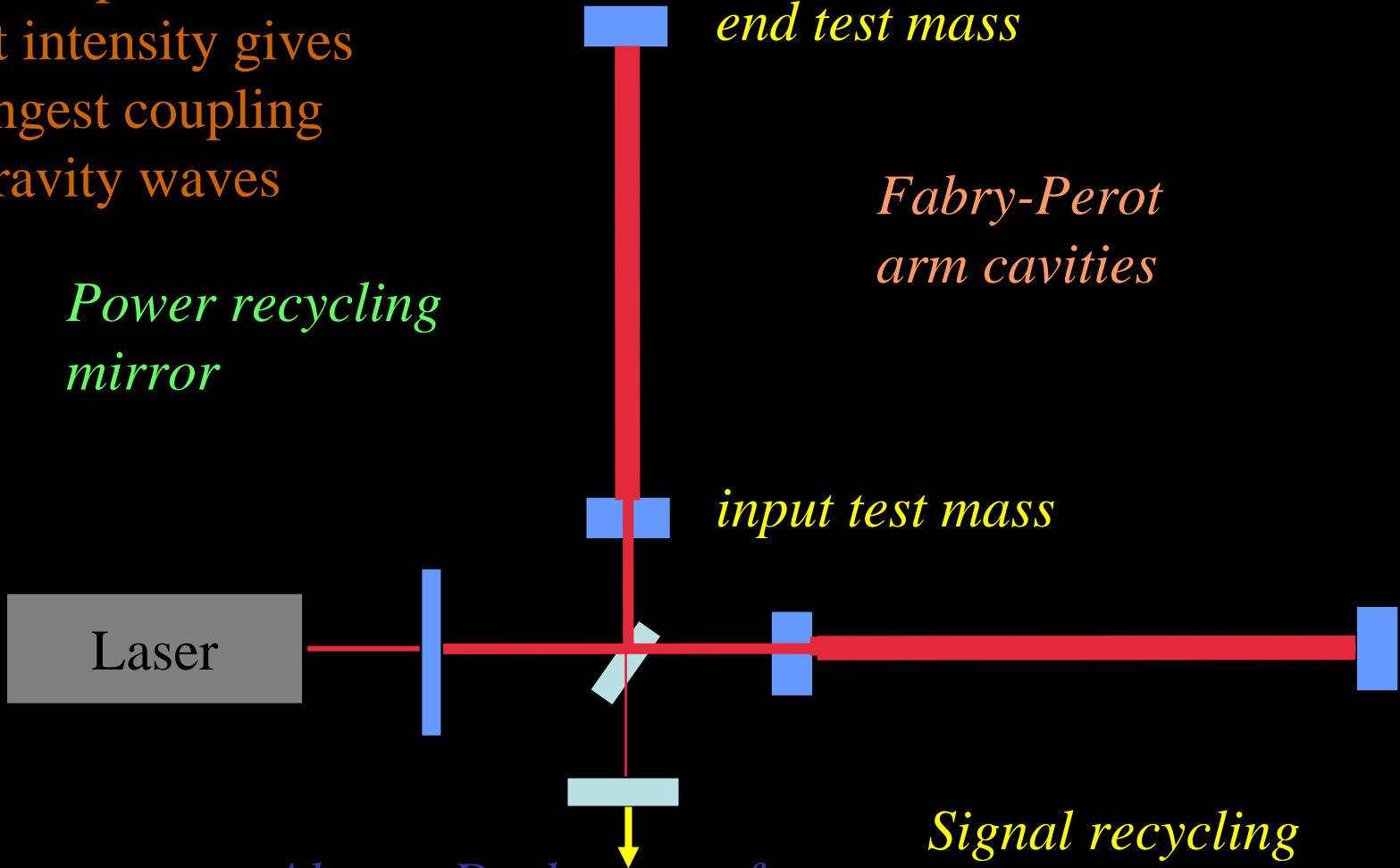
*end test mass*

*Fabry-Perot  
arm cavities*

*input test mass*

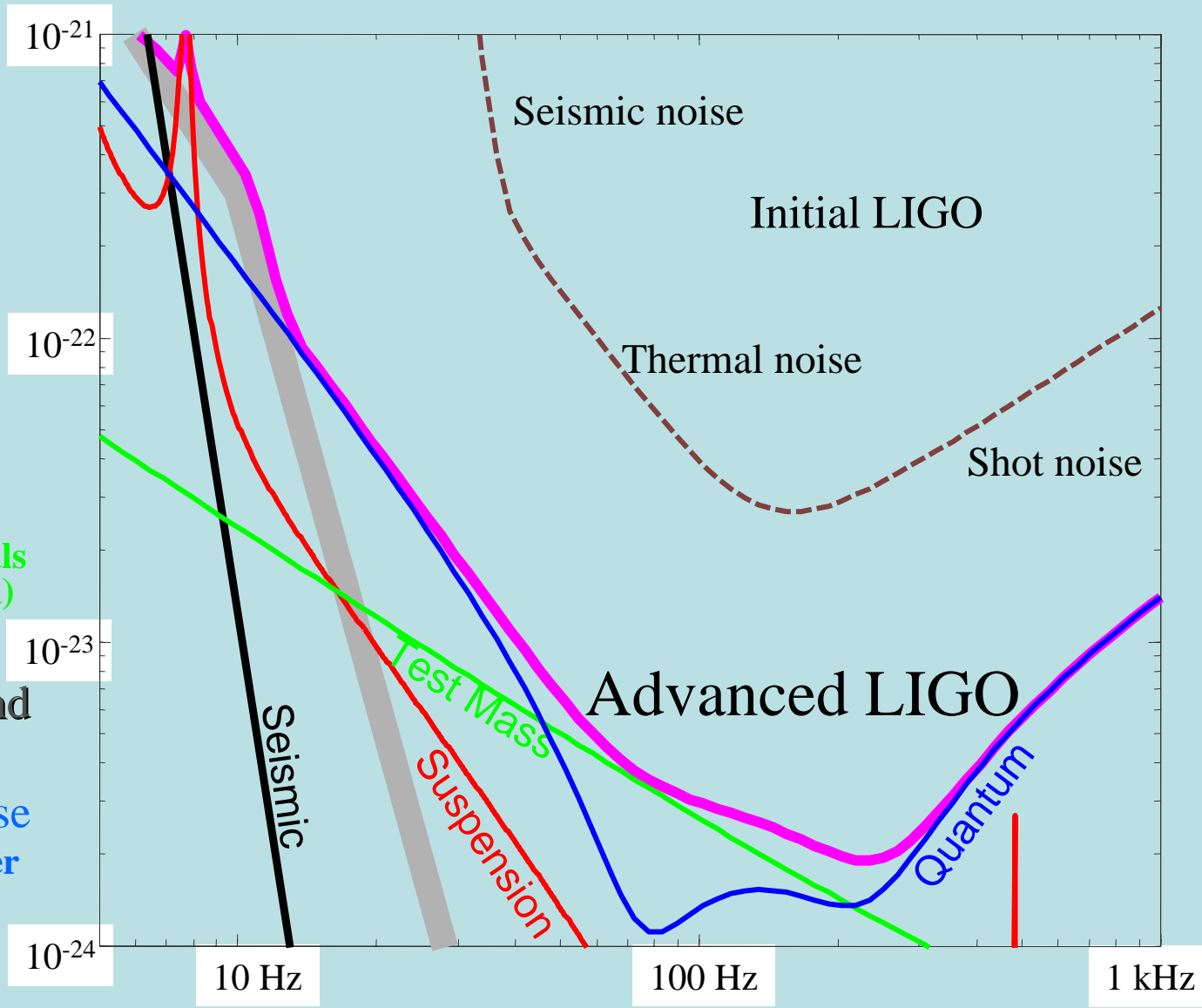
*Signal recycling  
mirror*

*Always Dark except for  
GW signal!!*



# Why High Optical Power?

- **Seismic 'cutoff'**  
High performance vibration isolators
- **Suspension thermal noise**  
Very low loss suspension scheme
- **Test mass thermal noise**  
Very low loss materials (sapphire, fused silica)
- **Newtonian background**
- **Unified quantum noise**  
Optimized laser power



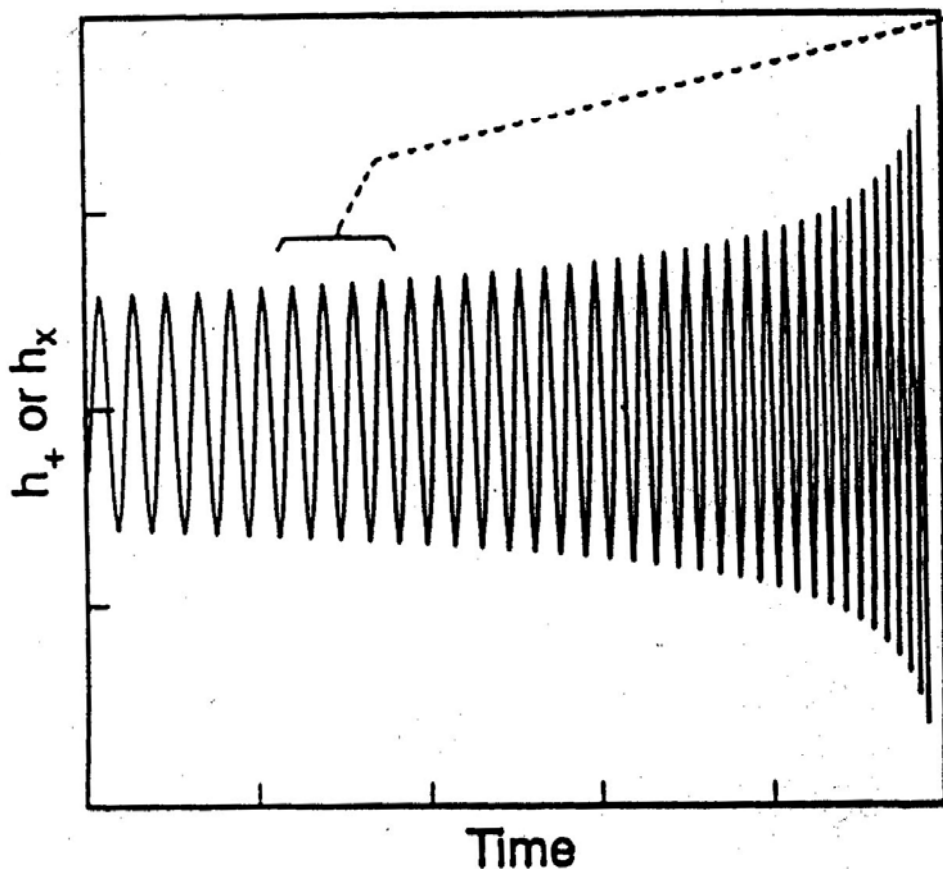
Need factor of 100 increase in Power

Factor of 10 improvement in sensitivity

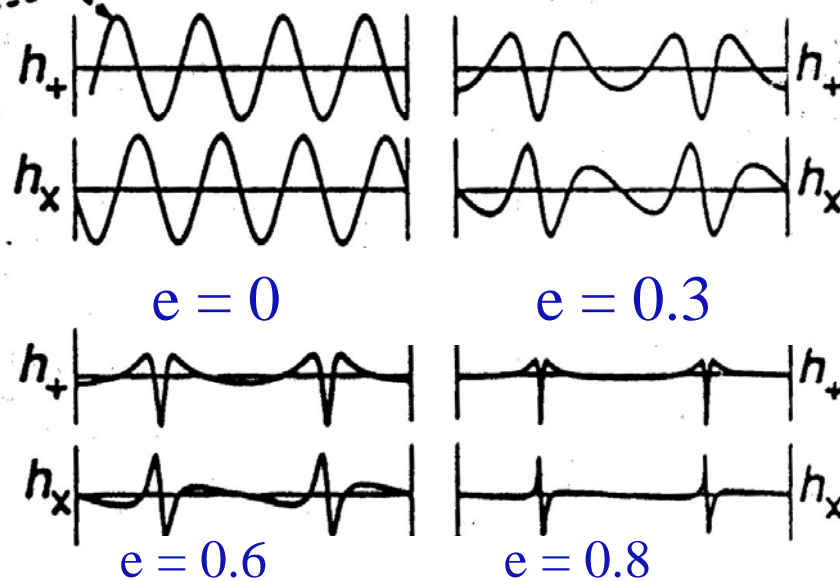
# Binary Inspiral Chirp Signal

Waveform determines: Distance from earth  $r$ , Masses  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ ,  
Orbital eccentricity  $e$ , Orbital inclination  $i$

Waveform



Dependence on  $e$ , for  $i = 90^\circ$ :



dependence on  $i$  for  $e = 0$

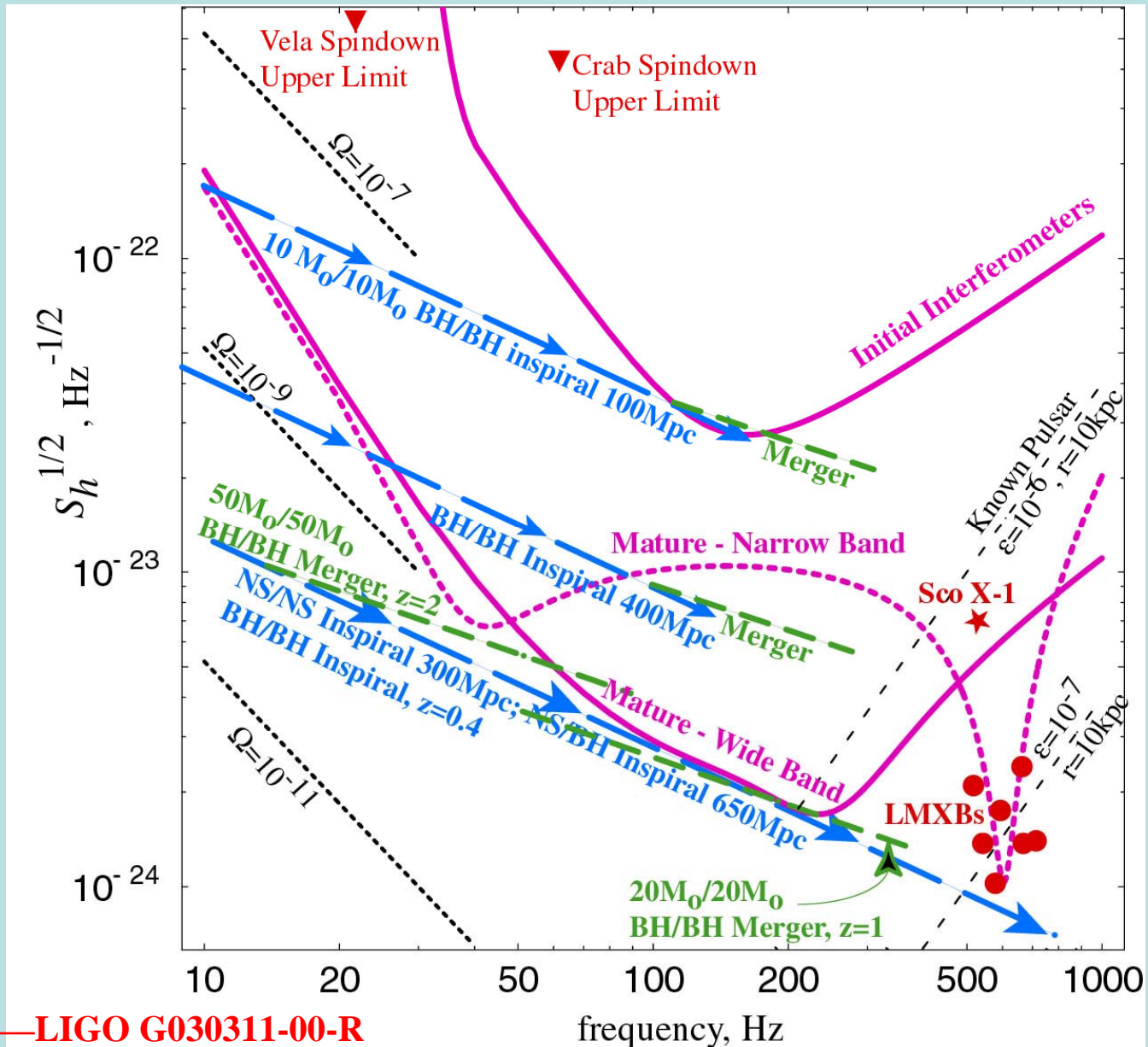
$$\frac{\text{Amp}(h_x)}{\text{Amp}(h_+)} = \frac{2 \cos i}{1 + \cos^2 i}$$

# Exciting Discovery of 2003

- **Double Pulsar J0737-3039**
  - Short orbital period...2.5 hours
  - Short lifetime to coalescence...85Myrs
  - Low luminosity
  - Nearby...600pc
- There should be a big population of such objects.
- Hence increased signal rates...10 times more...still large uncertainty



# Overview of Sources



# Expected Inspiral Detections

	NS-NS	NS-BH	BH-BH
LIGO range Mpc	20	40	100
Adv-LIGO range Mpc	350	700	1500
LIGO events per year	$6 \cdot 10^{-3} - 0.7$	$3 \cdot 10^{-4} - 0.3$	$4 \cdot 10^{-3} - 3$
Adv-LIGO events	5 - 3700	1.5 - 1500	15 - 10,000

# Central Station



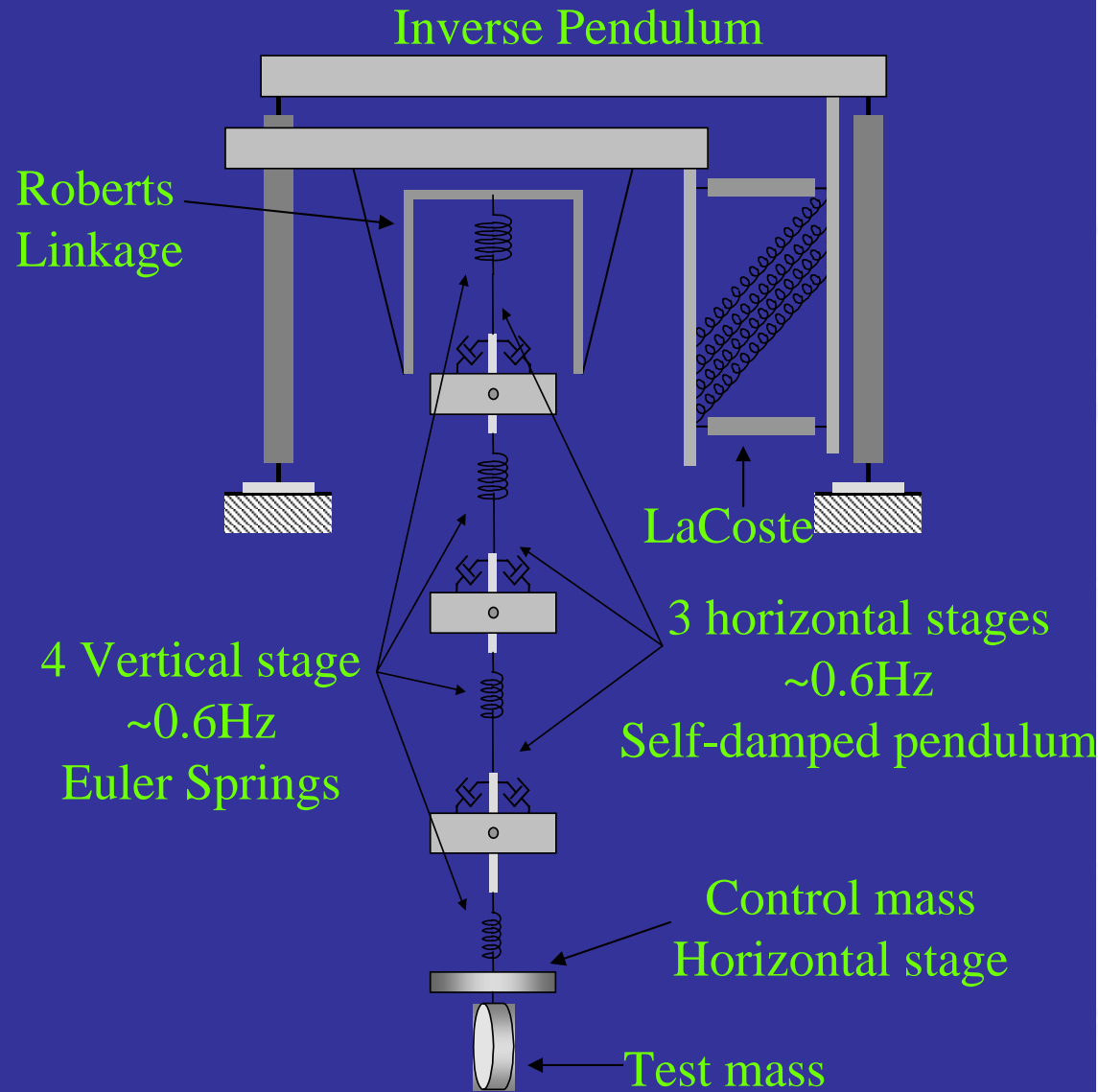
Input Test Mass Tank

South End Station

End Test Mass Tank

~80m

# Main Suspension System



# Science Progress

- Routine locking and optimisation of optical "LIGO arm" optical cavity (Slagmolen: AOS/Laser)
- How to control thermal lensing ...tunable lenses and mirrors (Degallaix AOS poster)
- Acoustic modelling of inhomogeneous losses in test masses.
- Parametric Instabilities: singing interferometers...photons creating phonons (Zhao ASGRG Poster)

# Science progress (2)

- How to build a non-astigmatic mode cleaner (Barriga, AOS/Laser)
- Stochastic background modelling and detection: unified model for distant stochastic sources and nearby rare sources.
- Correlation between scattering and absorption in sapphire test masses (Yan AOS poster)

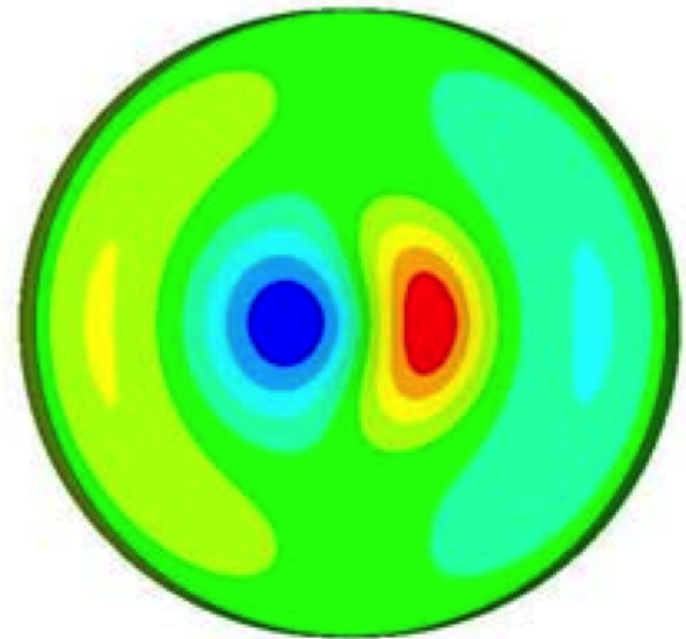
# Parametric Instabilities

- Photons scatter to create phonons
- Critical frequencies around 30kHz and 70kHz
- Optical high order mode (HOM) mode shape matches acoustic mode shapes
- Optical HOM difference frequency matches acoustic mode frequency

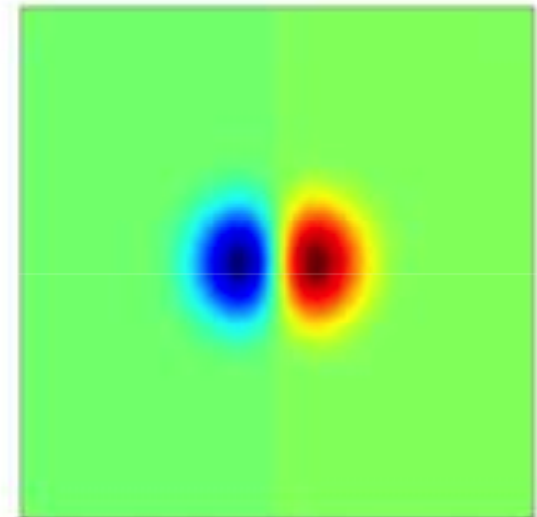
- Acoustic mode shape

- Optical mode shape

- They match!



(b)



(c)

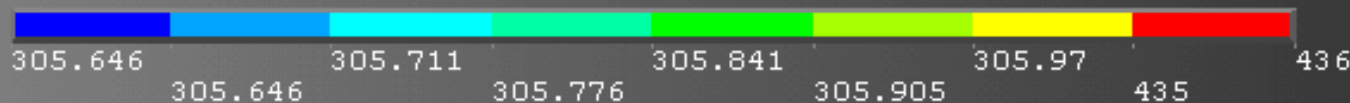
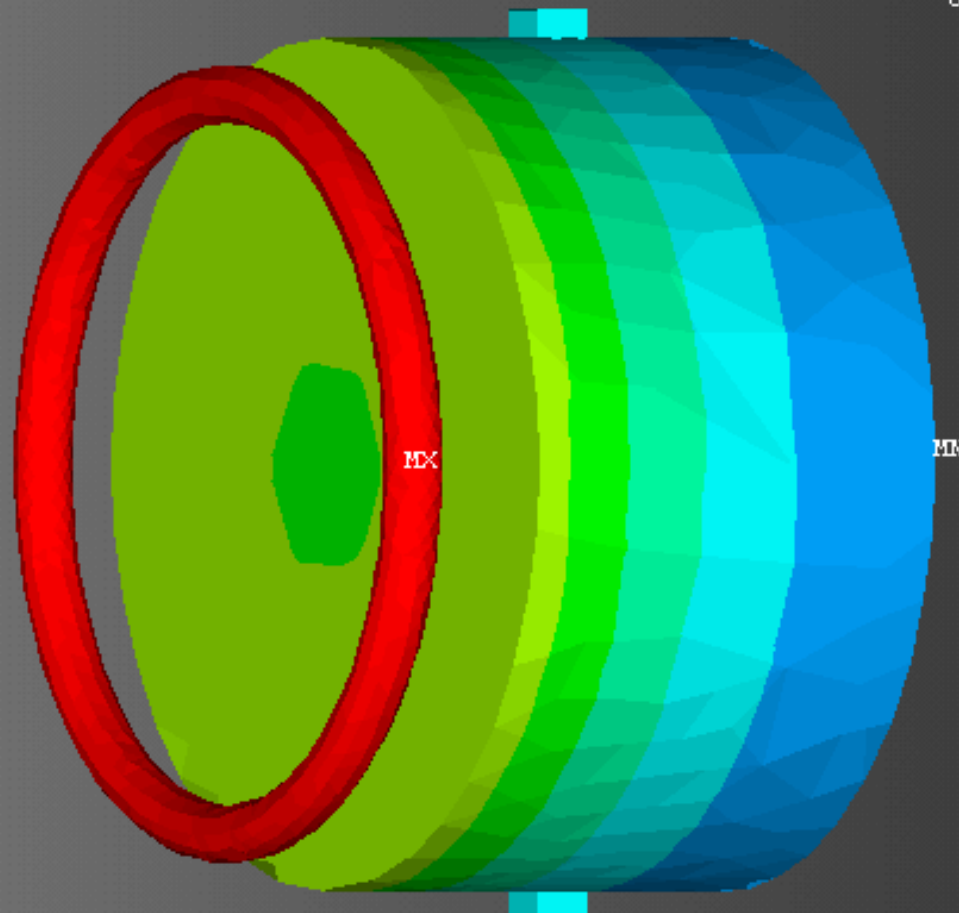


# Tuning Parametric Instabilities

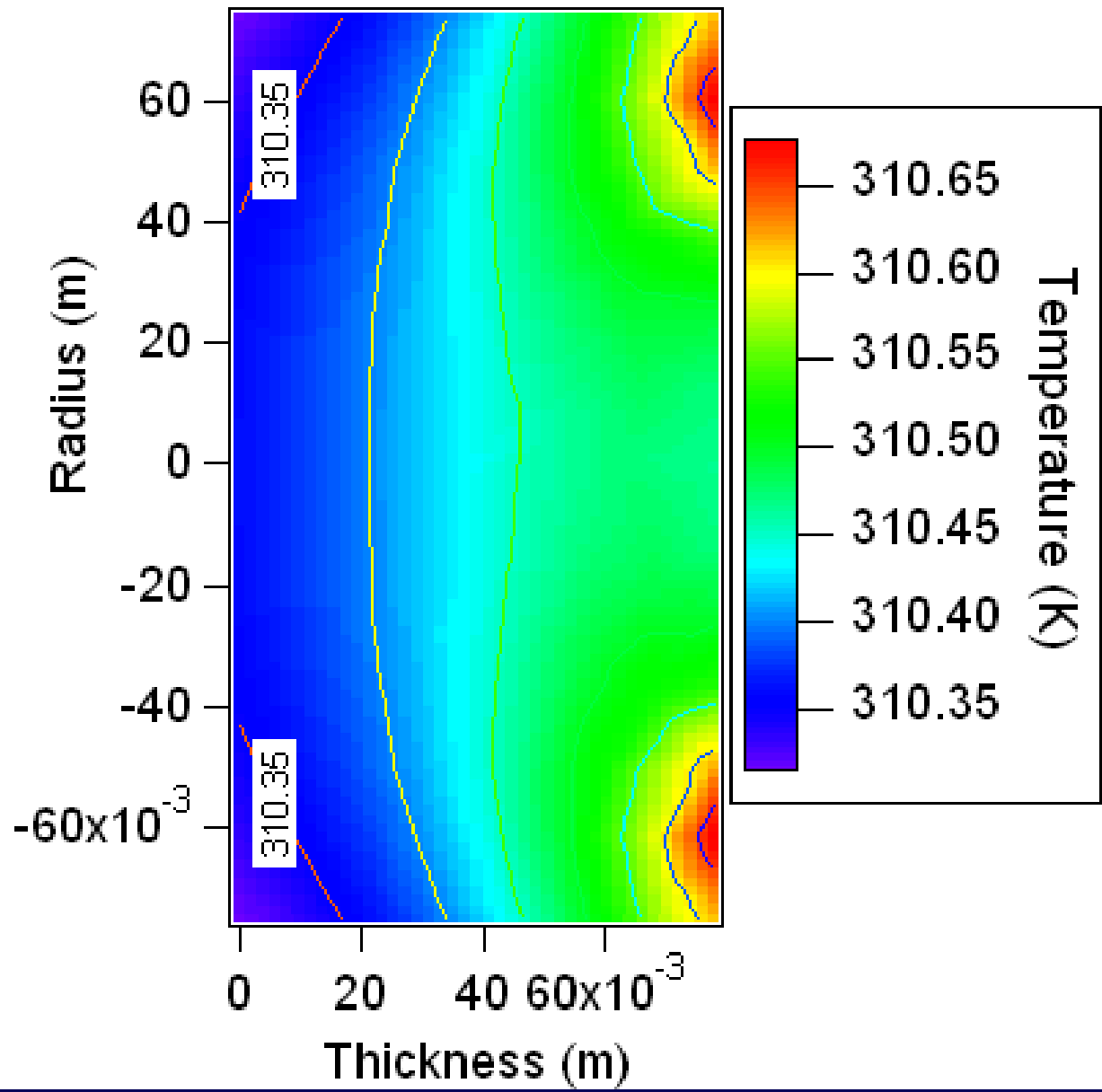
- HOM difference frequency is tuned by radius of curvature.
- Thermal tuning of mirrors can allow detuning.
- Parametric gain can be tuned down as long as mode density is not too high.

## NODAL SOLUTION

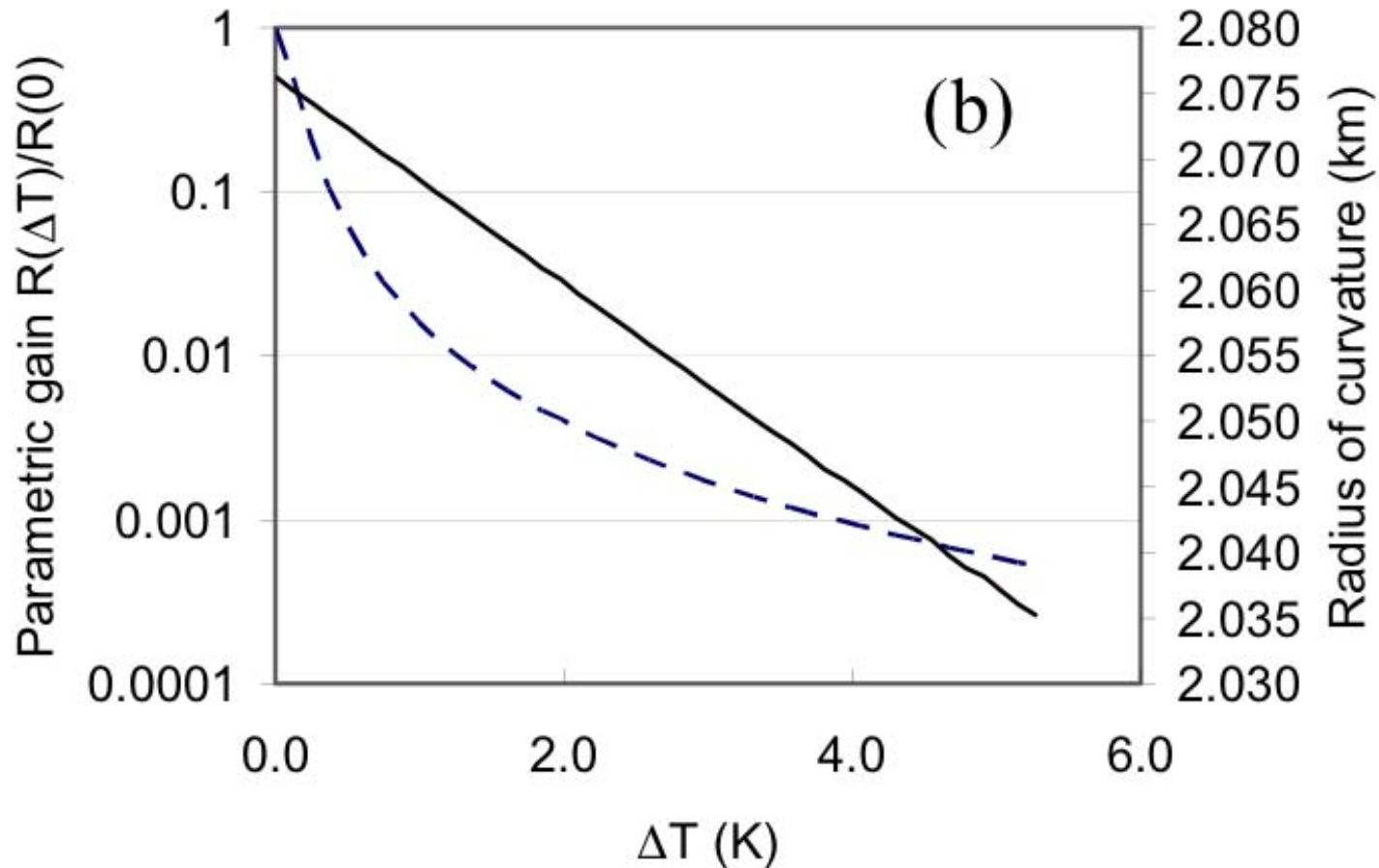
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CylGin

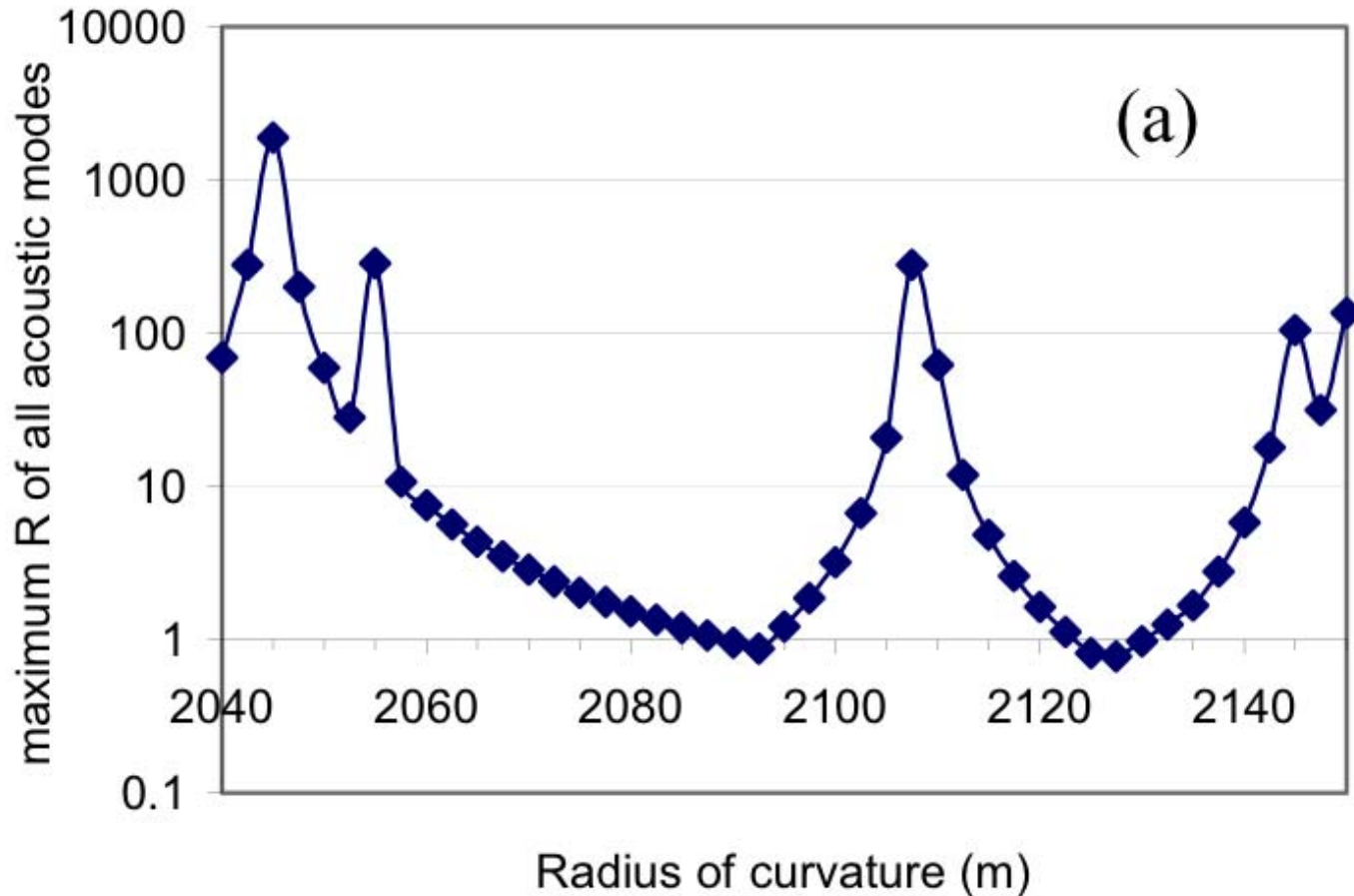


# Radius of Curvature Tuning



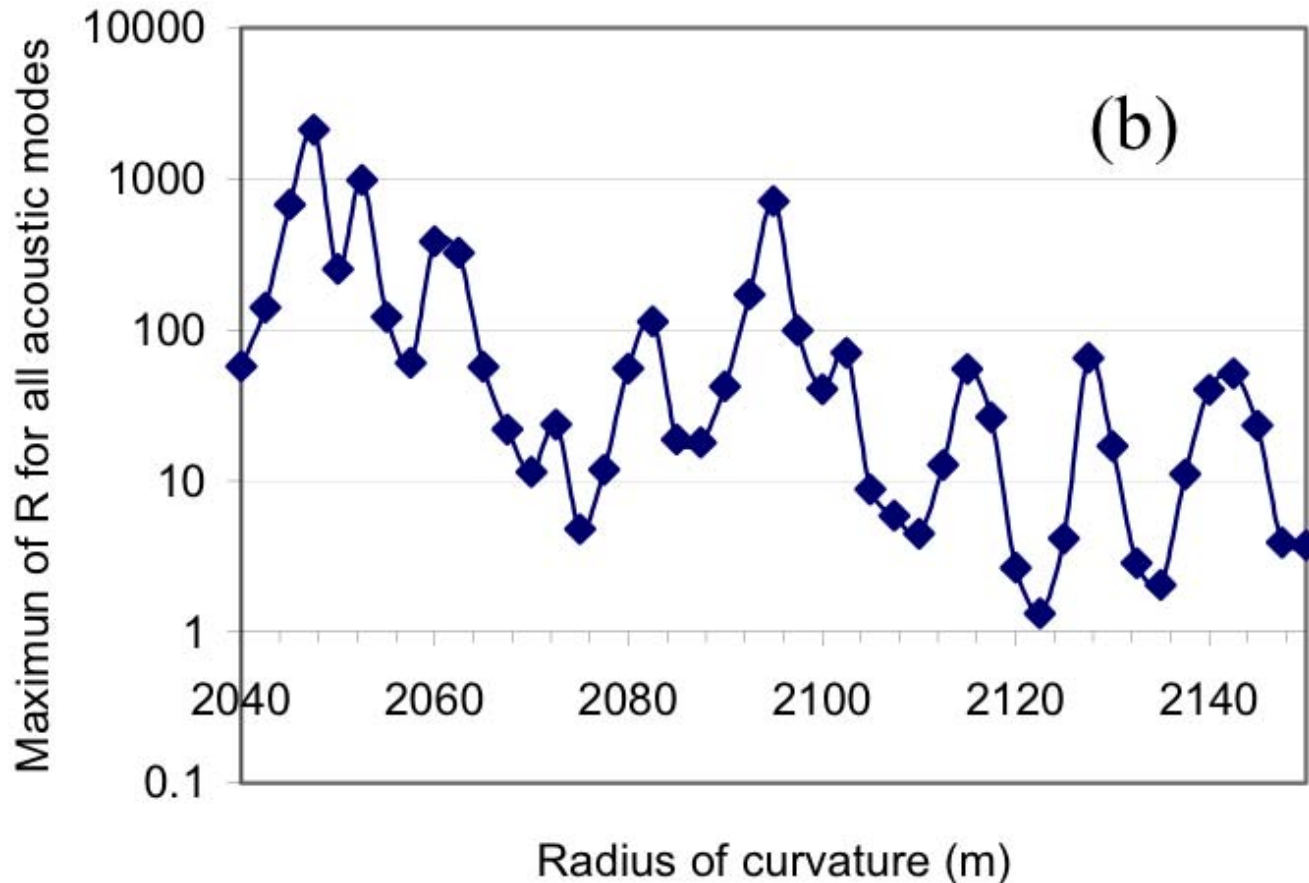
- HOM frequency changes with curvature

# Advanced LIGO sapphire



- Two stable points

# Advanced LIGO Fused Silica



- No stable points. Best position: two singing modes per test mass.

# Problems

- Power outages in the bush: need uninterruptible power
- Usual need to optimise wiring to reduce electrical interference
- High air flow noise from some clean room equipment
- Need optical fibre link instead of satellite (high latency problem)

# Conclusion

- Exciting science now and much more to come.
- We are ready to design and build AIGO
- AIGO will allow the world array to localise sources within less than 1 arc minute
- AIGO already helping boost physics through its public outreach



# Costing to Upgrade to 2 (4)km

- Roughly \$20M (\$30M)
- Vacuum pipes \$7.5M (\$15M)
- ACIGA offered LIGO partnership
- AIGO could be in partnership with LIGO.
- Matching optical configuration, matching data analysis, shared data

# International Planning Workshop April 2004

- ACIGA has major R&D role defined for next 3 years
- Gingin best site for southern hemisphere detector
- Minimum length for future AIGO: 1km
- WA Govt vacuum industry study underway
- Vacuum system \$4M per km of interferometer (2km of pipe)
- Cost for future AIGO not a major competitor with other astronomy projects

# Money

- AIGO investment to date ~ \$30M
- By 2007 Gingin facility will have all the elements of a full scale Advanced detector except for half size test masses and short arms.
- Full scale isolators and suspensions,
- high power lasers,
- digital control systems
- vacuum pumping infrastructure
- data processing at ANU and UWA













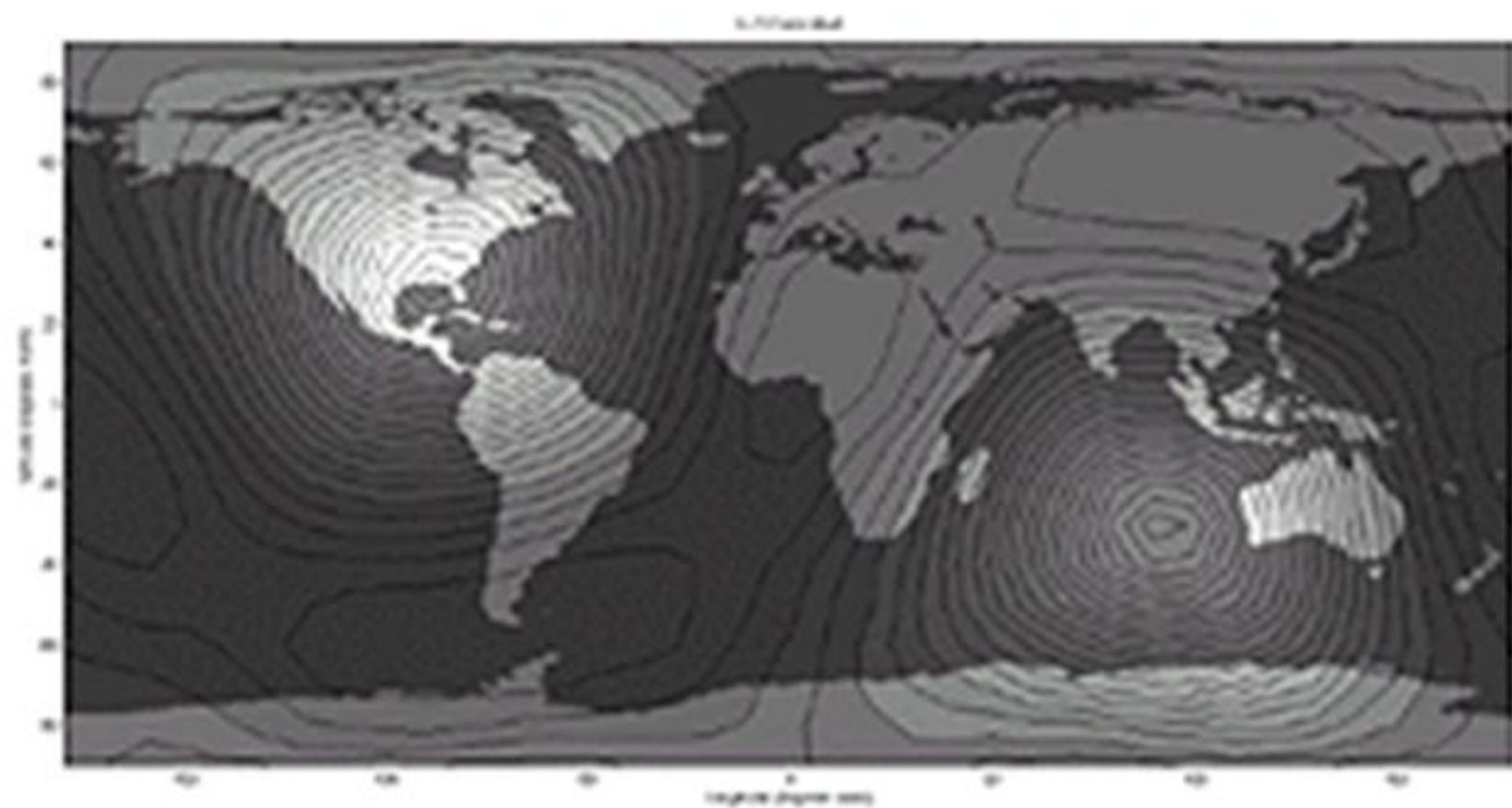


- Five large scale detectors need one in the southern hemisphere to create a 3D array with long baselines.
- Best location: western edge of Australia

# ACIGA

- The Australian Consortium for Gravitational Astronomy has been working towards the goal of a southern hemisphere detector for almost 10 years.

# Coincident: LLO



AP 2012

2000-2012 - Lunar Laser Ranging Data