



Development Status of HOM Ring Heater

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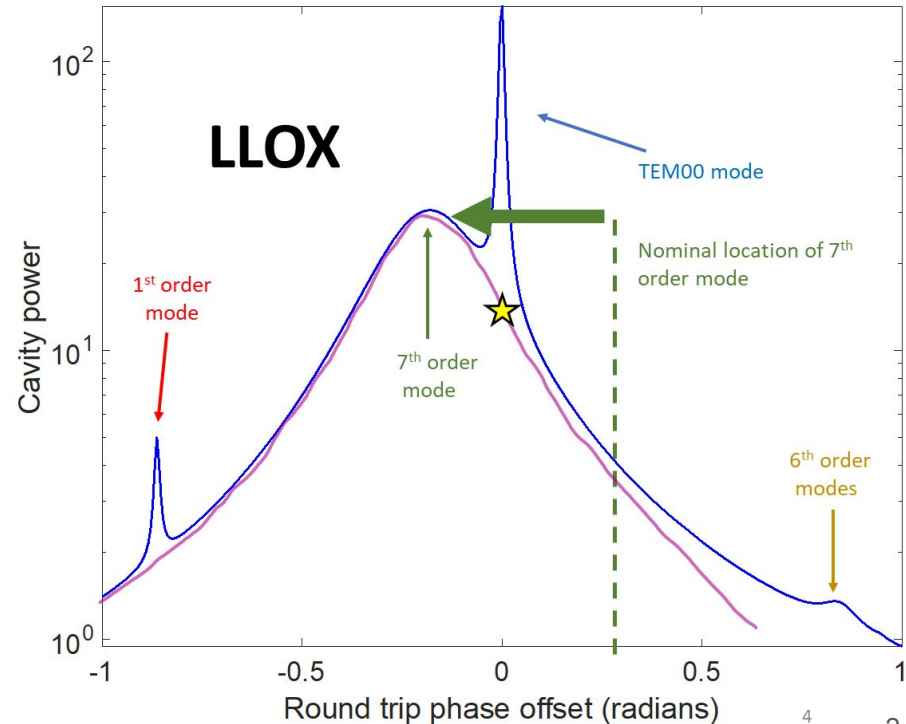
Motivation #1: Reduce Point Absorber Loss

- Address **non-uniform loss** induced by point-absorbers
- Point-absorbers scatter TEM₀₀ mode into higher-order modes
- The 7th order mode scattering loss is resonantly enhanced due to cavity degeneracy.
 - Brooks et al. 2021 ([P1900287](#))
- Loss of power from TEM₀₀ to TEM_{mn}

$$\mathcal{L}_{mn} = a_{00|mn}^2 g_{mn}$$

Single-bounce scattering coefficient \uparrow Arm cavity gain factor \uparrow

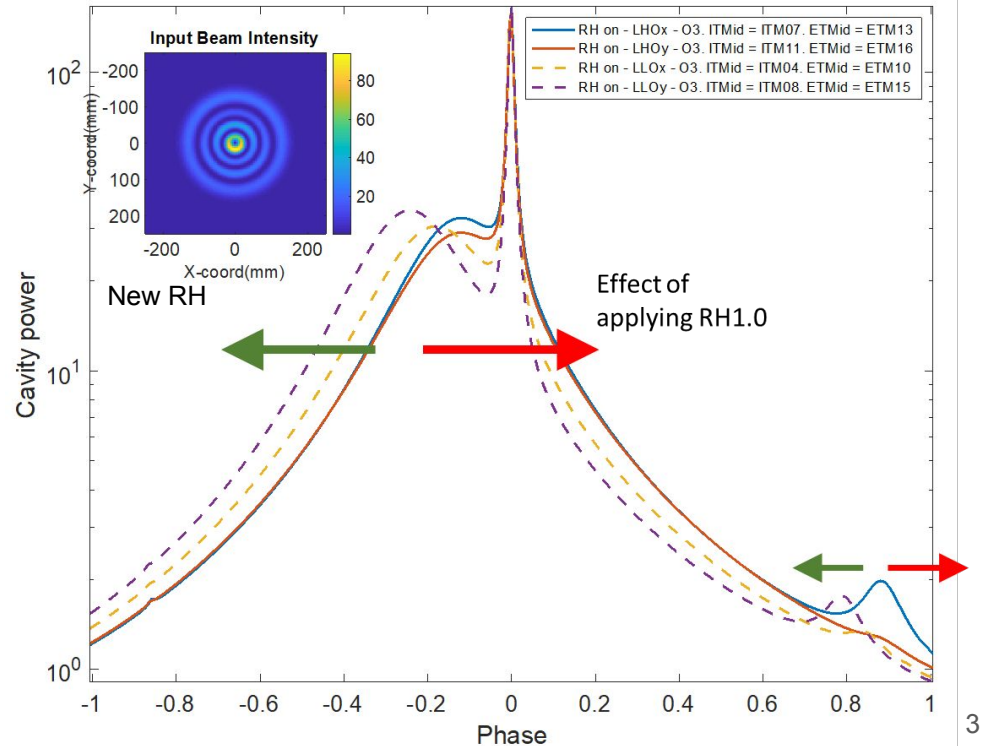
Simulated arm cavity scan (A. Brooks, [G2101232](#))



Shifting 7th Order Mode Resonance

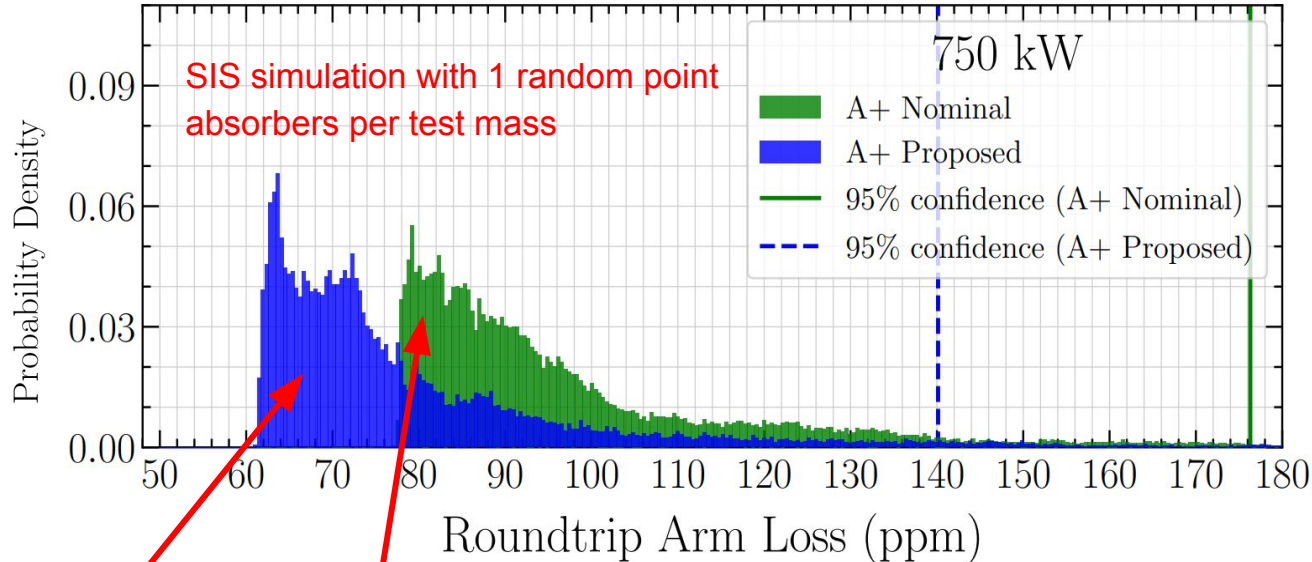
- HOM RH to actively shift the resonance away from TEM00, targeting g_{mn}
- Removing co-resonance to reduce arm loss
 - Richardson et al. 2021 ([P2100184](#))

Effects of RHs on HOM resonance condition ([G2101232](#))



Impact of shifting 7th order mode resonance

Simulated arm loss distribution due to point absorbers (Richardson, [P2100184](#))



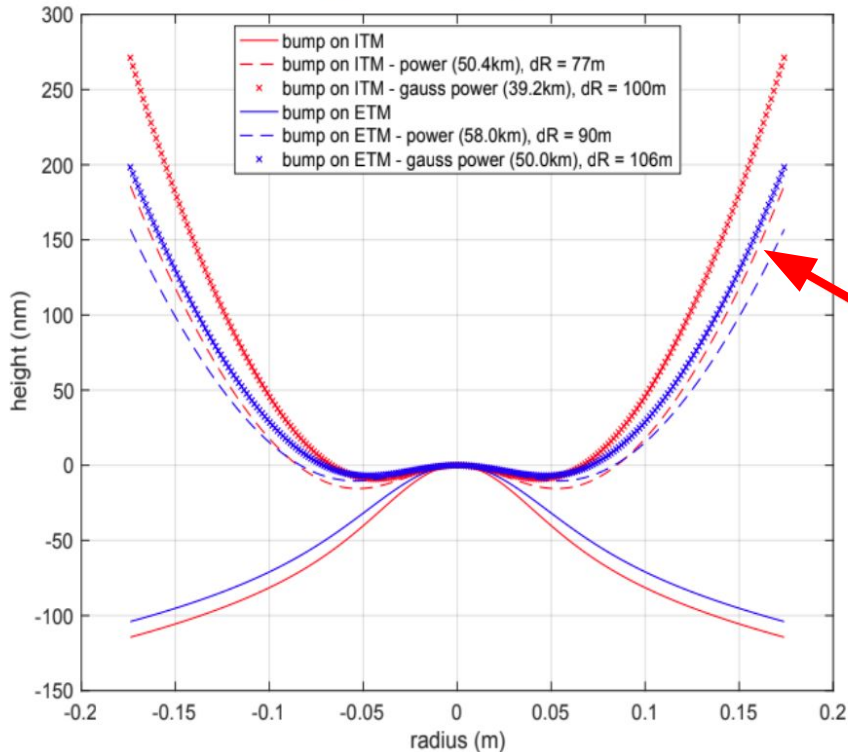
Nominal arm cavity

After elimination of 7th mode co-resonance
→ 30%-40% improvement in loss (*)

(*) Disclaimer: This is not modeling the exact HOM RH profile but one that accomplishes the same effect, and thus is a representative estimate of the amount of arm loss that could be recovered.

Motivation #2: High Power Operation

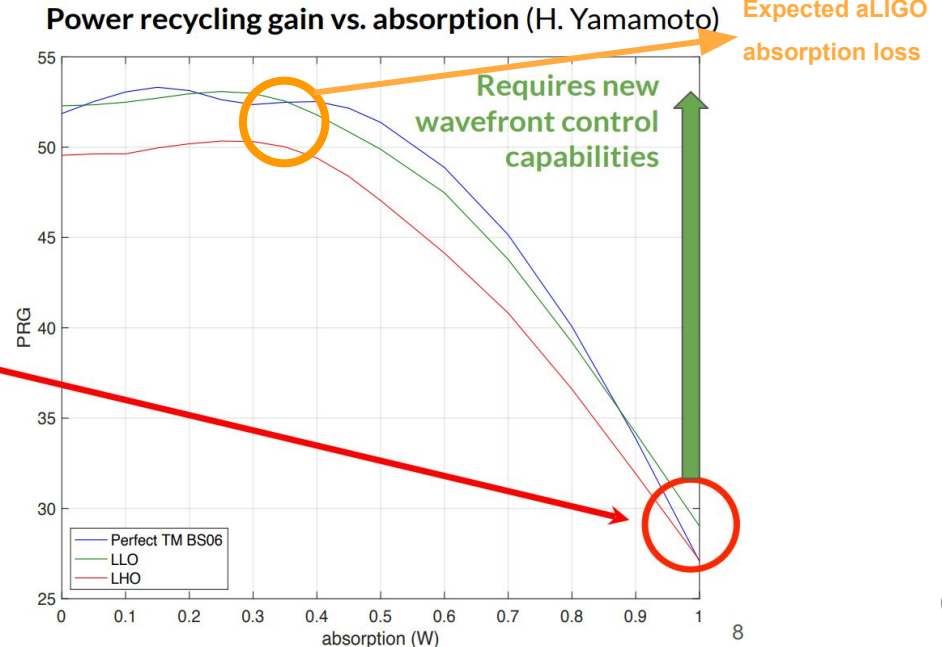
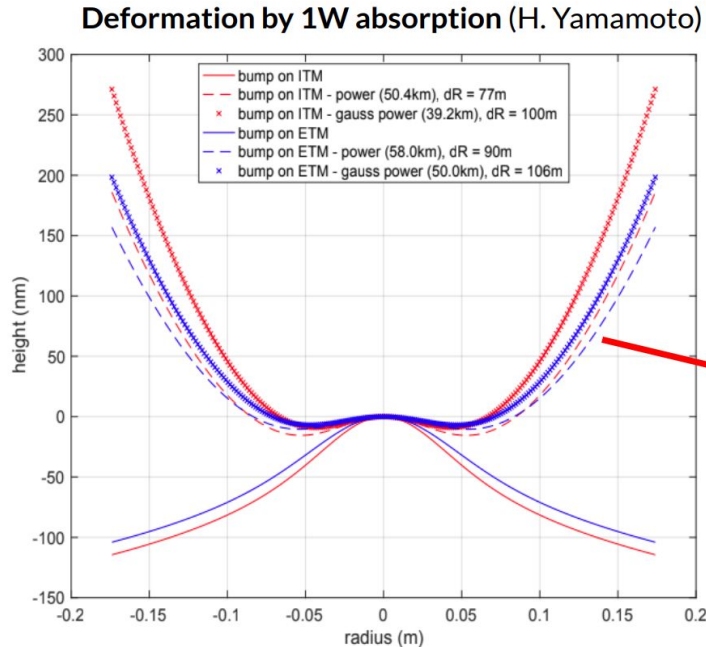
Deformation by 1W absorption (H. Yamamoto)



- Post-O5 arm cavity power target: **1.5 MW**
 - Report of LSC Post O5 Study group ([T2200287](#))
- Residual surface deformation after correction with barrel RH has a steep edge rise.

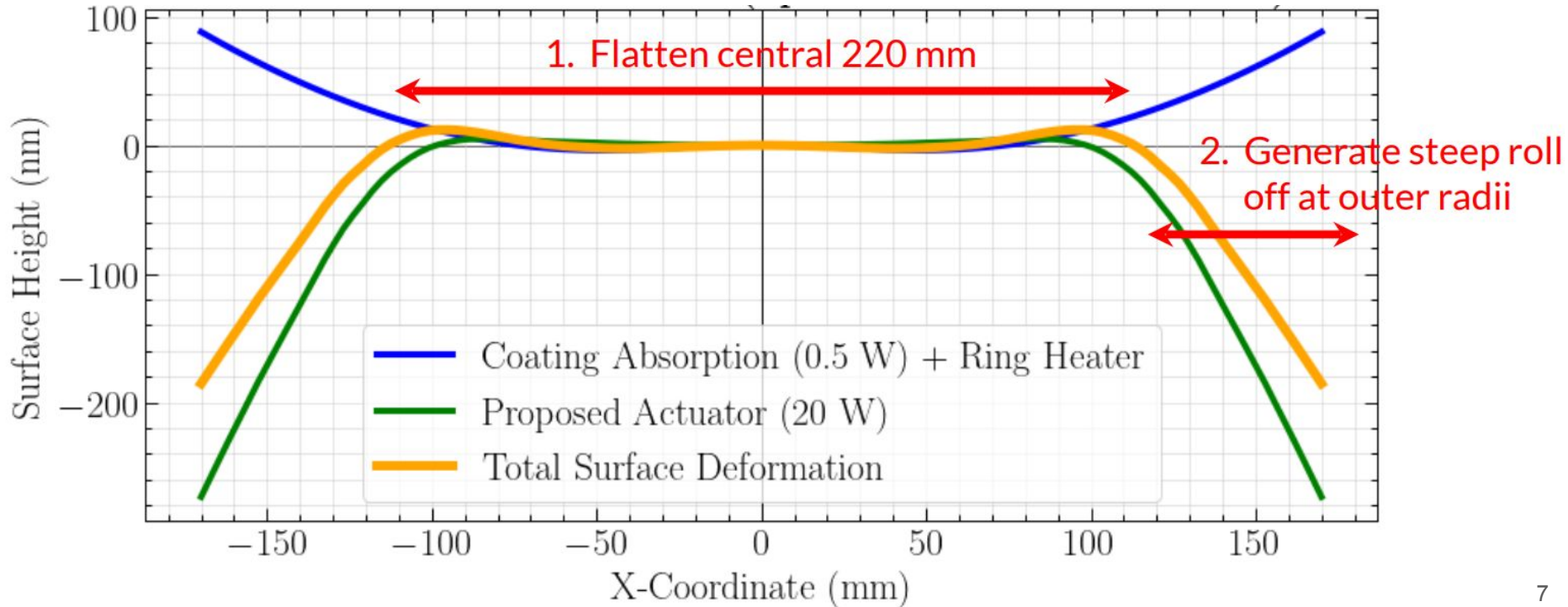
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- Uniform coating absorption cannot be fully compensated with current TCS above aLIGO full power → Severe PRG loss ([G2200743](#))



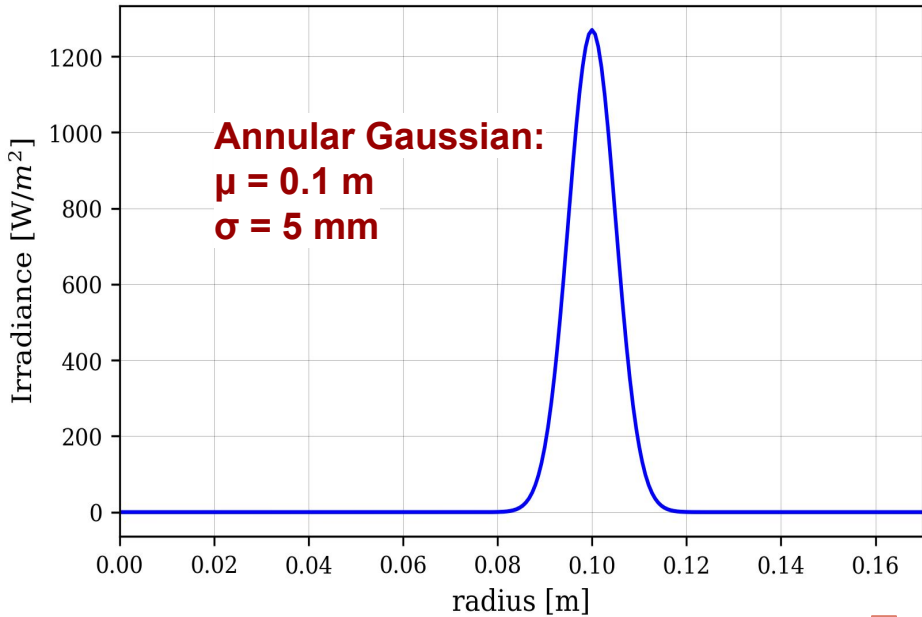
HOM Ring Heater Goals

ETM Surface Deformation (Spherical Power Removed) (Richardson, [G2200399](#))

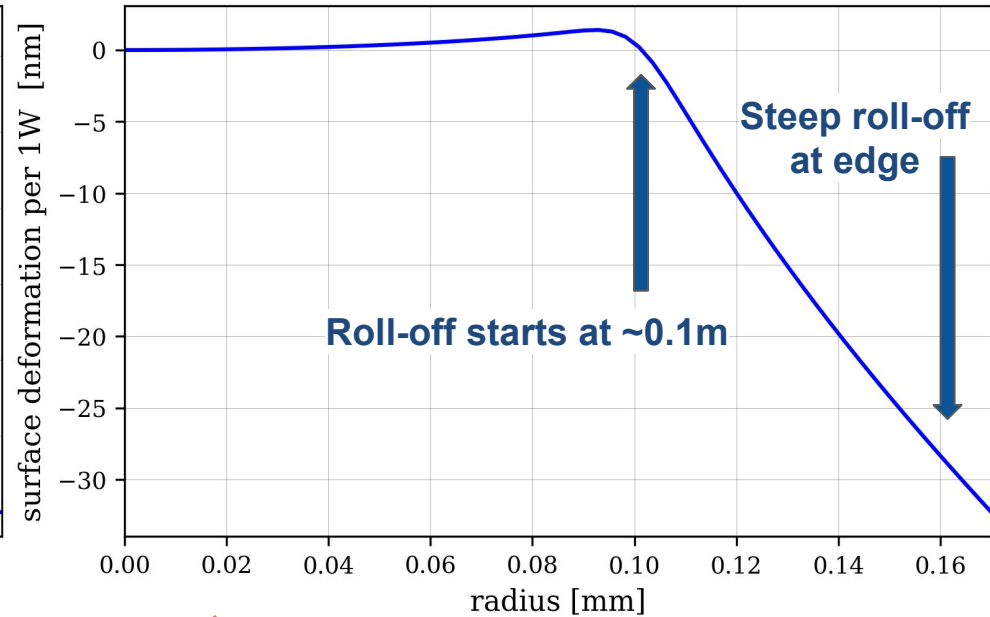


Achieving the Right Deformation

Target (nearly) ideal heating irradiance ([G2101232](#))

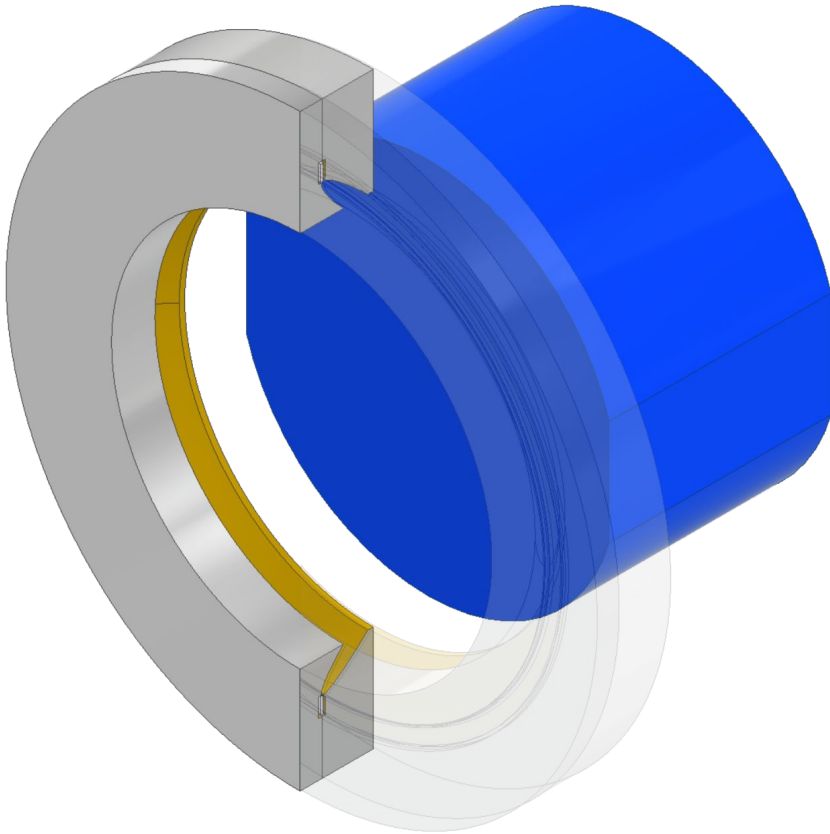


Target surface deformation



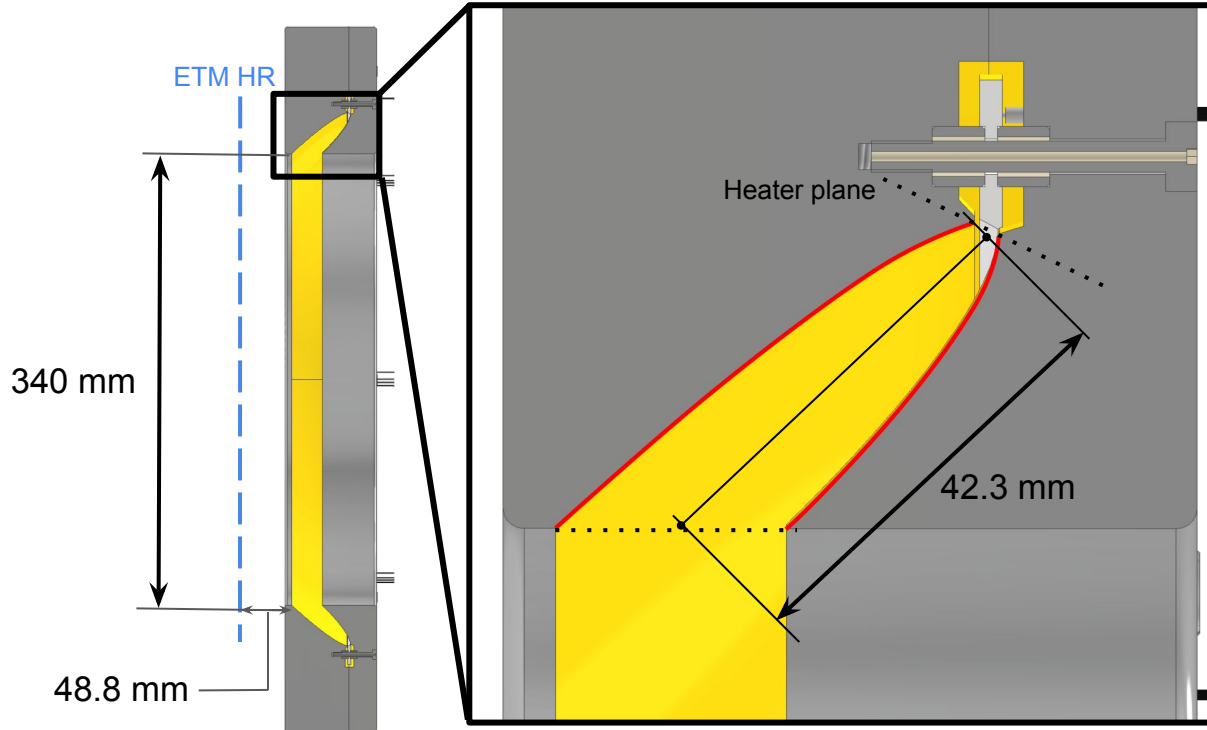
Thermo-elastic deformation simulated with FEA

The HOM Ring Heater



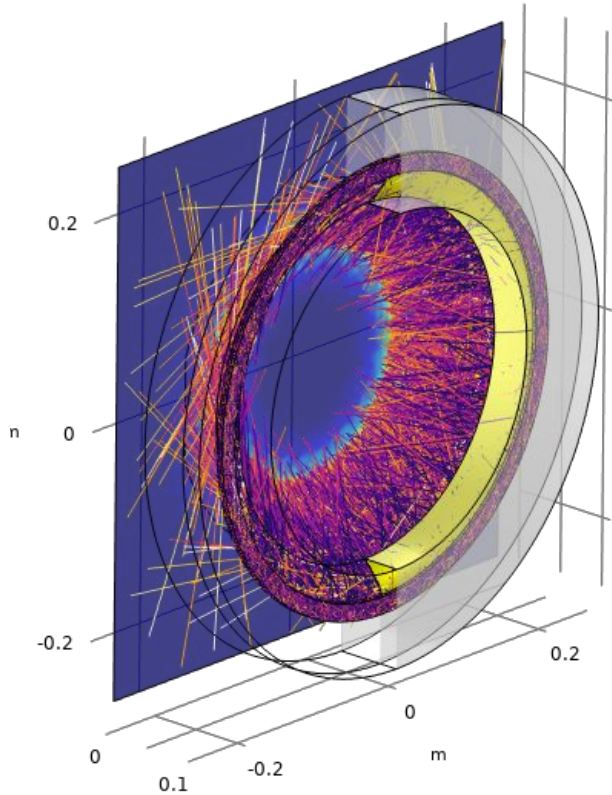
- Annular heating pattern projected onto front surface of test mass
- Consists of an annular heater and a reflector.
- Reflector interior:
 - Diamond-turned surface
 - Polished to < 10 nm RMS
 - Thin-film gold coating deposited
- Reflector exterior:
 - Bead-blasted to increase effective emissivity and reduce specular reflection at 1064 nm

Ring Heater Cross-section



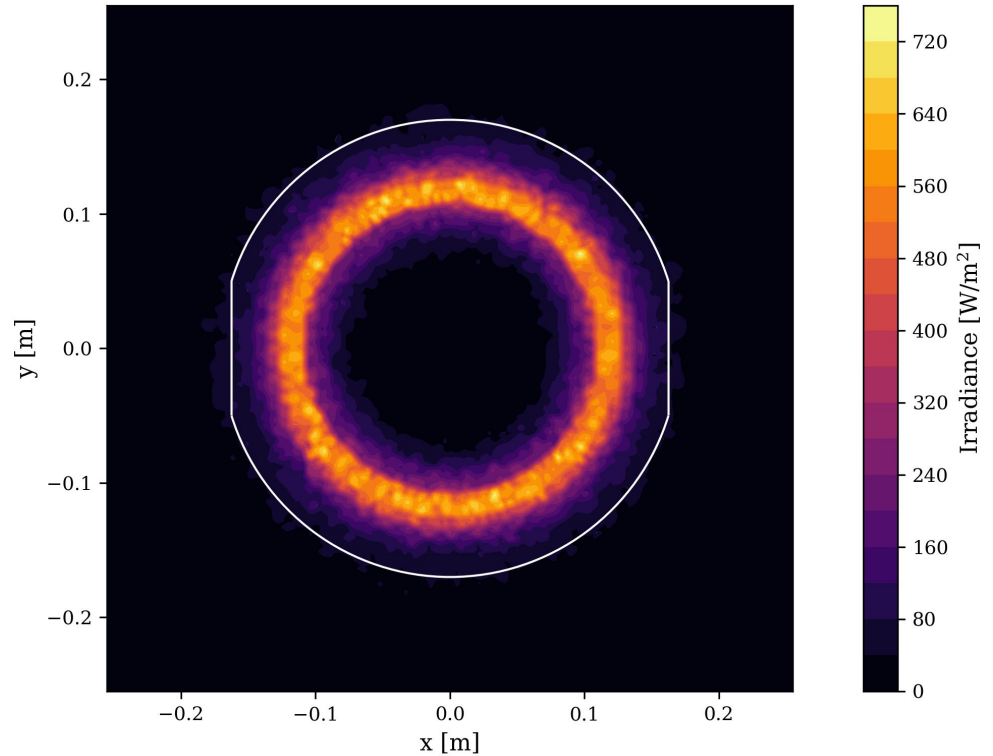
- Truncated asymmetric compound elliptical reflector
- Constructed using non-imaging edge-ray technique for maximum delivery efficiency to a target from a source of finite dimension

Irradiance Profile

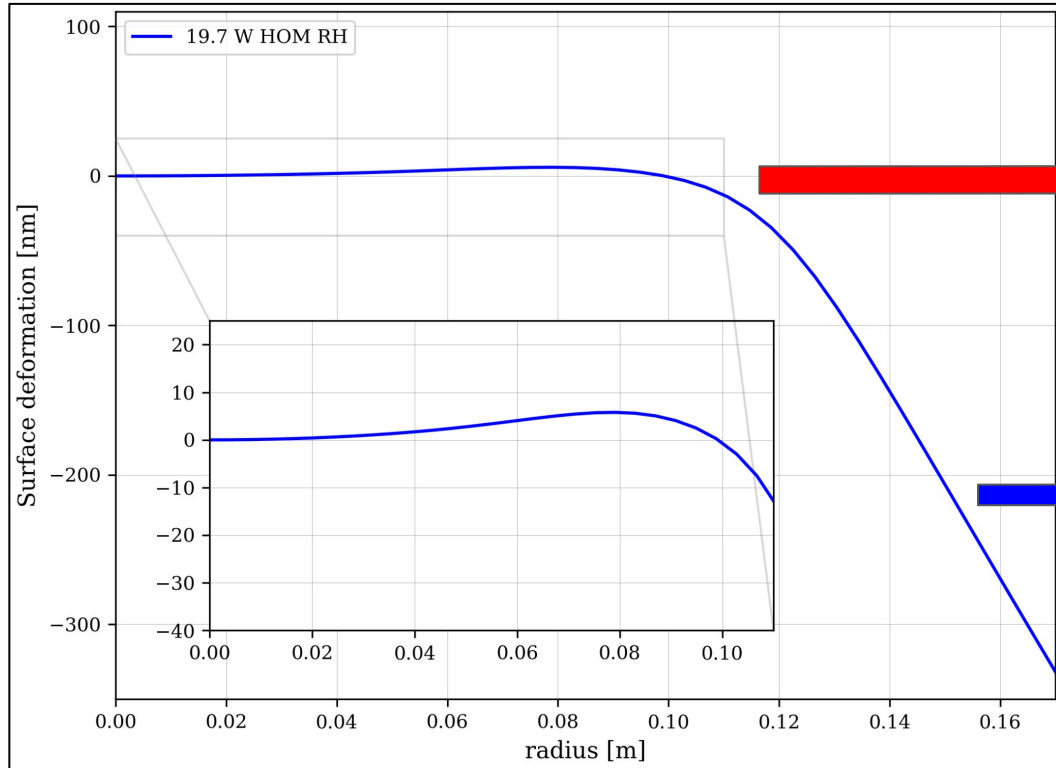


Results simulated with COMSOL ray tracing:

- Total source power : 19.7 W
- Total delivered power : 16.8 W, Efficiency: 85.4%



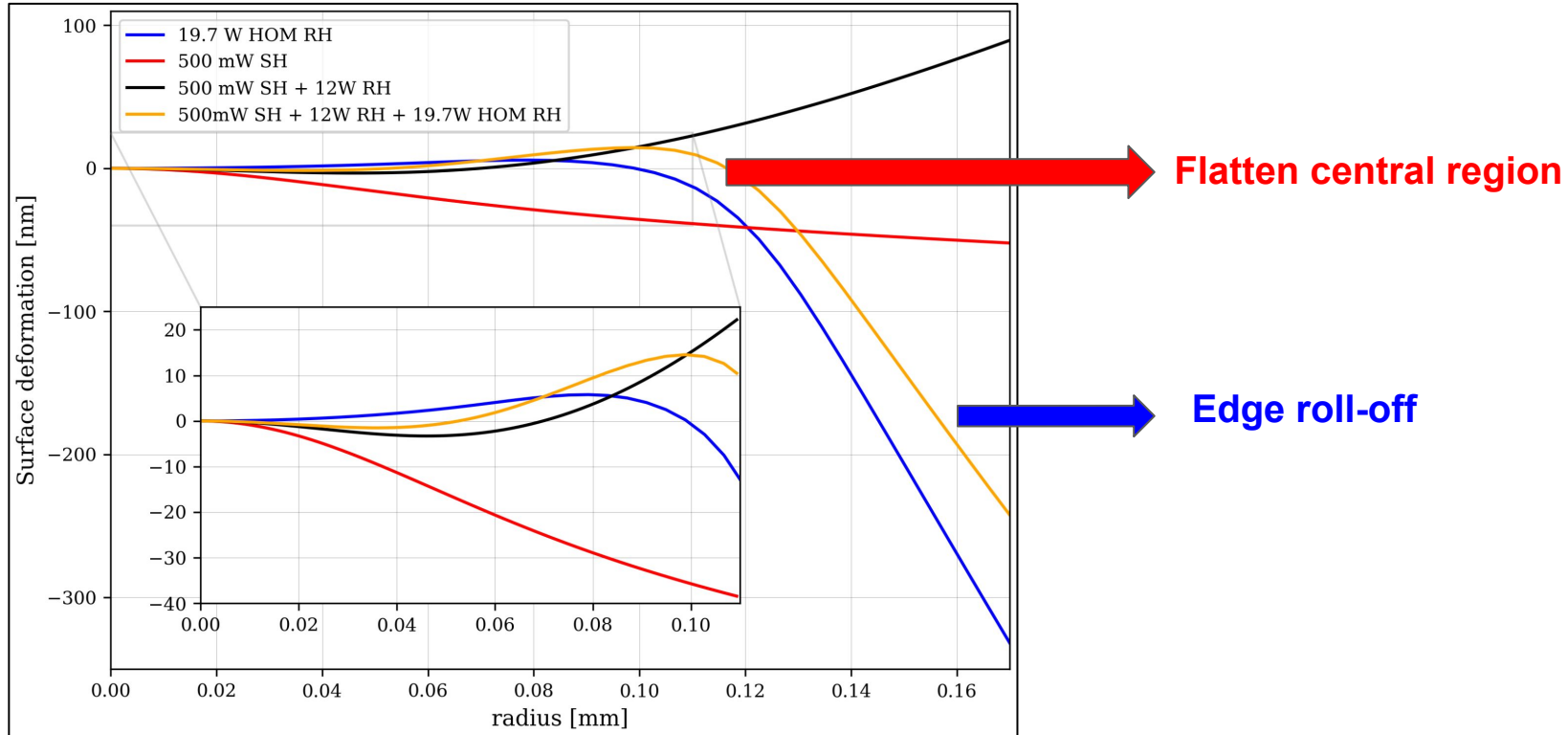
Surface Deformation



Roll off starts at ~100 mm to correct for surface deformation caused by uniform absorption (designed for up to 500 mW)

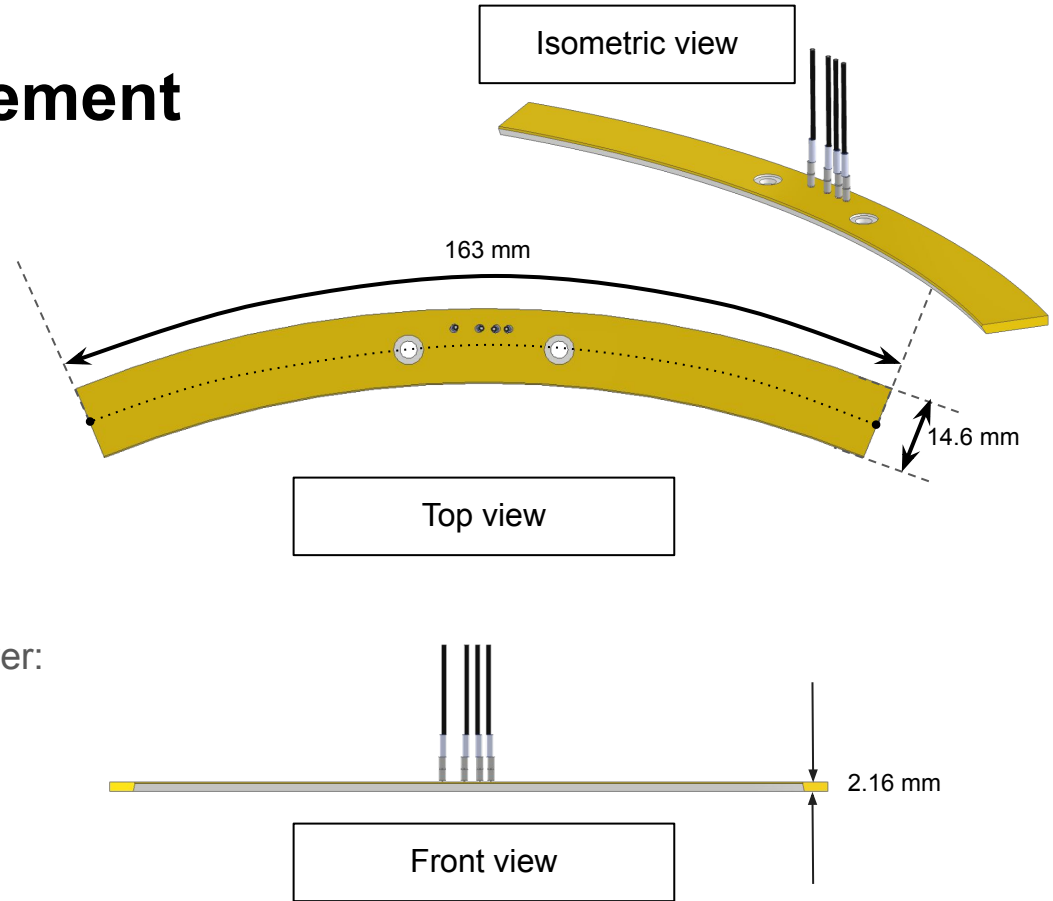
Sharp drop at edge to break 7th-order-mode co-resonance

Compensation at 500 mW Absorption



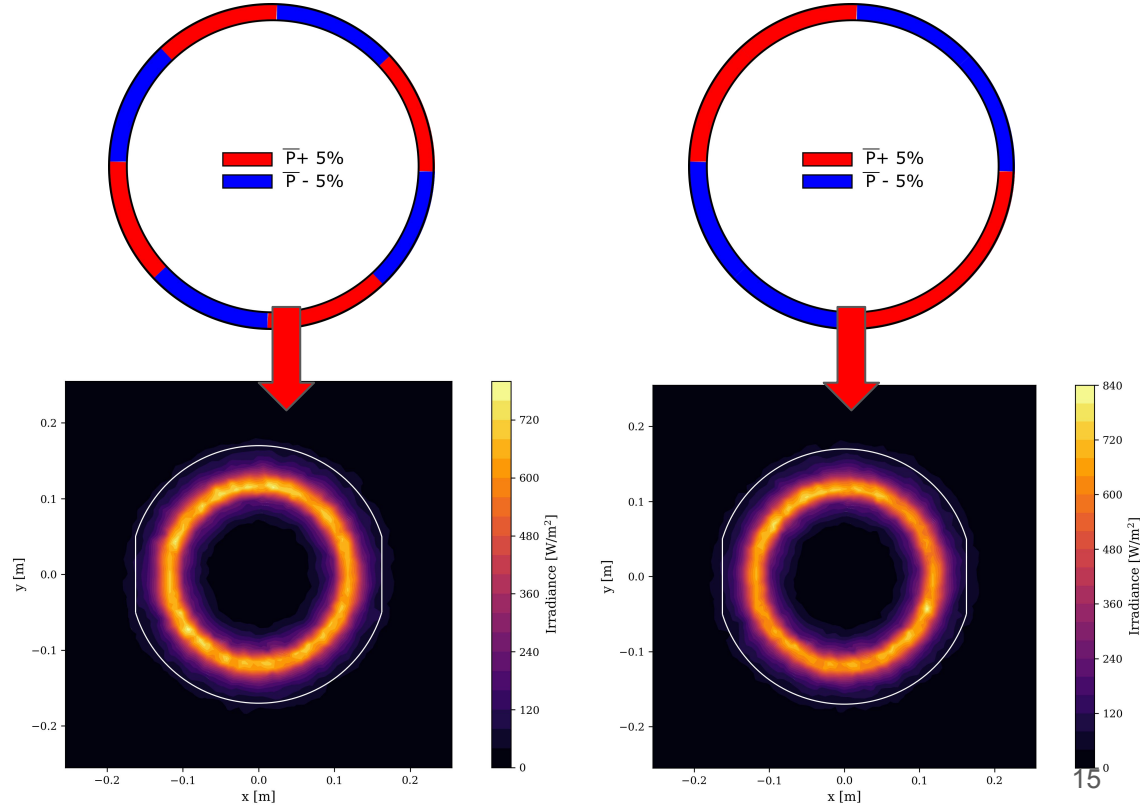
Fabrication: Heater Element

- 8 elements to form a ring
- Material: Aluminum Nitride (same material used for SR3 heater)
- Gold coated on all sides apart from front surface
- Integrated RTD for temperature monitoring
- Anticipated maximum operating power: 30 W, $T = 653 \text{ K}$ ($380 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)
- Maximum rated temperature: 400°C
- **Currently in fabrication. Expected delivery: mid November 2022**

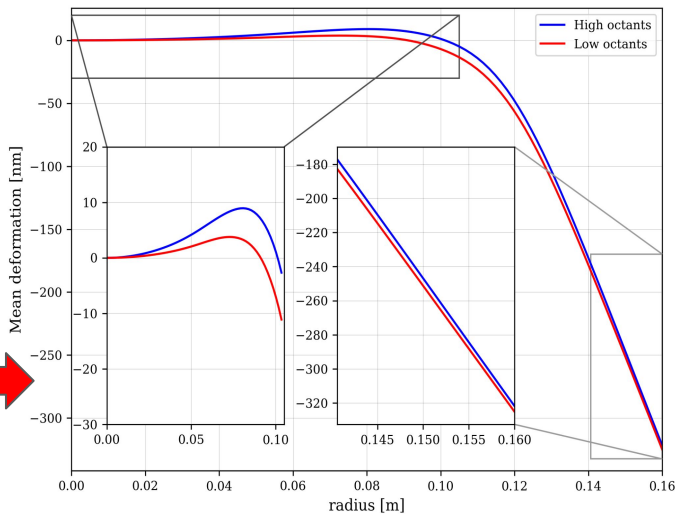
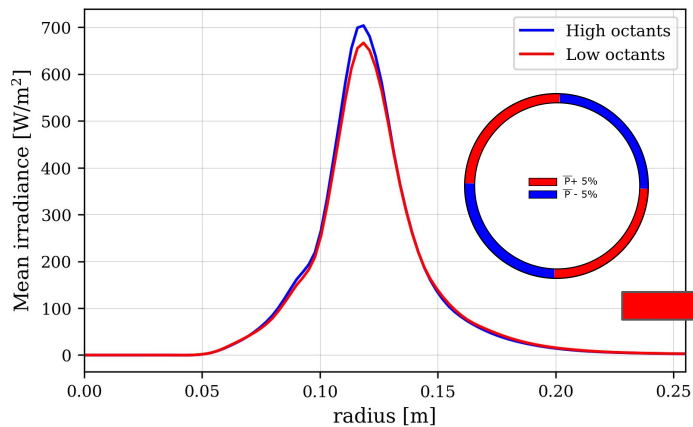
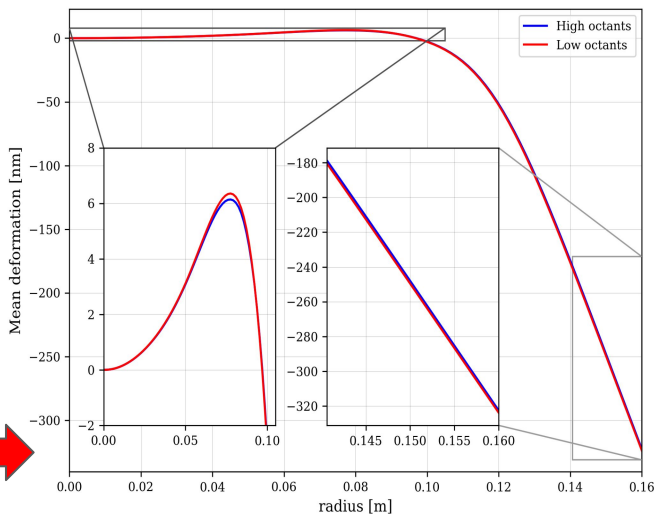
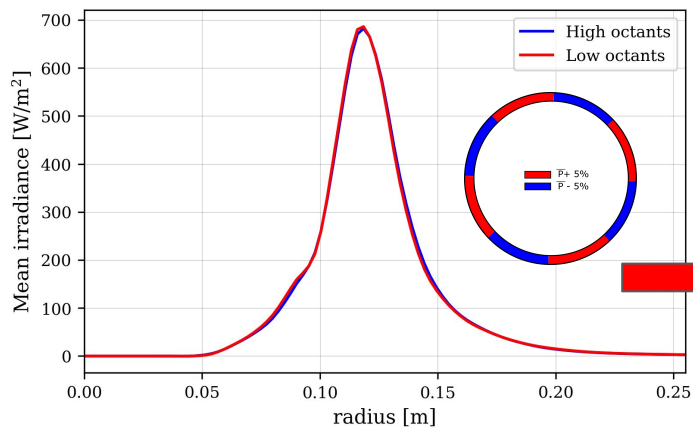


Heater Element Resistance Consistency

- Variation in resistance between different batches: $\pm 20\%$ (63.2-94.8 Ω)
- Variation in resistance of elements from the same batch: $\pm 5\%$
- Causes variation in total power radiated from each element



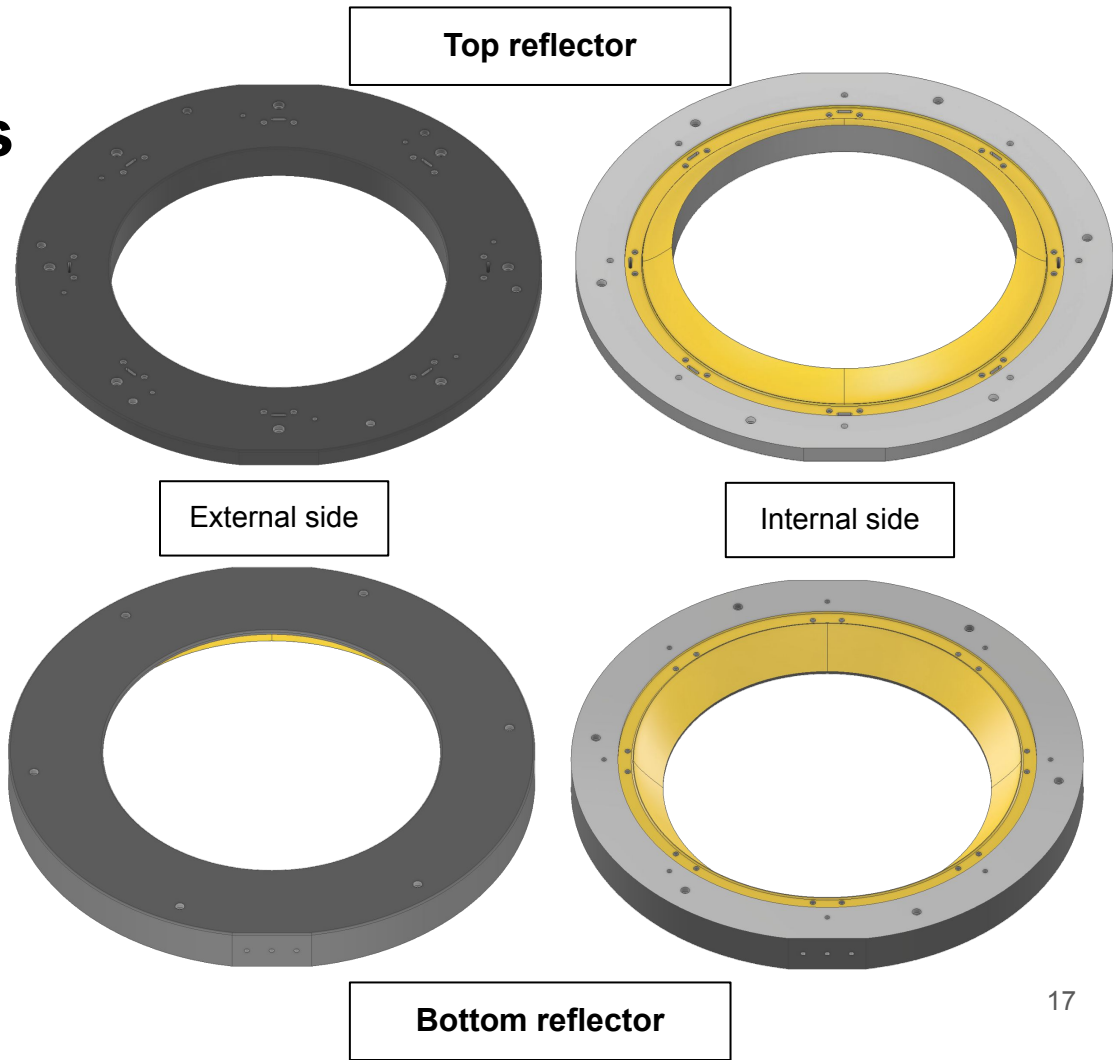
Deformation Uniformity



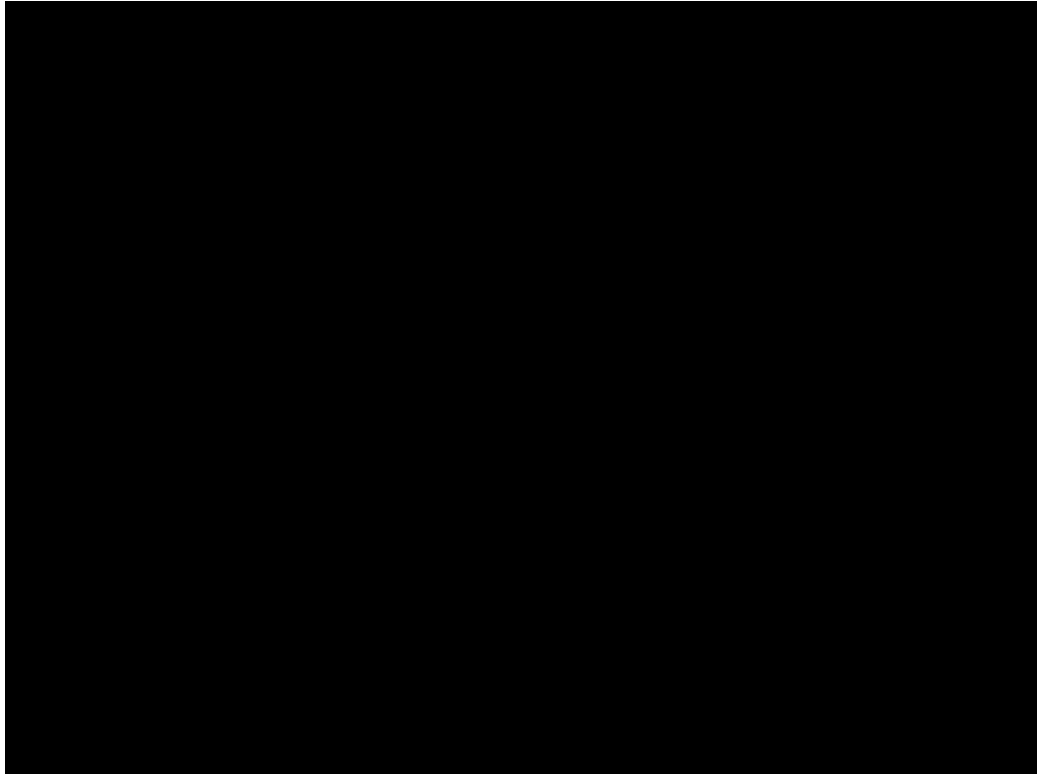
- Rays are not constrained in azimuthal direction
→ less variation in projected irradiance.
- Avoid having any pair of adjacent elements with mean resistance 8% higher than other element
- **Conclusion: Heater elements can be powered by 2 x 24V DC supplies, same as existing RH.**

Fabrication: Reflectors

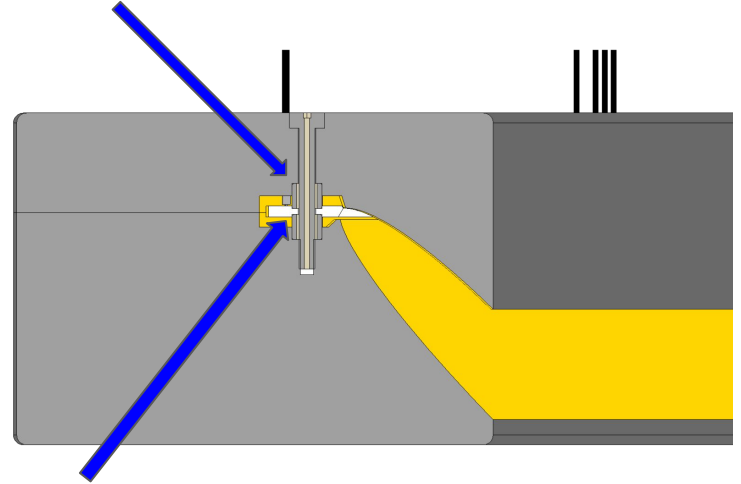
- Consist of 2 halves
- Material: Aluminum 6061
- Reflector surface produced with diamond turned machining and thin-film gold coated
- External facets are bead-blasted to increase emissivity and reduce 1064 backscattering
- Coatings are being considered for future designs to further reduce backscattering risk (e.g. black nickel)
- **Beginning fabrication. Expected delivery: mid December 2022**



Fabrication: Assembly

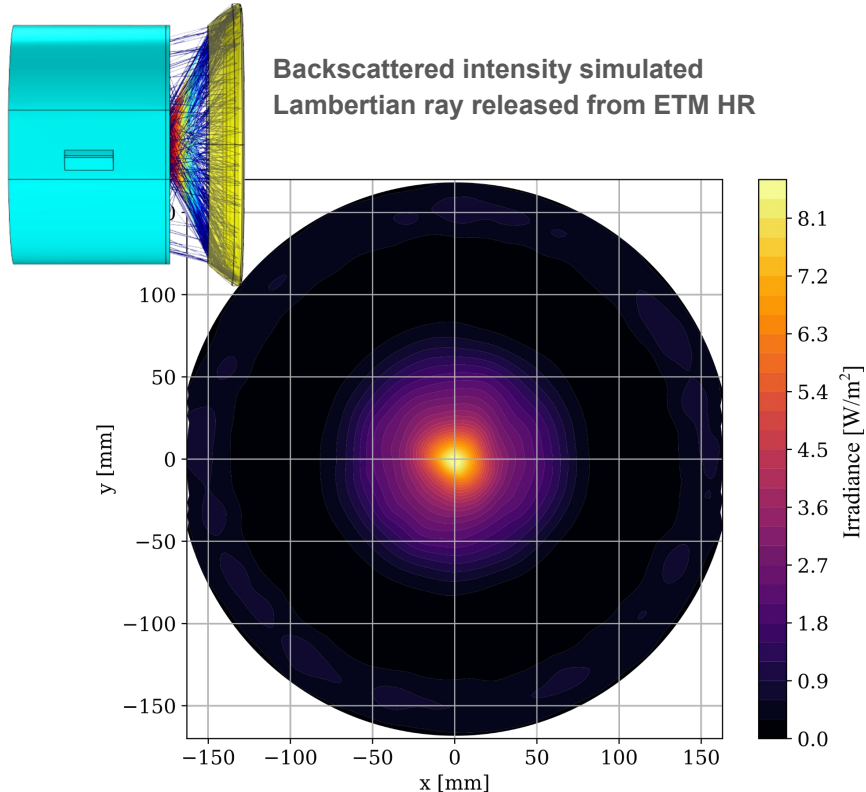


Macor screws to minimize thermal conduction to structure



Macor spacer to avoid direct contact with aluminum

Backscatter Analysis ([T2200238](#)): Scattering from Reflectors



- Large angle scattering of 1064nm from ETM to reflector then scatter back onto ETM

- Assume large angle BRDF: ([G070240](#)):

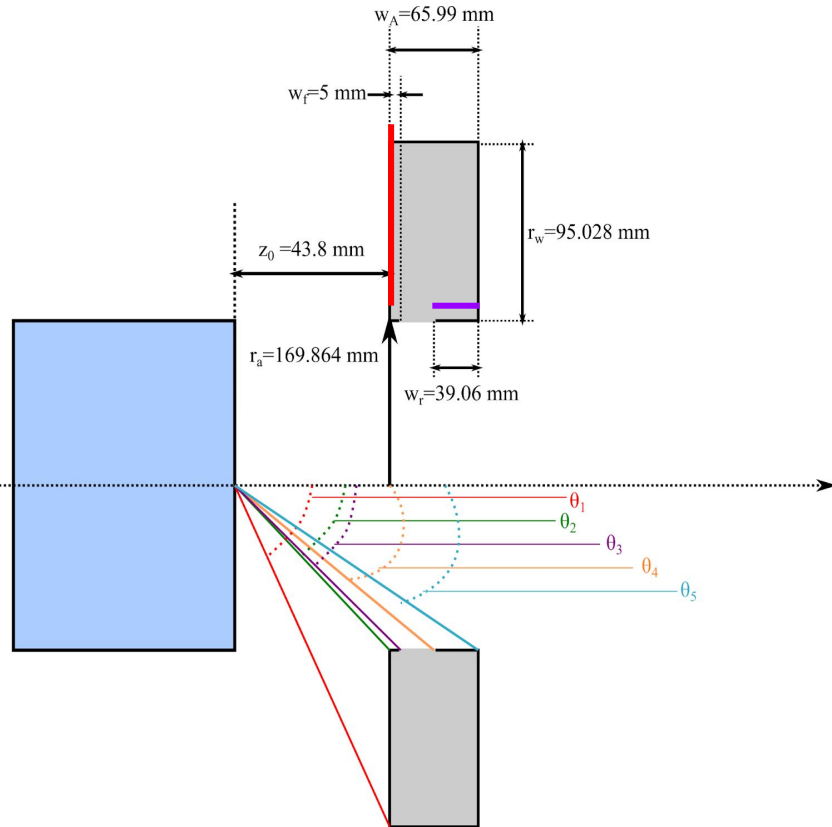
$$BRDF = \frac{\alpha \cos \theta}{\pi}, \quad \alpha = 10 \text{ ppm}, \quad \theta \in [62^\circ, 72^\circ]$$

→ Power fraction scattered into reflector: 0.072 ppm

- Use ray tracing to estimate power fraction returned to ETM: 57%
- Most of these rays scattered back at large angle. Only a small portion can scatter back in to TEM₀₀
 - Use reciprocity relation ([T940063](#)) to compute fraction of power scattered back in IFO beam:

$$\frac{dP_{scatter}}{P_{ifo}} = 1.36 \times 10^{-24}$$

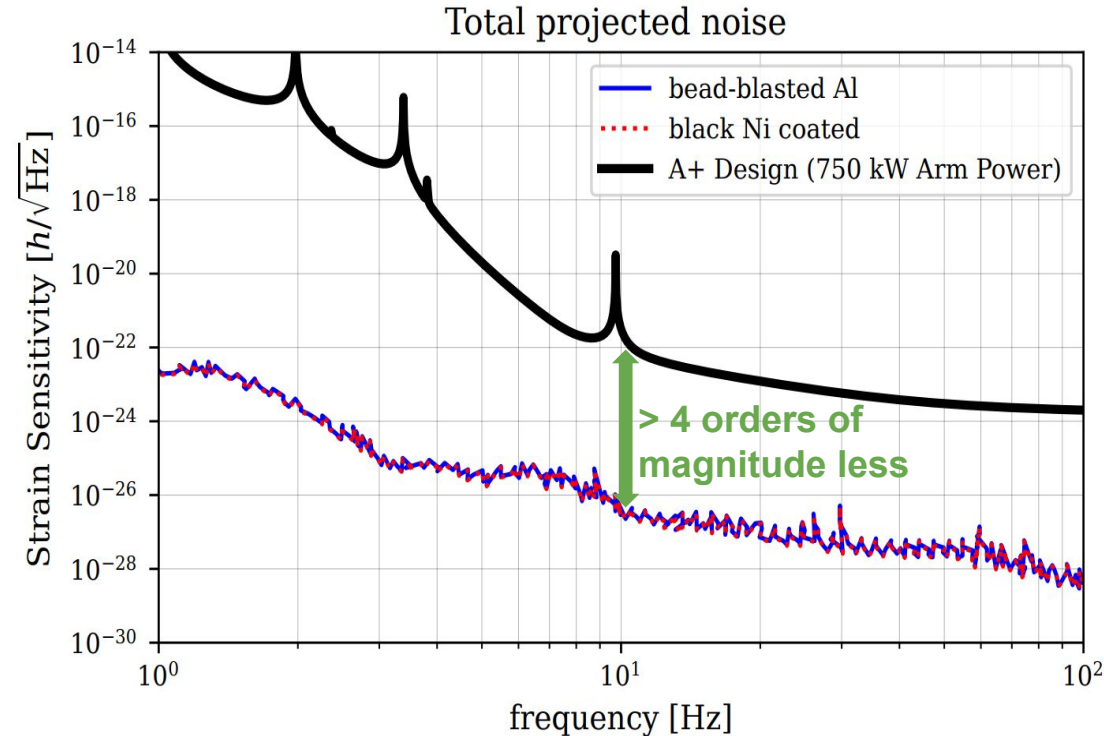
Scattering from Exterior Surfaces



Front surface			
θ_i	θ_f	$\delta I_{sc}/I_{mb}$	
		bead-blasted aluminium	black nickel coated
$\theta_2 = 75.5^\circ$	$\theta_1 = 80.6^\circ$	1.93×10^{-25}	2.57×10^{-26}
Inner diameter, front reflector			
$\theta_3 = 74.0^\circ$	$\theta_2 = 75.5^\circ$	1.28×10^{-25}	1.70×10^{-26}
Inner diameter, rear reflector			
$\theta_5 = 57.1^\circ$	$\theta_4 = 67.4^\circ$	2.00×10^{-24}	2.66×10^{-25}

- Large angle BRDF of bead-blasted Al: 0.03 sr^{-1} ([source](#), measured BRDF at 3.39 micron, BRDF, most likely higher at 1.064 - **needs measurement**)
- Large angle BRDF of black Ni coated: $4\text{e-}3 \text{ sr}^{-1}$ ([E0900028](#))

Total Projected Backscattering Noise in DARM

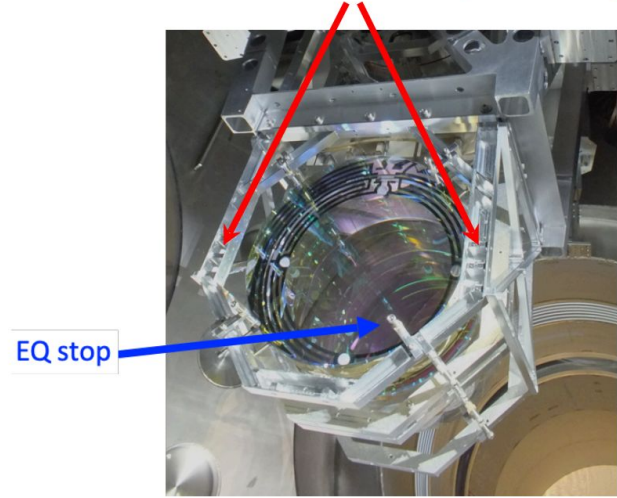


- Backscatter from reflector introduces phase noise & radiation pressure noise
- Noise projection assumes ST2 BSC-ISI ASD ([G2000186](#))
- Backscattered from reflective component is the dominant source.
- At 10 Hz:
 - **Total - bead blasted Al:** $2.90e-27$ [$1/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$]
 - **Total - black Ni coated:** $2.73e-27$ [$1/\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$]

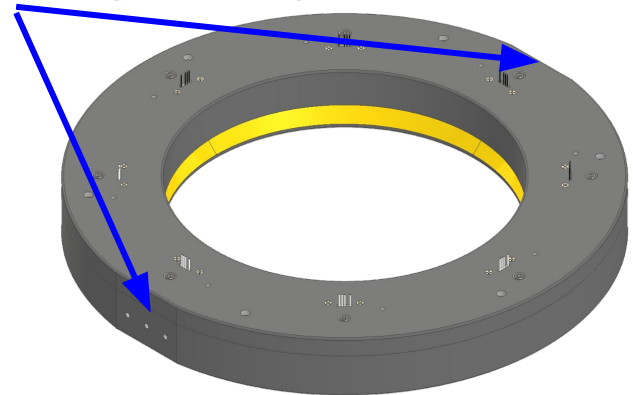
HOM RH Mounting

- Proposed mounting location: bottom of the Quad suspension cage.
- Estimated weight of HOM RH prototype: 42 - 45 lbs due to structure's large outer diameter (OD) to facilitate machining.
- Total weight can be reduced by approximately 50% in final design by reducing OD.
- **Question:** How would mounting of the HOM RH on the Quad cage affect BSC-ISI?

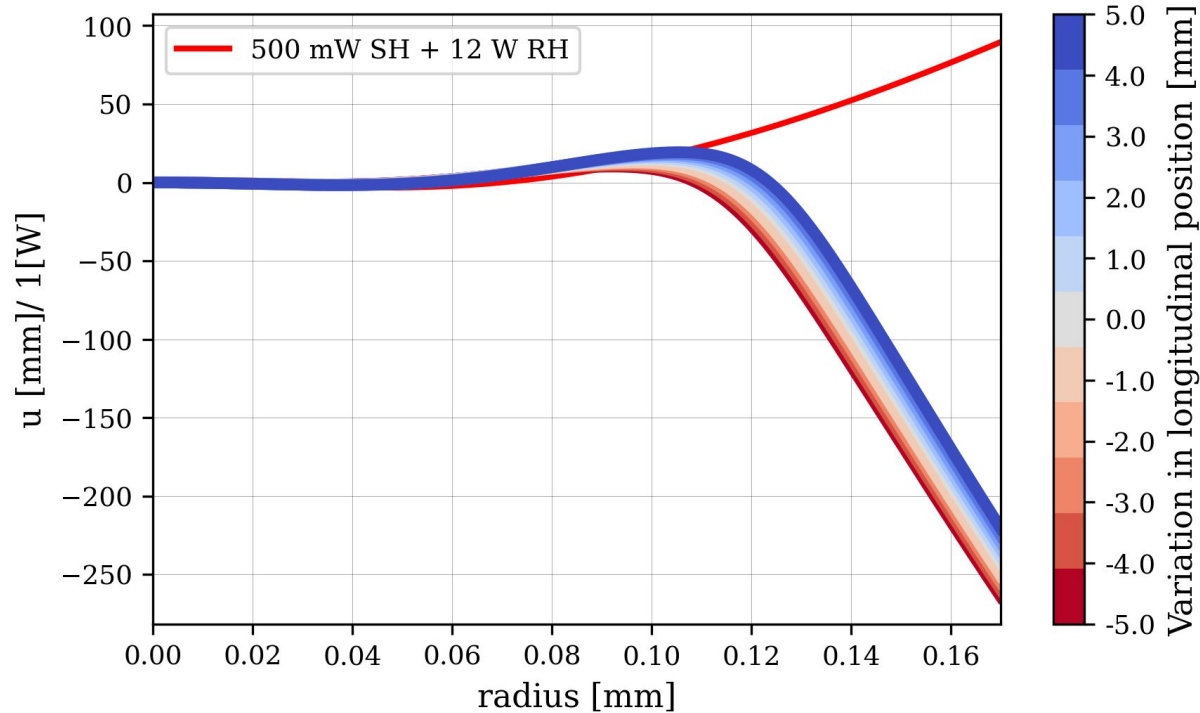
Mounted to lowest section of suspension cage



Flat sides for attaching interfacing arms

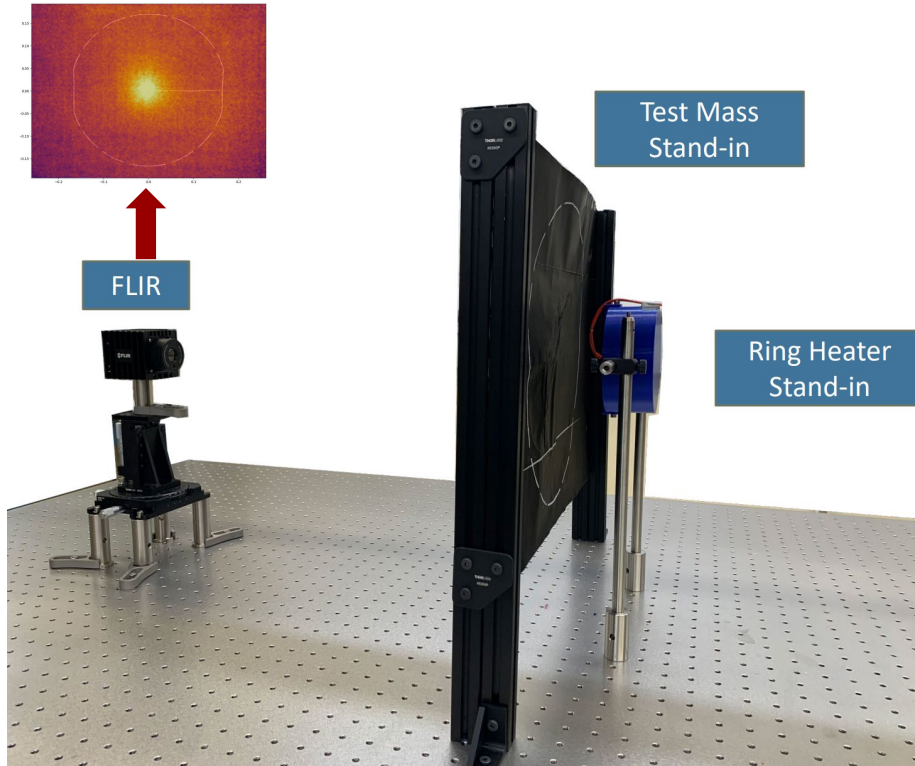


Sensitivity to Position Error



→ **Surface deformation is not strongly sensitive to uncertainty in position**

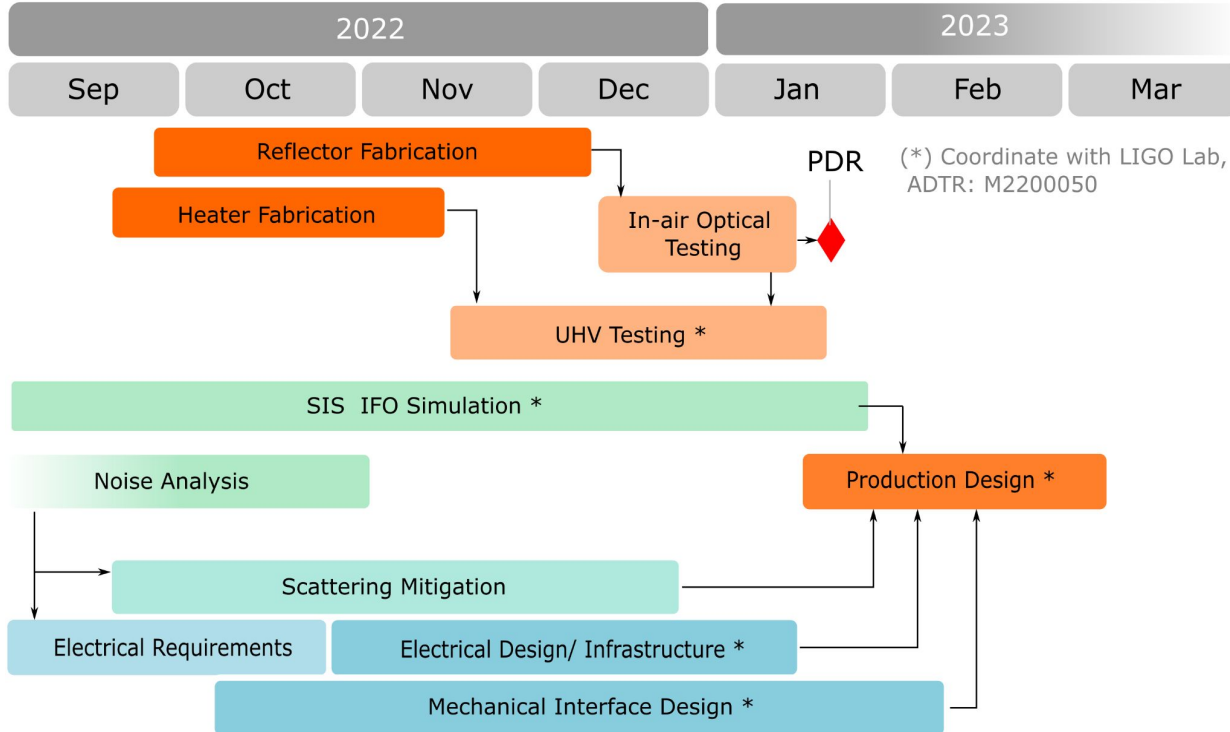
Testing Plan



In-air test setup for HOM RH (SURF report: [T2200205](#), [T2200206](#))

- In-air optical measurement of irradiance profile:
 - Using thermal camera to verify irradiance profile from HOM RH
 - **Status:** Constructed, currently improving sensor calibration
- UHV compatibility testing:
 - RGA outgassing measurement using calibrated Ar/He leak
 - **Status:** Vacuum system under construction

Testing Schedule

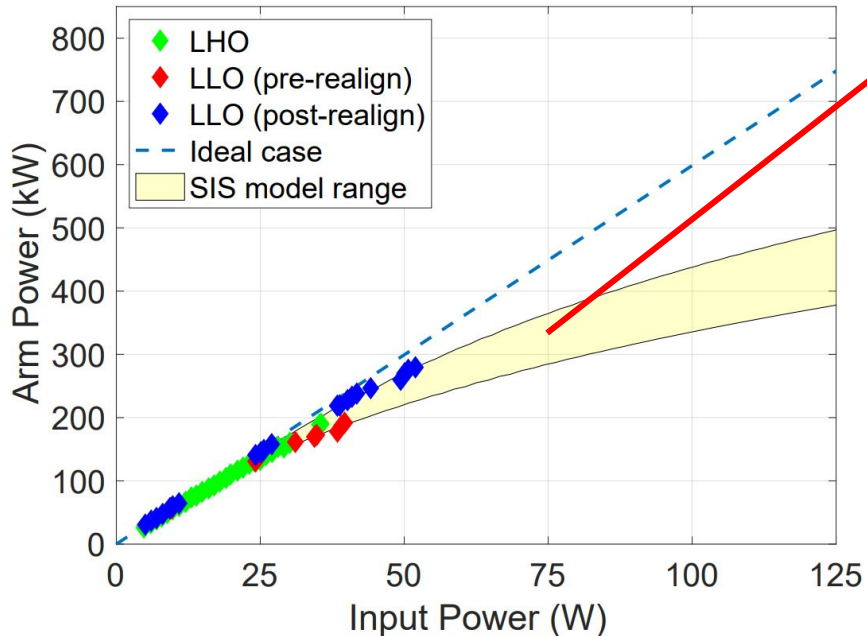


Next steps:

- Complete noise analysis of HOM RH and specify electrical requirements.
- SIS simulation of O4 cavities with HOM RH to quantify effects on point absorbers and uniform absorption
- UHV testing of heater elements in November
- Prototype assembly and optical testing before December holidays.
- PDR and final production design are contingent on testing results

Motivation for O4b Delivery

The aLIGO picture circa O3 (Brooks et al., [P1900287](#))



- Point absorbers cause significant loss in arm power gain. Modeling of HOM RHs predicts a substantial loss reduction → **allow pushing IFO to higher power in O4**
- Using the HOM RHs in situ will be invaluable experience ahead of O5.
→ **O4b experience will directly inform design of a more sophisticated HOM RH for O5 (UCR has already secured funding from the NSF)**

Conclusion

- Prototype design and modelling finalized, currently in production; ready to start on mechanical / electrical interfacing work with support from LIGO Lab (under ADTR [M2200050](#))
- Transition from ADTR to Detector Improvement (DI) is contingent on prototype testing results.
- Estimated cost as DI: \$75k-\$150k