

# CALVA: Experimental platform for GW detectors

Angélique Lartaux  
et Pierre Gruning

Equipe Ondes Gravitationnelles



A2C Seminar

# What are Gravitational waves ?

- Solution from General Relativity derived by A. Einstein in 1916, first experiments in the 60s
- Gravitation is a curvature of the space-time metric
- Any massive object will introduce a deformation of the metric
- Gravitational waves are a perturbation of space-time propagating at the speed of light



## Some sources:



### Supernova

Assymmetric core collapse



### White dwarf

- 1.4 solar masses
- Density :  $1.10^9 \text{ kg/m}^3$



### Neutron star

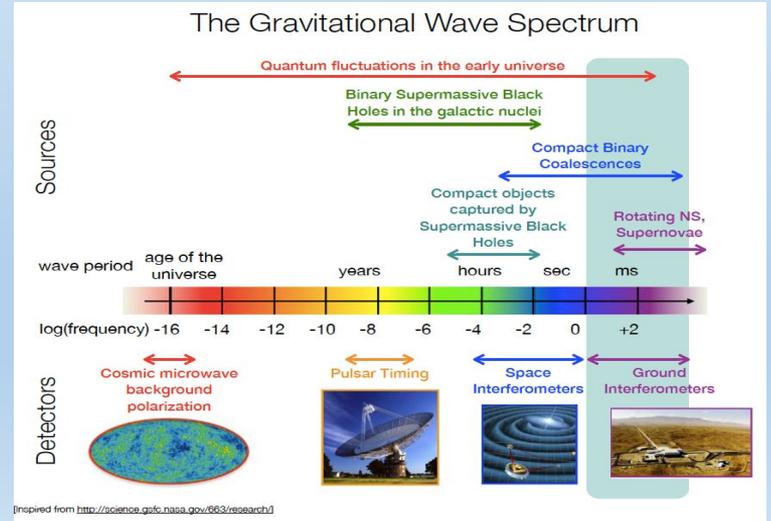
- up to 3 solar masses
- Density : up to  $6.10^{17} \text{ kg/m}^3$



### Black hole

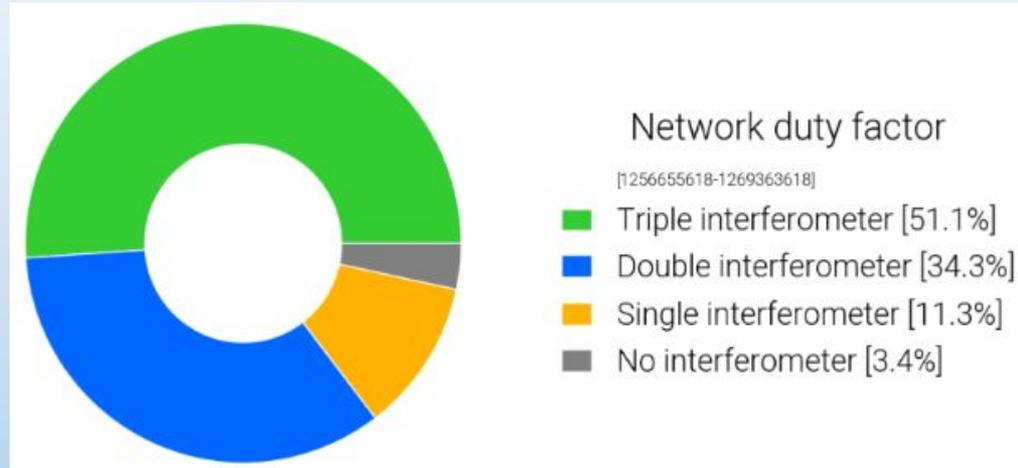
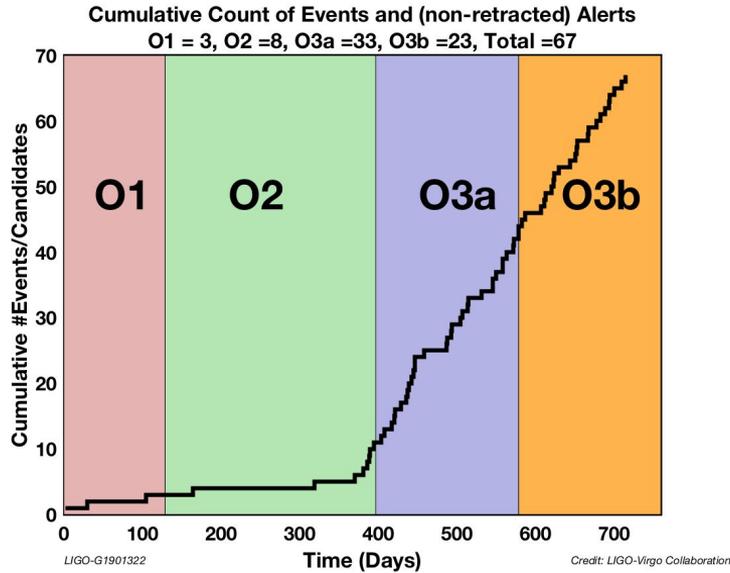
- No mass limit
- Biggest known: TON618  
66 billion solar masses

## + other sources: primordial GW, cosmic strings ...





# Current situation



Many Binary Black Holes, a few Binary Neutron Stars  
and 1 or 2 Neutron star-Black Hole Binary

# CALVA : CAVités pour le Lock de Virgo Avancé



you are  
here



situation en 2014 : <http://www.visites-virtuelles.universite-paris-saclay.fr/?s=pano21744&h=23&v=0&f=90>

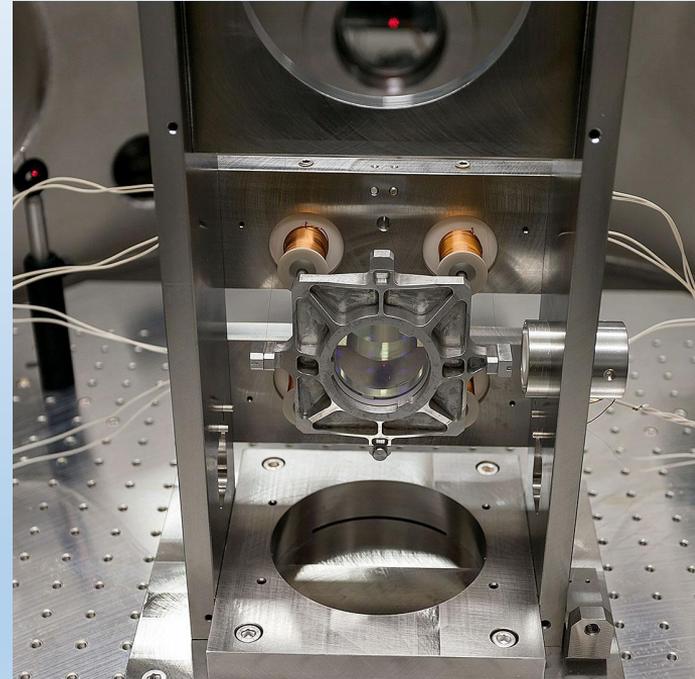
# CALVA : CAvités pour le Lock de Virgo Avancé

The initial goal was to build a prototype to test a new technique for locking GW interferometers

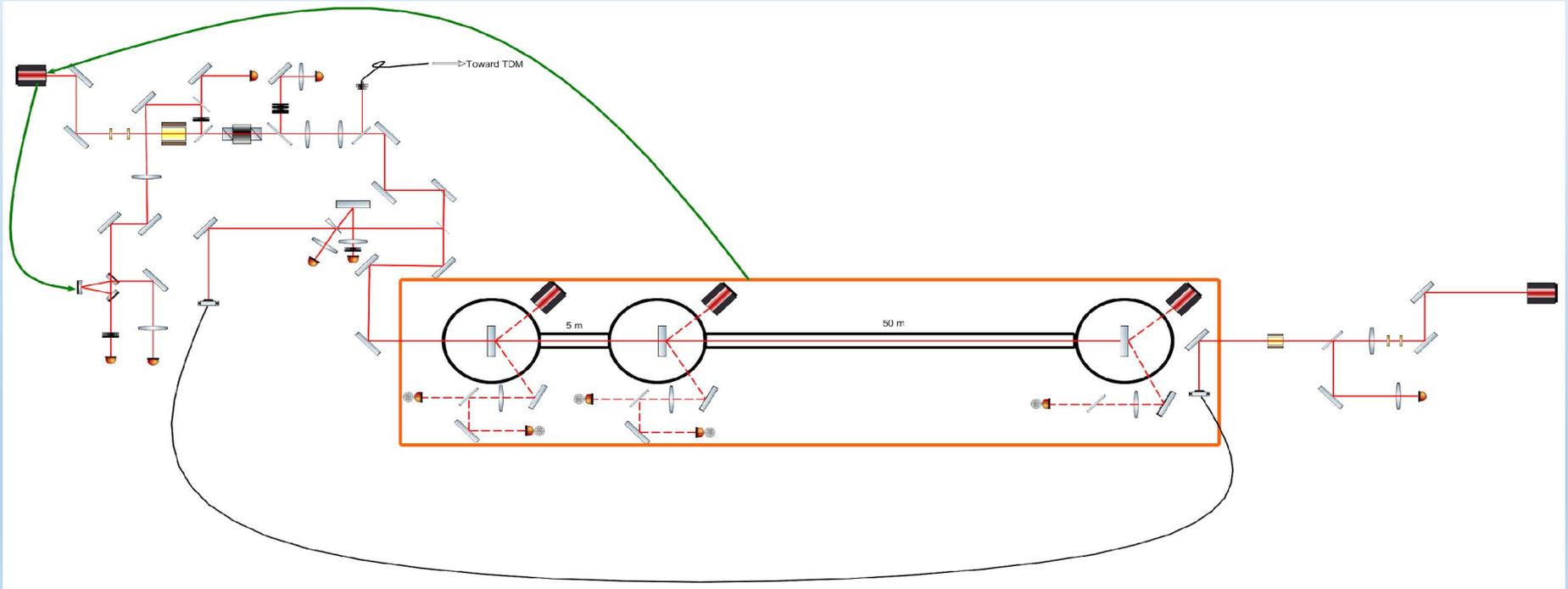
- using suspended optical coupled cavities (ie 2 cavities with 3 mirrors)
- similar Power/Mirror mass than real GW interferometer
- use at maximum similar electronics and software from Virgo to ease integration
- different wavelengths to control the cavities

## Some history

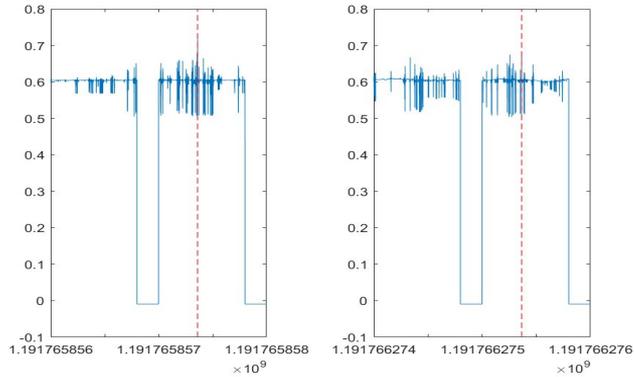
- Start to work on the project in 2009-2010
- Lot of problems during installation : asbestos, ground, vacuum tanks, ...
- Have the possibility to control mirror positions in angles and length
- Perform control on the small cavity in 2010
- Control of the 50m long cavity was more problematic due to limit of our system, take time to solve them
- So far : 3 thesis used the facility and 16 internships (L3 to M2) + 8 L2 students from Physics department



# Calva : Cavity for the Lock of Advanced Virgo Lock on 1064 nm laser

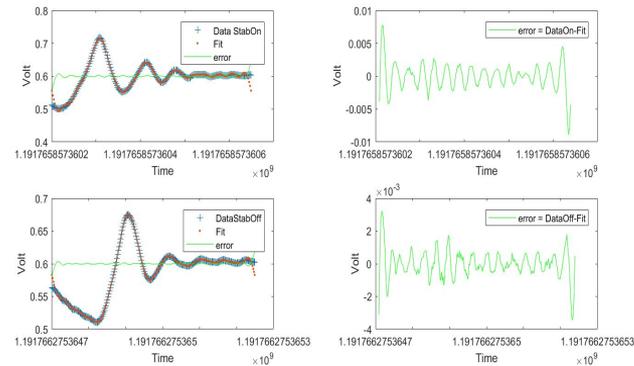
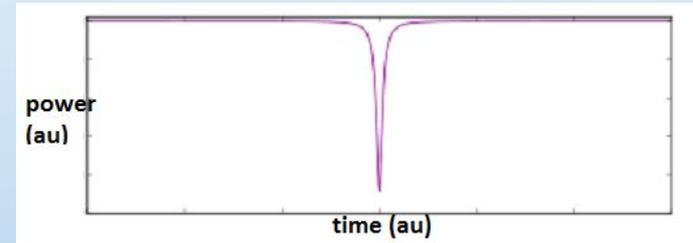


# Calva : Cavity for the Lock of Advanced Virgo Lock on 1064 nm laser

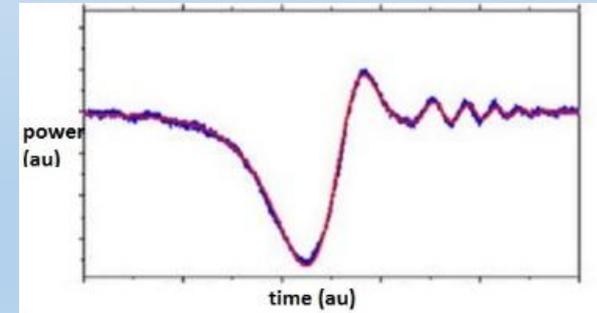


We've investigated the locking problem by looking at the ringing:

In theory :

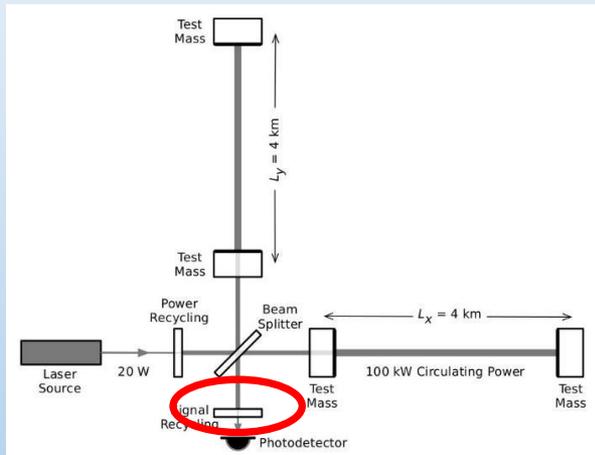


In practice :

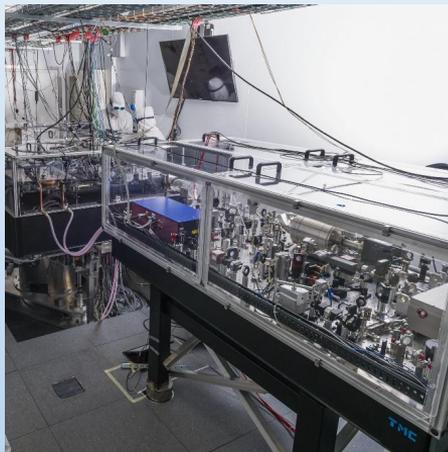


(illustrations)

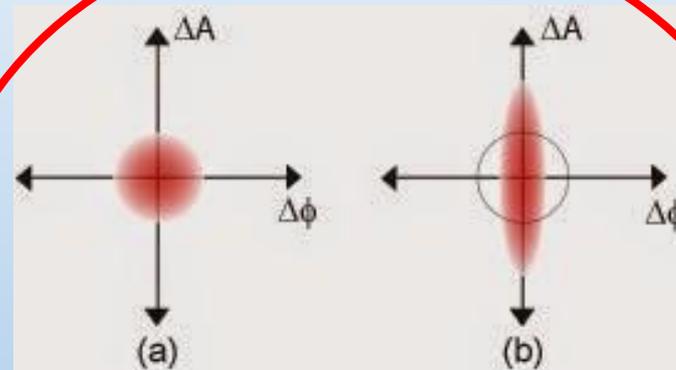
# Improvements on the current detectors between O3 and O4



Signal recycling



Increase of laser power  
From 60W to 120W



Frequency dependent  
squeezed states of light

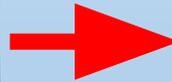
# Exsqueeze

We were able to find an easier solution for Virgo and then we seeked other possibilities for CALVA

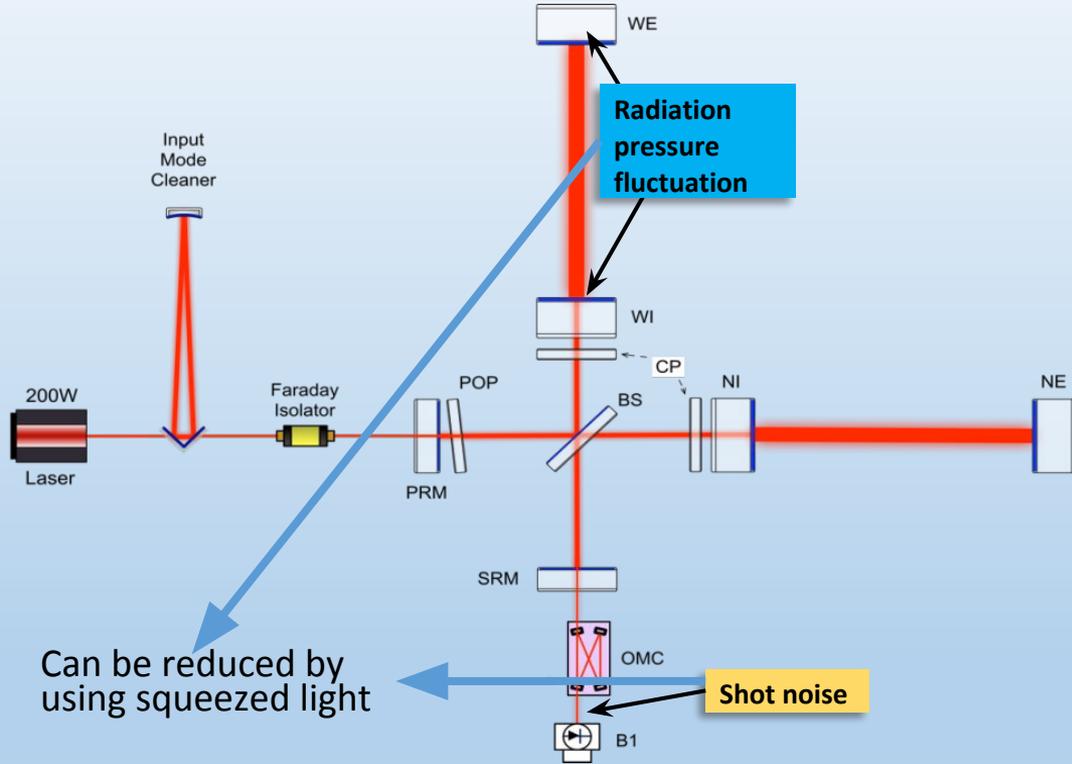
Idea is to use our facility to test squeezing techniques to improve the GW interferometer sensitivity, prepare O5 run ( $\geq 2024$ ) with source under vacuum

Need one long cavity and optics under vacuum

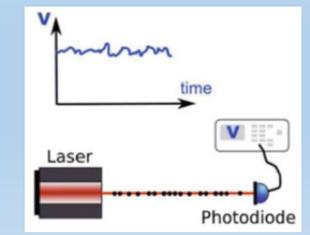
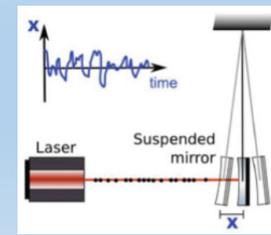
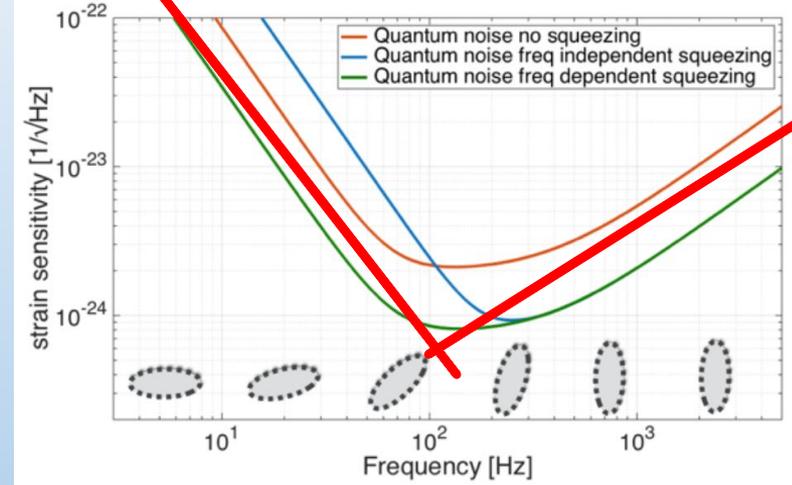
Reuse our infrastructure to work on this



# Beat the standard quantum limit using squeezed light

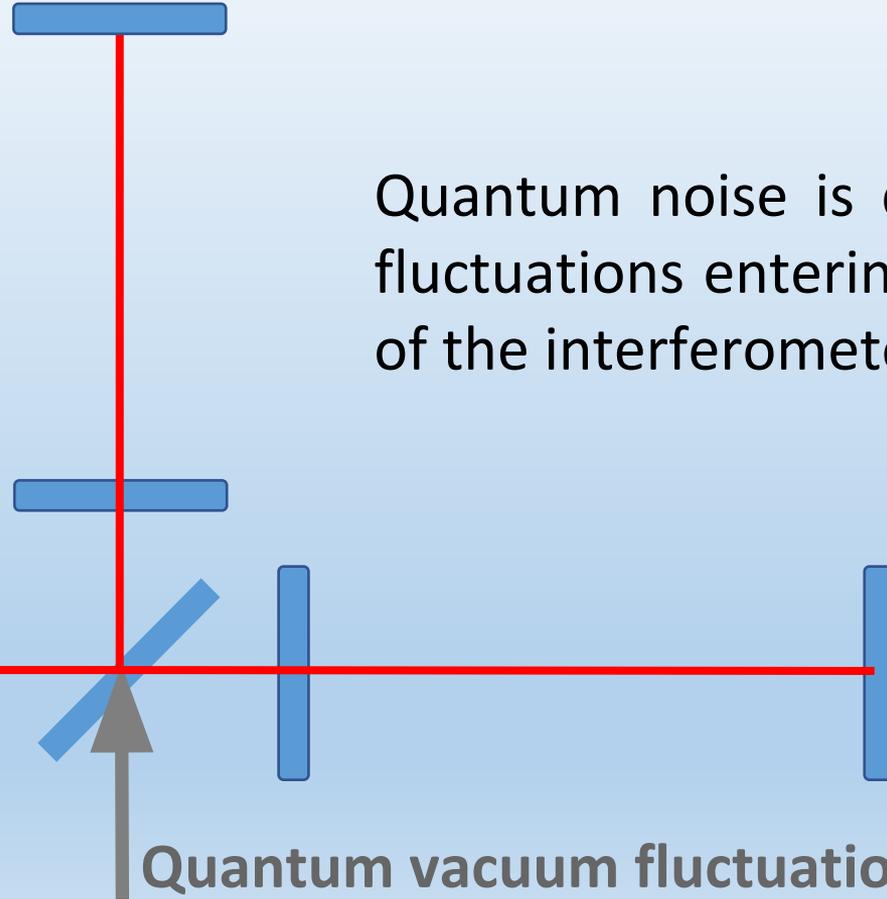


Can be reduced by using squeezed light



# Beat the standard quantum limit using squeezed light

Quantum noise is due to vacuum fluctuations entering the dark port of the interferometer.

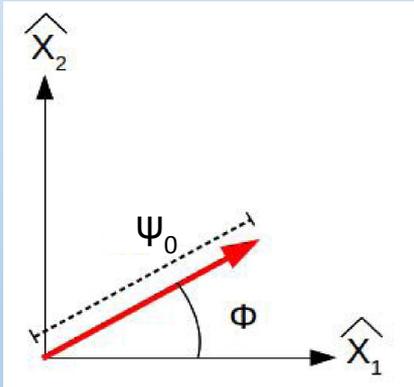


# Laser quantum description

Boson creation and annihilation operators:  $\hat{a}^\dagger = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \left( x - \frac{ip}{m\omega} \right)$        $\hat{a} = \sqrt{\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}} \left( x + \frac{ip}{m\omega} \right)$

Construct observable operators (amplitude and phase quadrature):  $\hat{X}_1 = \hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger$        $\hat{X}_2 = i(\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a})$

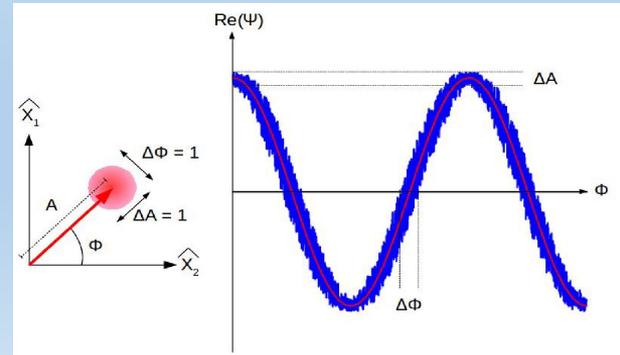
Also:  $[\hat{X}_1, \hat{X}_2] \neq 0$  Thus they are complementary observables and can't be measured both with infinite precision at the same time -> **quantum noise**



Consider classical electric field:  $\Psi = \Psi_0 e^{i\phi}$

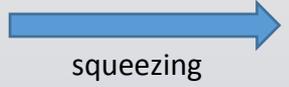
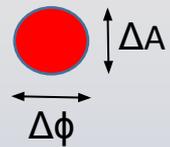
Also written as:  $\Psi = \Psi_0 (\cos(\phi) \hat{X}_1 + i \sin(\phi) \hat{X}_2)$

For coherent light the best case regarding the Heisenberg uncertainty principle is:  $\Delta \hat{X}_1 = \Delta \hat{X}_2 = 1$

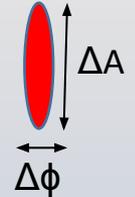


# Squeezed light

Photons are not perfect:  
 Uncertainty in phase ( $\Delta\phi$ )  
 and amplitude ( $\Delta A$ )

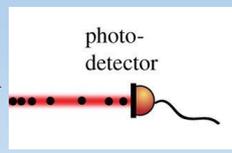
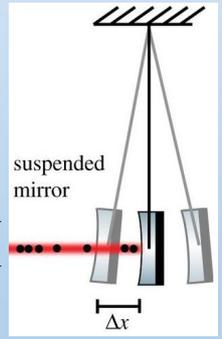
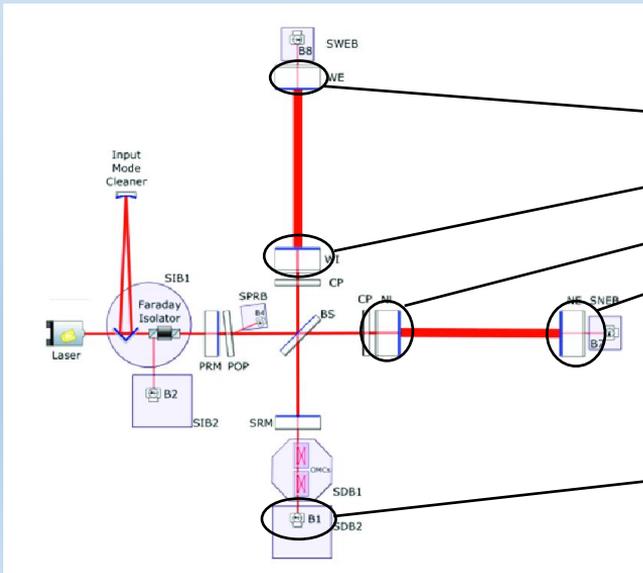
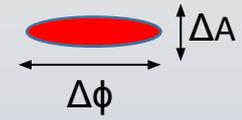


Phase squeezing



Amplitude squeezing

or



Heisenberg uncertainty principle:  
 $\Delta A \times \Delta\phi \geq 1$

# Squeezed light in theory

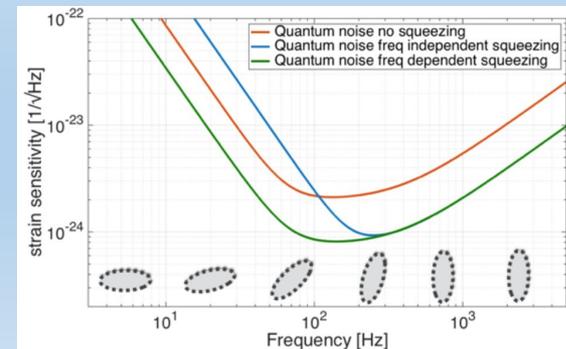
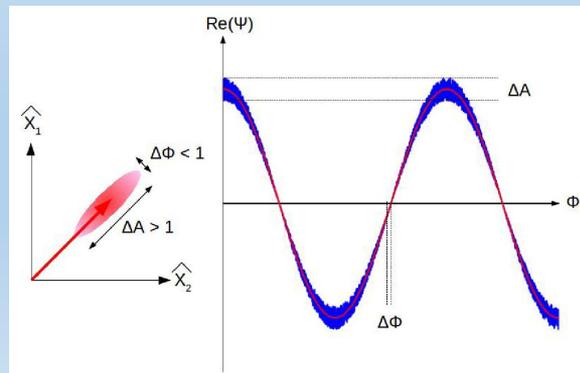
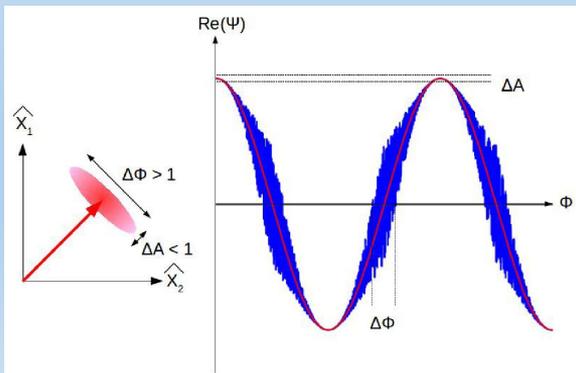
In Dirac notation coherent states are noted as  $|\alpha\rangle$  where  $\alpha$  is the coherent amplitude of the state.

They are generated from vacuum states  $|0\rangle$  using the unitary displacement operator  $D(\alpha)$ :

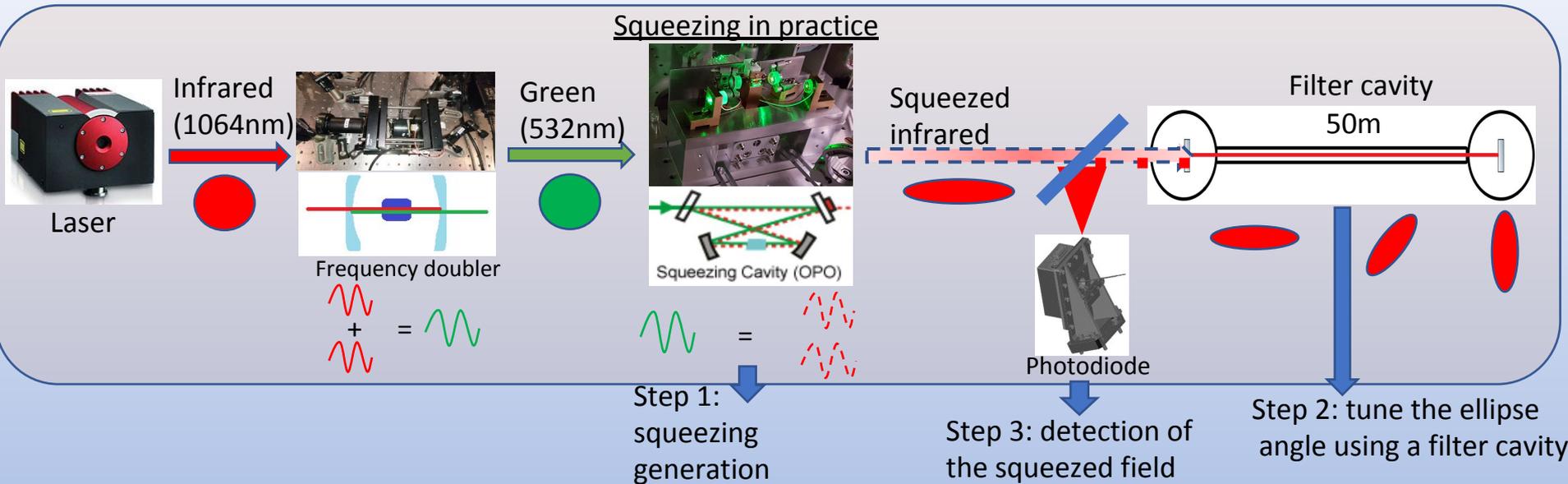
$$|\alpha\rangle = \hat{D}(\alpha) |0\rangle \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{D}(\alpha) = \exp(\alpha \hat{a}^\dagger - \alpha^* \hat{a}) \quad \text{and } \alpha \text{ is a complex number.}$$

Whereas squeezed state are noted as:  $|\alpha, \epsilon\rangle$   $\epsilon$  being the squeezing parameter:  $\epsilon = r e^{2i\theta}$

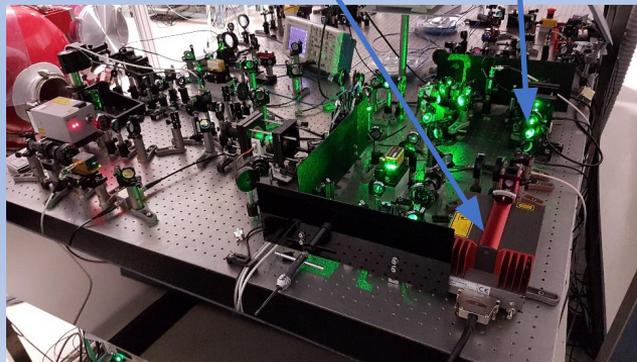
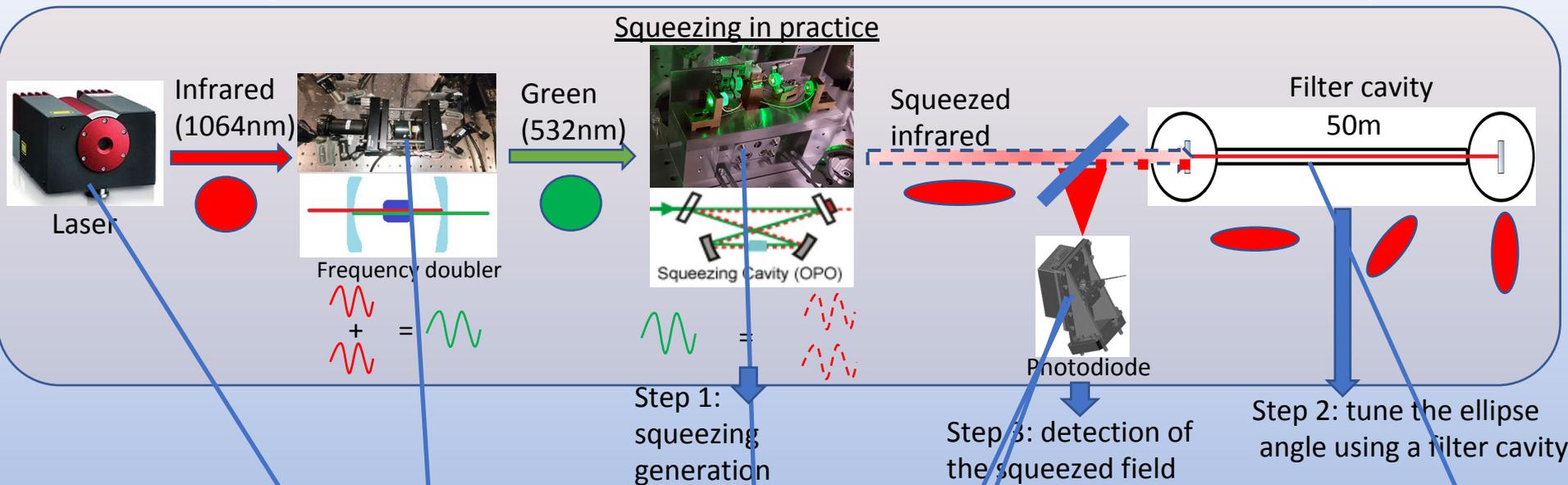
$$|\alpha, \epsilon\rangle = \hat{D}(\alpha) \hat{S}(\epsilon) |0\rangle \quad \text{where} \quad \hat{S}(\epsilon) = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} [\epsilon^* \hat{a}^2 - \epsilon \hat{a}^{\dagger 2}]\right)$$



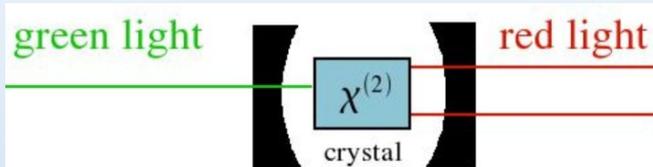
# Squeezed light at CALVA: global scheme



# Squeezed light at CALVA: global scheme



# Squeezed light in practice: step 1, producing squeezing



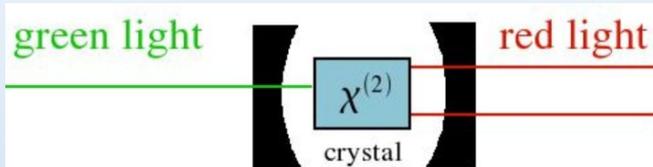
1 photon of green light (532 nm) produces 2 correlated photons of infrared light (1064 nm)

Electric displacement of the excited electrons due to incoming laser field:  $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$

For low power the electric polarization is:  $\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}$   $\chi^{(i)}$  being a tensor

$$P = \epsilon_0 \left[ \chi^{(1)} E + \chi^{(2)} E^2 + \chi^{(3)} E^3 + \dots \right]$$

# Squeezed light in practice: step 1, producing squeezing



1 photon of green light (532 nm) produces 2 correlated photons of infrared light (1064 nm)

Electric displacement of the excited electrons due to incoming laser field:  $\vec{D} = \epsilon_0 \vec{E} + \vec{P}$

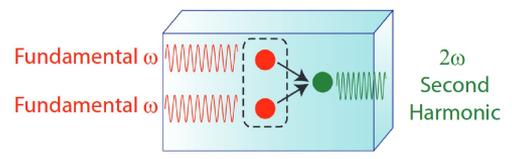
For low power the electric polarization is:  $\vec{P} = \epsilon_0 \chi_e \vec{E}$   $\chi^{(i)}$  being a tensor

$$P = \epsilon_0 [\chi^{(1)} E + \chi^{(2)} E^2 + \chi^{(3)} E^3 + \dots]$$

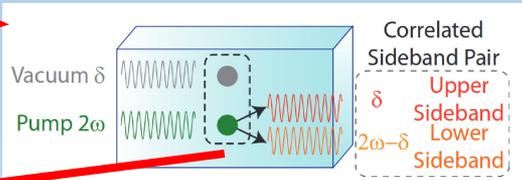
Considering 2<sup>nd</sup> order interaction:

$$P^{(2)}(t) = \epsilon_0 \chi^{(2)} [E_1 \cos(\omega_1 t) + E_2 \cos(\omega_2 t)]^2$$

$$= \epsilon_0 \chi^{(2)} \left\{ E_1^2 + E_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} [E_1^2 \cos(2\omega_1 t) + E_2^2 \cos(2\omega_2 t) + E_1 E_2 \cos((\omega_1 + \omega_2)t) + E_1 E_2 \cos((\omega_1 - \omega_2)t)] \right\}$$



$\omega_1 = \omega_2$

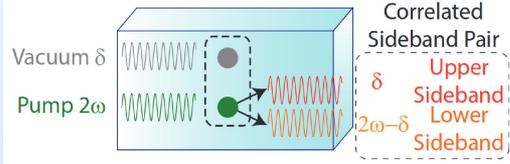


$\omega_1 = \delta$   
 $\omega_2 = 2\omega$

Squeezing

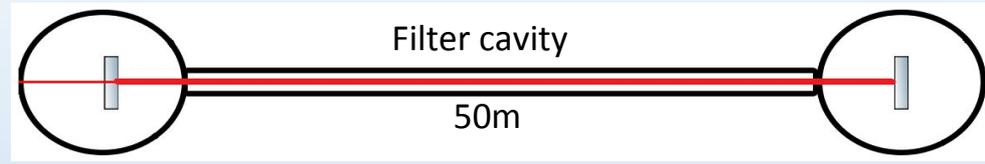
$\delta$  is the angular frequency of the photons produced by vacuum fluctuations

# Squeezed light in practice: step 2, controlling ellipse angle



$$\delta = \omega - \Omega$$

$$2\omega - \delta = \omega + \Omega$$

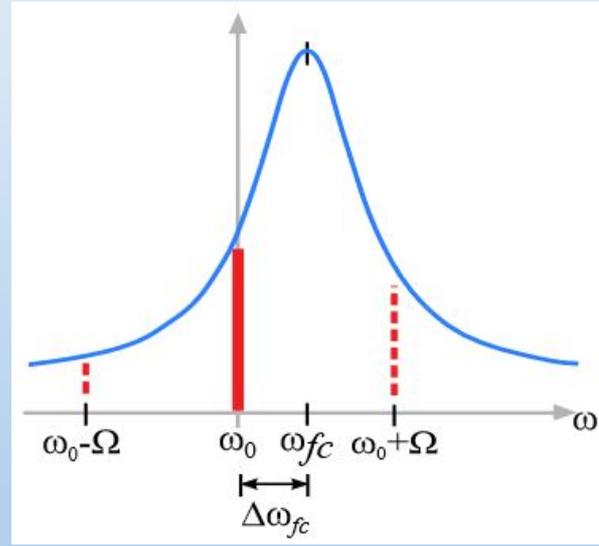


$$r_{fc}(\Omega) = r_1 - \frac{t_1^2 r_{rt} e^{-i\Phi(\Omega)}}{r_1 (1 - r_{rt} e^{-i\Phi(\Omega)})}$$

$r_{rt} = r_1 r_2$  is the roundtrip reflectivity and  $\Phi(\Omega)$  the roundtrip phase:

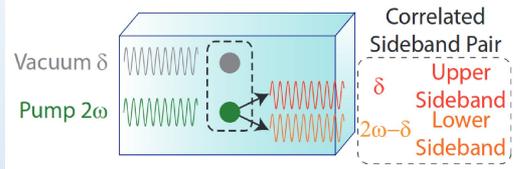
$$\Phi(\Omega) = (\Omega - \Delta\omega_{fc}) \frac{2L_{fc}}{c}$$

$L_{fc} = 50\text{m}$  and  $\Delta\omega_{fc}$  is the cavity detuning



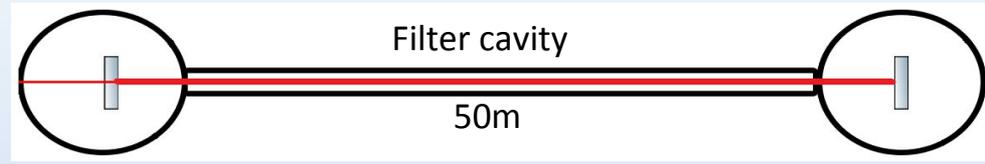
For the coherent sidebands produced by the OPO  $r_{fc}$  becomes  $r_{+fc}(\Omega)$  and  $r_{-fc}(-\Omega)$

# Squeezed light in practice: step 2, controlling ellipse angle



$$\delta = \omega - \Omega$$

$$2\omega - \delta = \omega + \Omega$$



$$r_{fc}(\Omega) = r_1 - \frac{t_1^2 r_{rt} e^{-i\Phi(\Omega)}}{r_1(1 - r_{rt} e^{-i\Phi(\Omega)})}$$

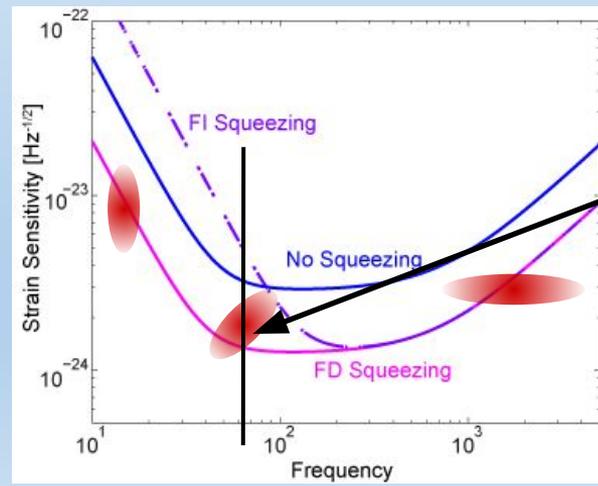
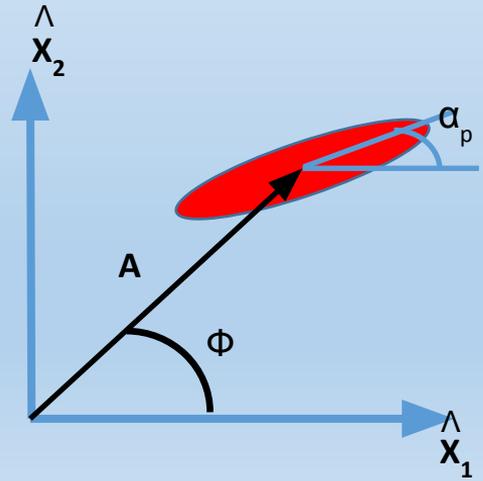
$$\gamma_{fc} = \frac{\pi \cdot c}{2 \cdot L \cdot F}$$

$$\gamma_{fc} = \frac{\Omega_{SQL}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Then we have  $\alpha_{pm} = \arg(r_{\pm})$  and

$$\alpha_{pm} = \frac{\alpha_+ \pm \alpha_-}{2}$$

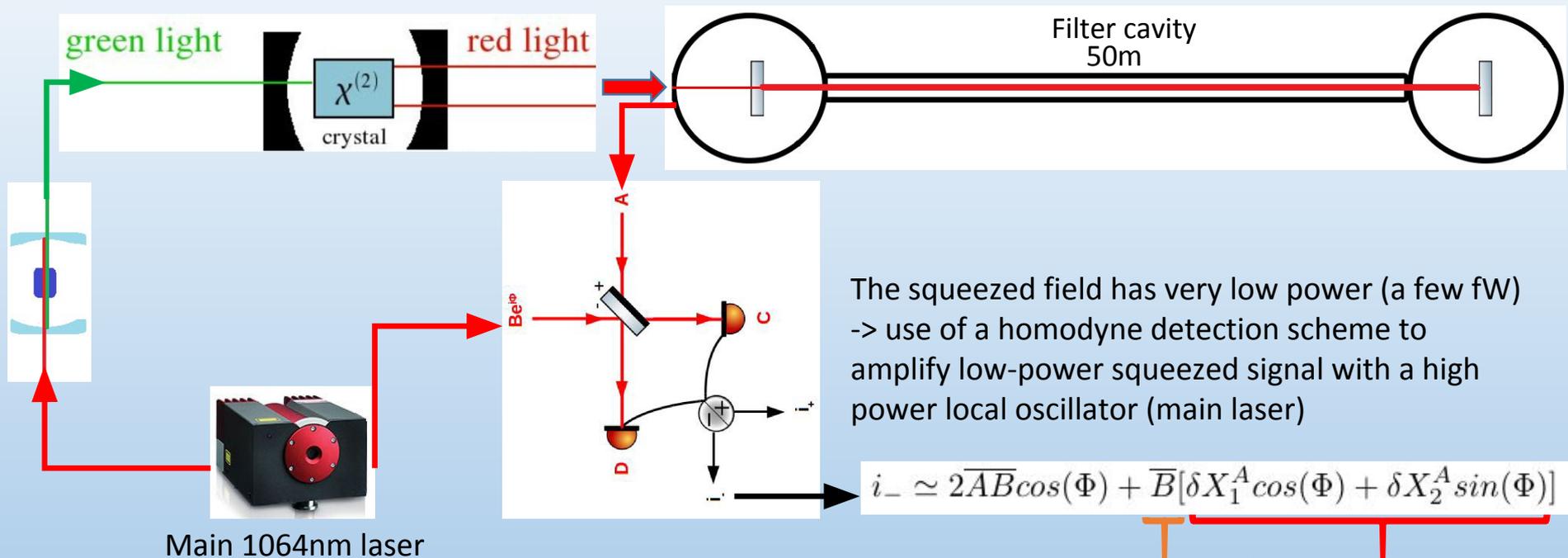
$$\alpha_p(\Omega) = \arctan\left(\frac{2\gamma_{fc}\Delta\omega_{fc}}{\gamma_{fc}^2 - \Delta\omega_{fc}^2 + \Omega^2}\right)$$



44 Hz for 42 kg mirrors of Virgo

$$\Omega_{SQL_0} \approx \frac{8}{c} \sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{arm}} \omega_0}{m \Gamma_{\text{arm}}}}$$

# Squeezed light in practice: step 3, squeezing detection



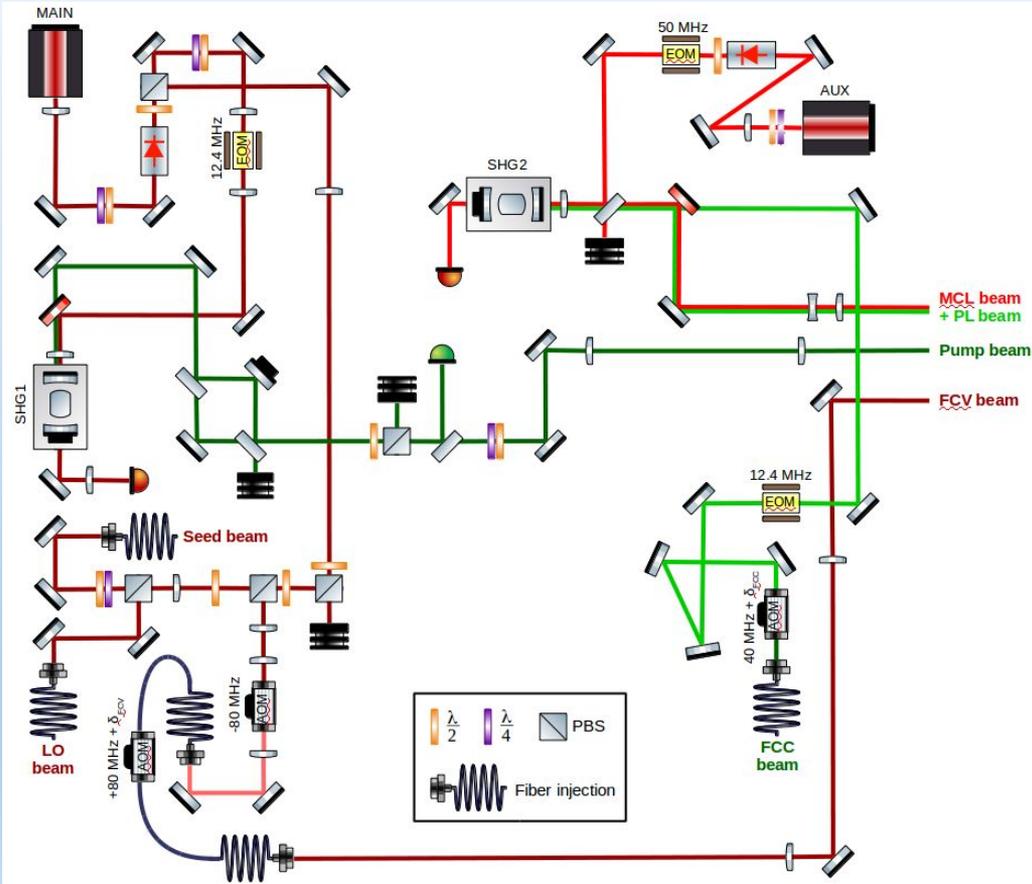
The squeezed field has very low power (a few fW)  
 -> use of a homodyne detection scheme to  
 amplify low-power squeezed signal with a high  
 power local oscillator (main laser)

$$i_- \simeq 2\overline{AB}\cos(\Phi) + \overline{B}[\delta X_1^A \cos(\Phi) + \delta X_2^A \sin(\Phi)]$$

Squeezed field amplified  
 by local oscillator field

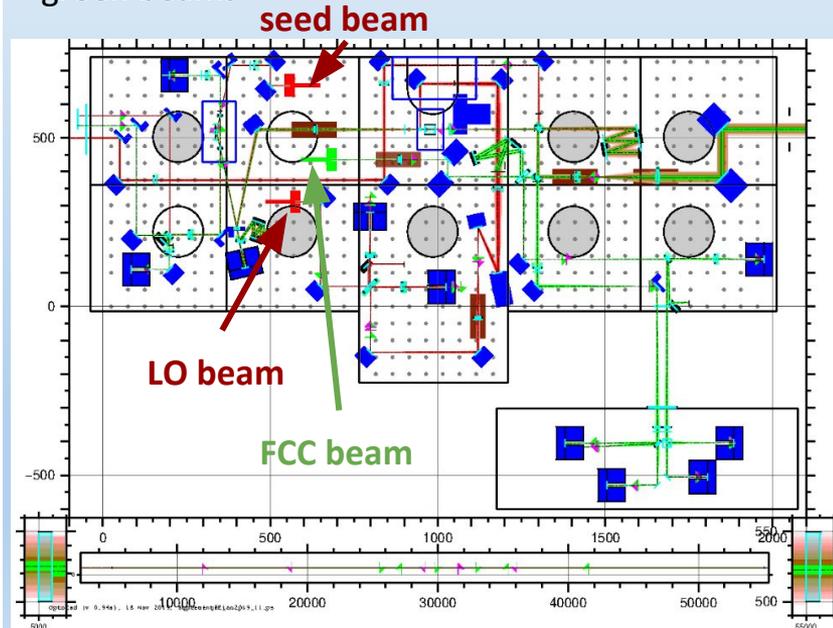
By tuning the relative phase  $\Phi$  between LO and SQZ  
 we can choose the observed quadrature

# Squeezed light in practice: optical schemes



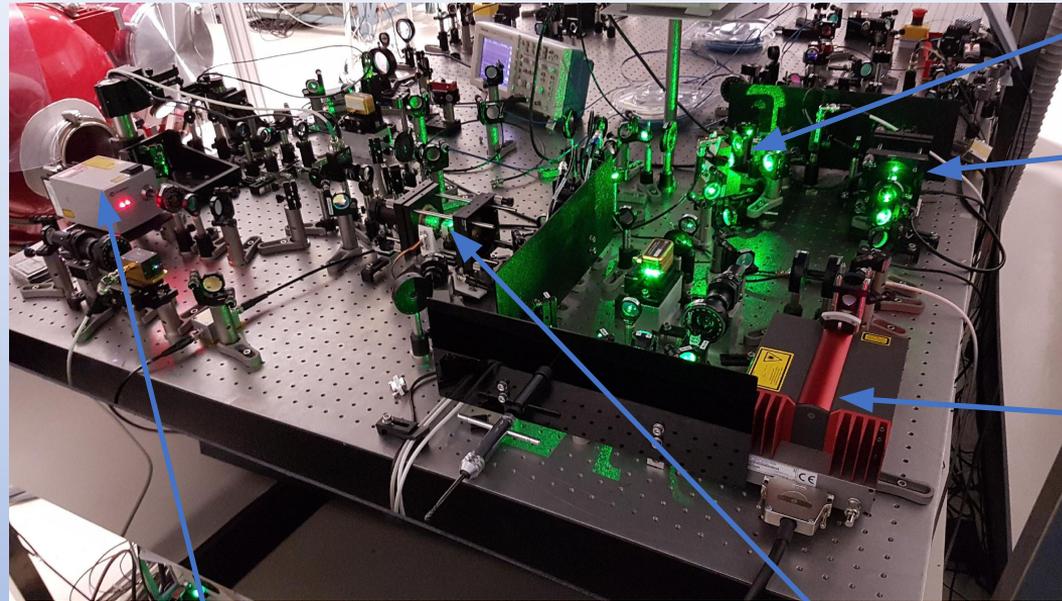
In-air laser preparation bench

- 7 beams generated on the in-air laser preparation bench and sent to the in-vacuum bench
- 2 IR laser
- 2 Second Harmonic Generators (SHG) to produce green beams



In-vacuum bench

# Laser preparation bench



Mach-Zehnder for pump power control

Frequency doubler 200 mW at 532nm  
(pump beam)

Main laser, 2W at 1064nm

- Beam to generate pump
- Local oscillator beam
- Seed beam
- Filter Cavity Verification beam

Frequency doubler 50mW at 532nm  
(Filter Cavity Control beam)

Auxiliary laser, 500 mW at 1064nm

- Modified Coherent Locking beam
- Beam to generate FCC

-> **This bench is nearly 100% completed.**

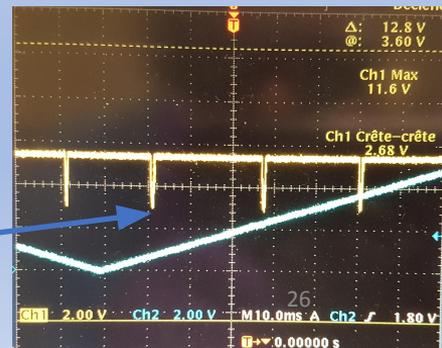
OPO

# In-vacuum bench

$\sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-7}$  mbar  
( $\sim 10^{-4} - 10^{-5}$  Pascal)

Faraday Isolator

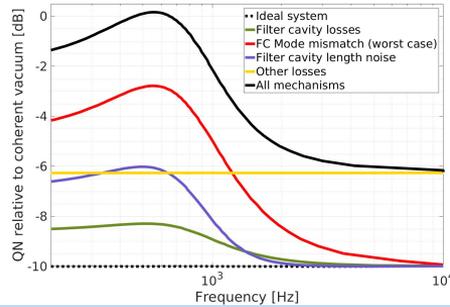
Homodyne detection  
(high quantum efficiency photodiodes)



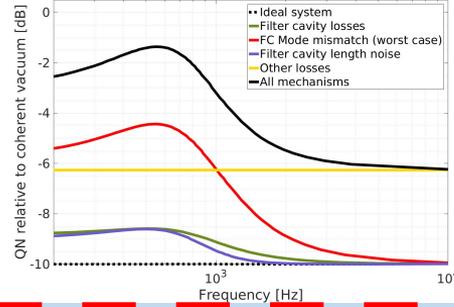
- > Everything is installed, commissioning ongoing
- Mode-matching of pump and MCL into the OPO => cavity resonances
- Tuning of homodyne detection

# Losses, a crucial point in squeezing

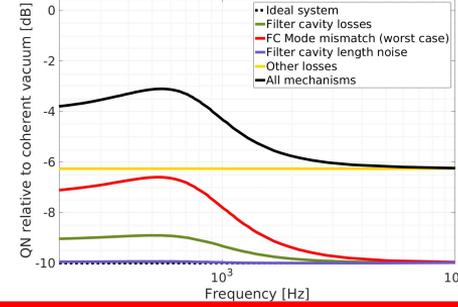
Mismatch = 15%,  
Length noise = 10 pm,  
RTL = 50ppm



Mismatch = 10%,  
Length noise = 5 pm,  
RTL = 40ppm



Mismatch = 5%,  
Length noise = 1 pm,  
RTL = 30ppm



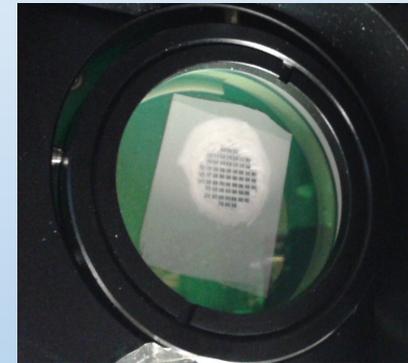
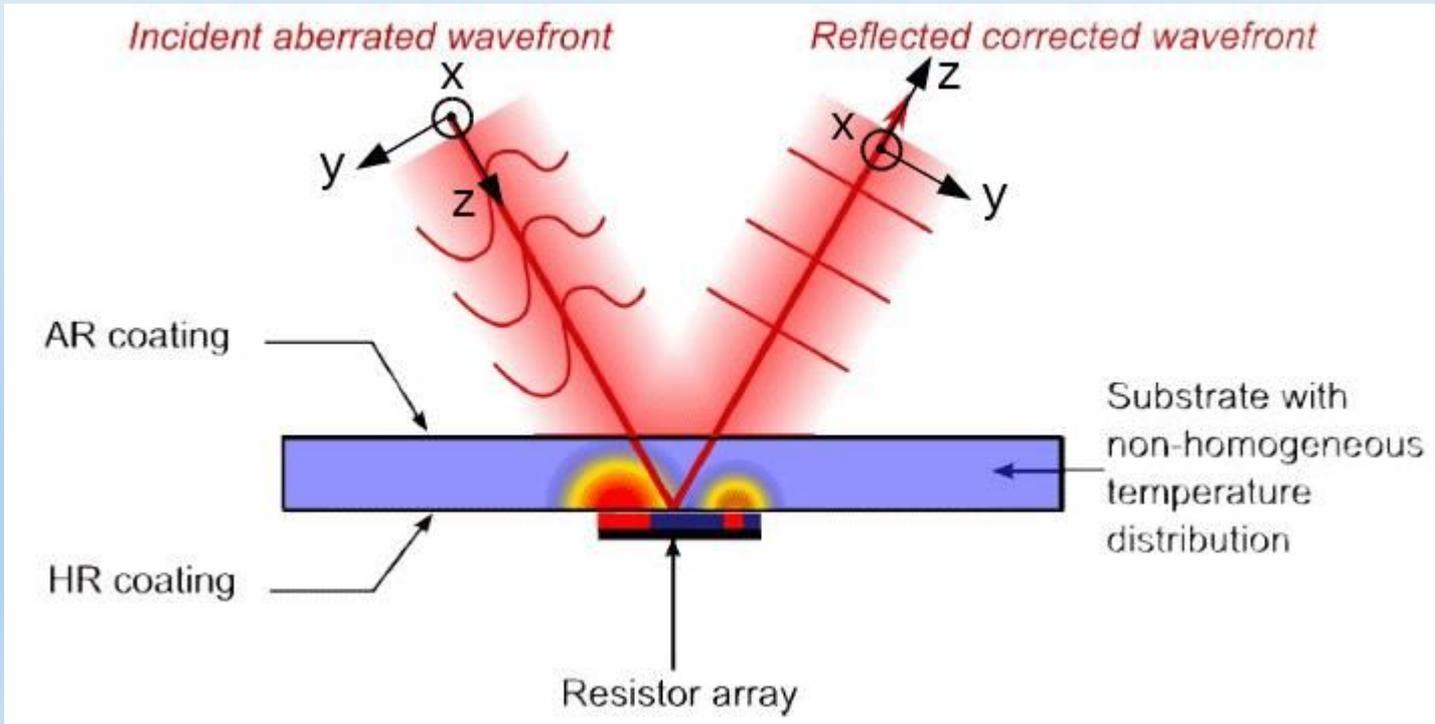
- There are irreducible frequency independent losses arising mainly from injection losses and readout losses.
- Filter cavity losses reduce the squeezing performance at low frequencies.
- The length noise of the cavity should be reduced as much as possible.
- The matching of the squeezed beam to the filter cavity is of crucial importance to reduce squeezing losses at low frequencies.

With 10dB injected squeezing we expect  $\approx 3-6$ dB of FDS performance

# Thermally Deformable Mirrors (TDM)

To improve the beam matching to a Fabry-Perot cavity we can use an adaptive optics system => test on CALVA of TDM

*started with Marie Kasprzack thesis (2014)*



Resistor array composed of 61 actuators

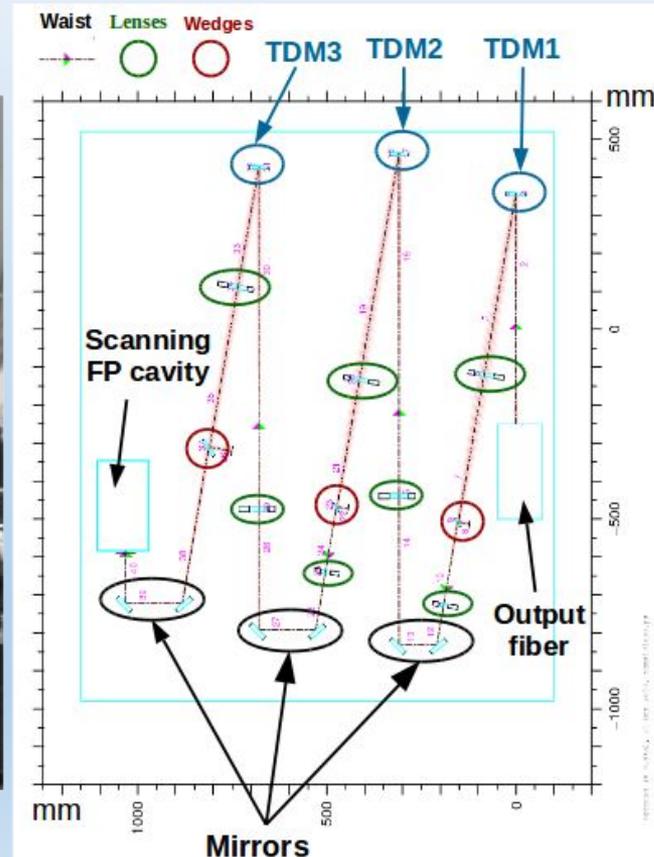
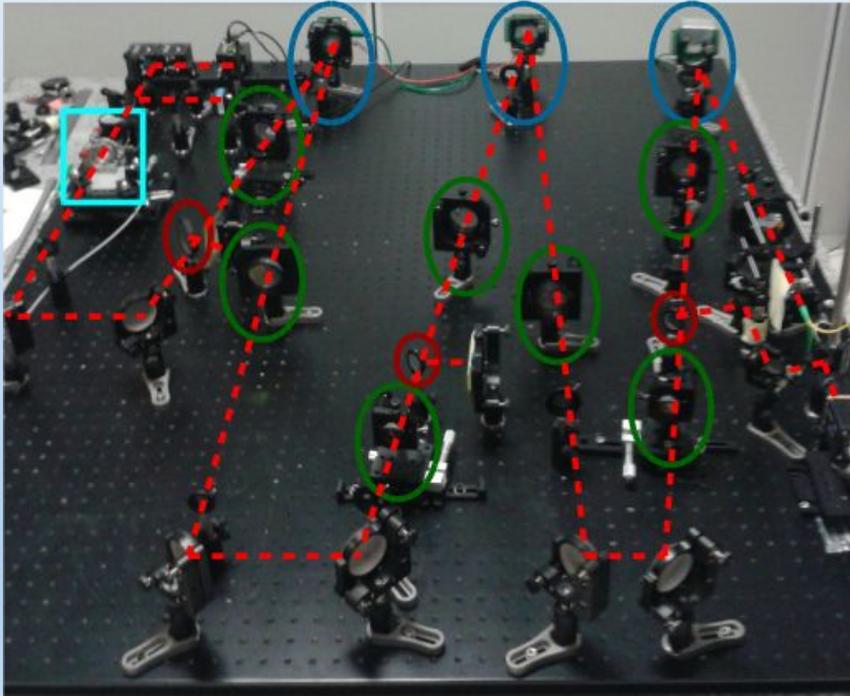
Beam radius  $\sim 2.6$  mm

Vacuum compatible

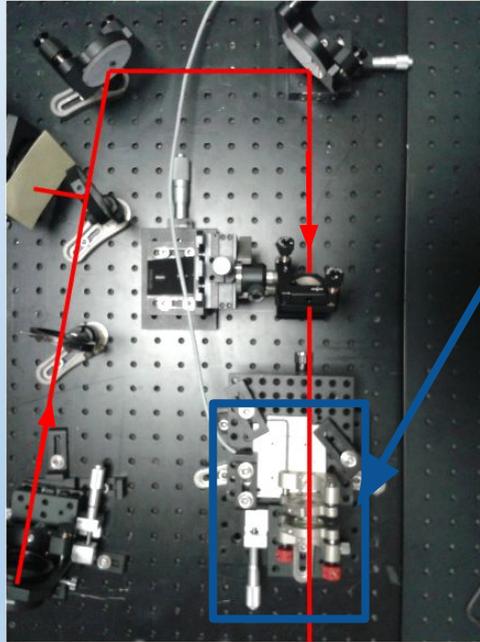
# Thermally Deformable Mirrors (TDM)

Need 2 TDMs to completely correct beam aberrations

1 more TDM to generate a test defect

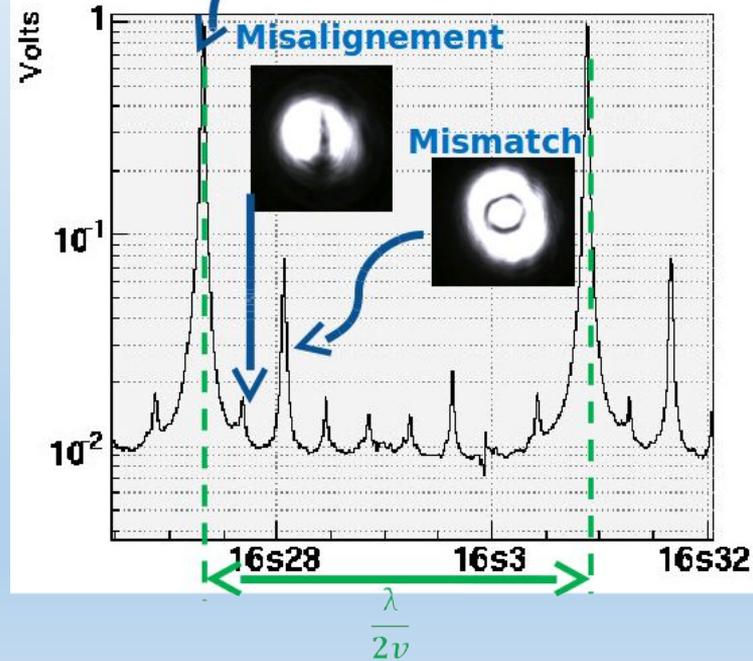


# Beam analysis with a Fabry-Perot cavity



- Hemispherical cavity from  $\sim 3$  mm to a few cm according to the beam waist size
- Finesse  $\sim 90$
- Plan input mirror on piezo (precision of 10  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- Spectrum by scanning cavity length  
 $\Rightarrow$  study of the beam content
- Minimizing misalignment to reduce order 1 and mismatch to reduce order 2

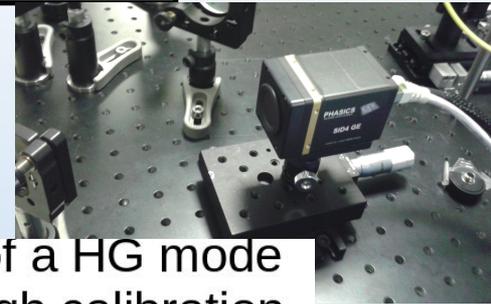
Fundamental



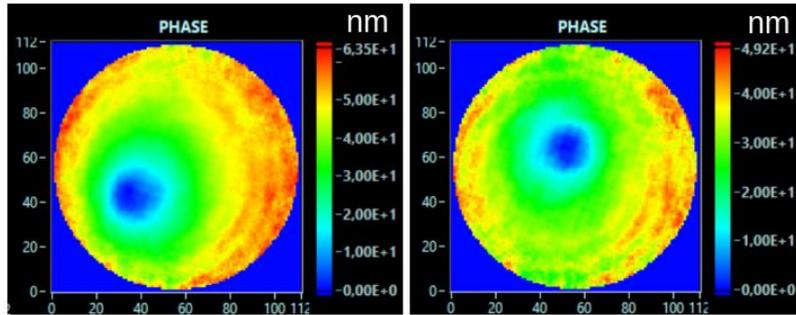
# Beam analysis with a wavefront sensor: Phasics

Wavefront analysis of the beam on the TDM by positioning the Phasics in the image plane of the TDM

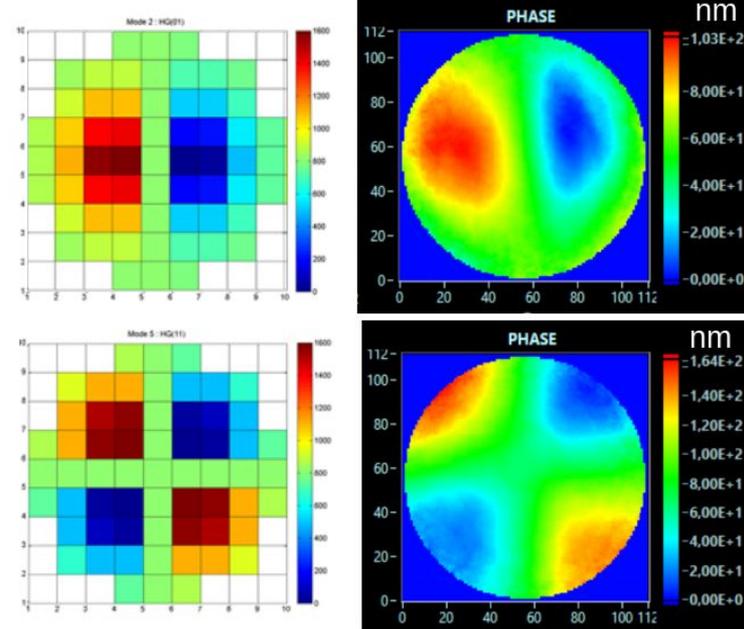
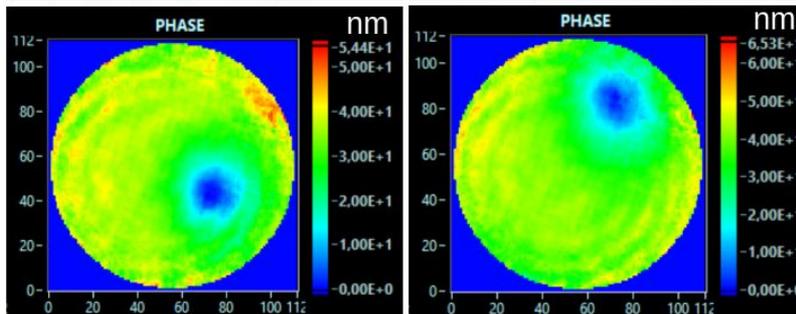
*Phasics in common with the ALEA team of the Accelerator division*



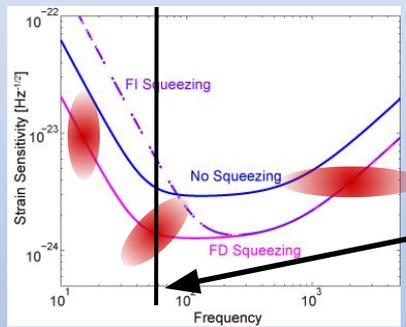
Turning on 1 actuator



Injection of a HG mode with a rough calibration



# Beyond Exsqueeze: Quantum Filter



≈ with variable R

$$\Omega_{SQL_0} \simeq \frac{8}{c} \sqrt{\frac{P_{arm} \omega_0}{m T_{arm}}}$$

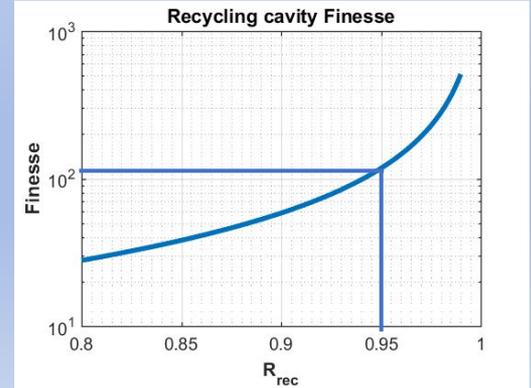
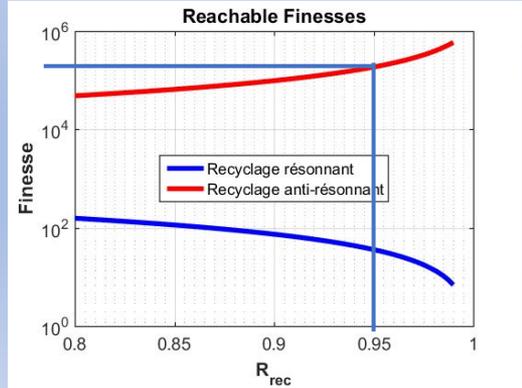
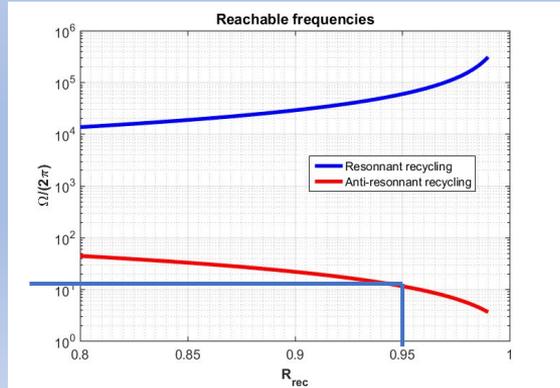
$$\gamma_{fc} = \frac{2 \cdot \pi \cdot \Omega_{SQL}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\gamma_{fc} = \frac{\pi \cdot c}{2 \cdot L \cdot F}$$

44 Hz for 42 kg mirrors of Virgo

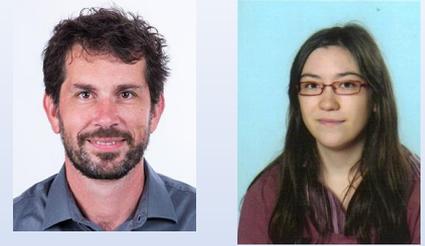
Not very flexible once length and finesse (mirror coating) have been fixed

Solution is to add another mirror to form a recycling cavity to get a variable Finesse

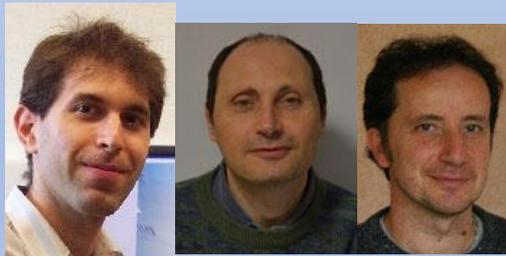




Mechanics : conception and realization



Electronics : conception and realization



Vacuum : conception and realization



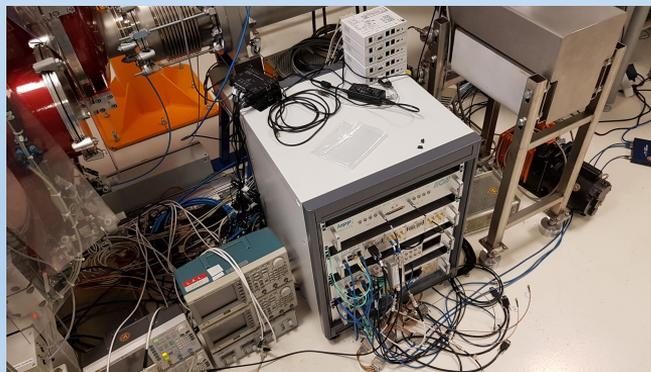
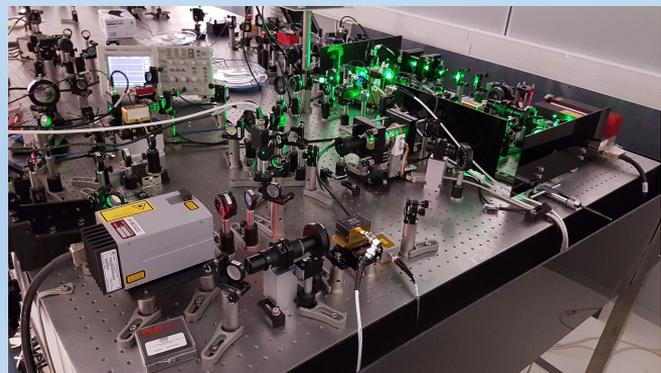
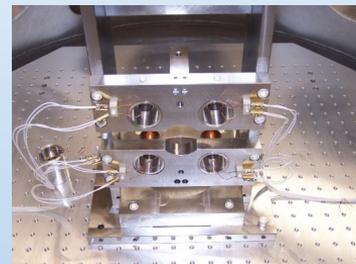
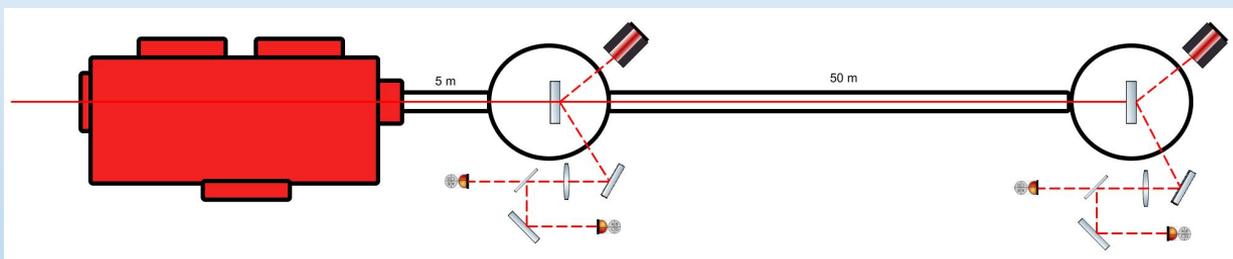
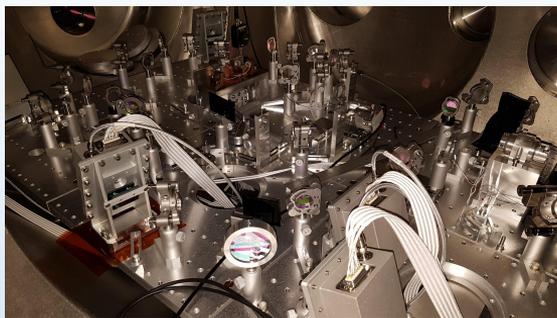
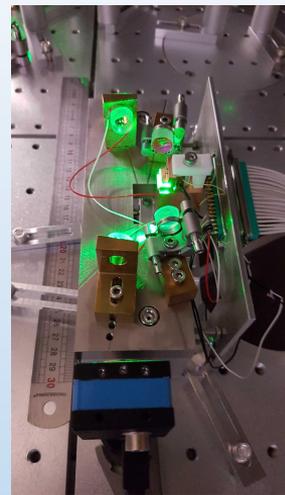
Laserix



and many more !!!!

# Conclusions

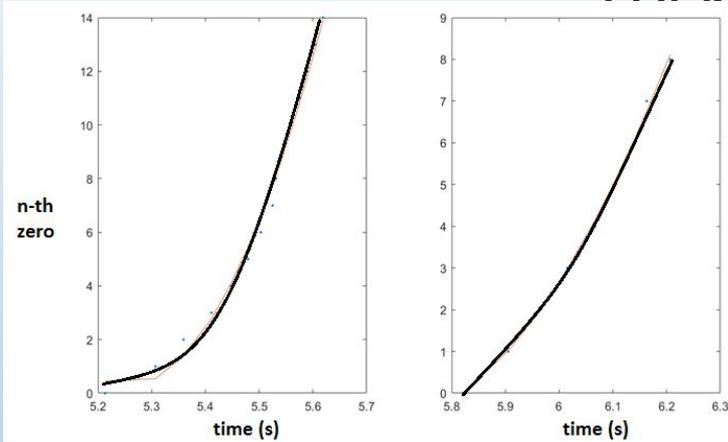
- Experimental platform dedicated to GW interferometer
- Tests new techniques - preparation of present project and future generation
- Collaboration with LIGO-Kagra-Virgo groups
- Creation and exploitation possible thanks to large use of engineering, infrastructure and administration teams
- Host large numbers of internships
- It is possible to visit - please contact us !



# BACKUP

# Calva : Cavity for the Lock of Advanced Virgo

## Lock on 1064 nm laser



By fitting the n-th zero of the derivative vs time with the expression:

$$n_{zero} = p_1 + p_2 \cdot t_{zero} + p_3 \cdot t_{zero}^2 \quad \text{With } p_3 = \frac{c \cdot v}{\lambda \cdot L}$$

On the 2 resonances we get  $v = 20.11 \mu\text{m/s}$  and  $5.83 \mu\text{m/s}$

Whereas the maximum speed should be:  $v_{max} = \frac{\lambda \cdot \pi \cdot c}{4 \cdot L \cdot F^2} = 18 \mu\text{m/s}$

(build-up time of the laser field in the cavity)

Also:  $v_{Fmax} = \frac{\lambda \cdot F_{max}}{2 \cdot F \cdot m} = 7 \mu\text{m/s}$  (Maximum acceptable speed due to maximum applicable force of the actuators)

$v_{Bmax} = \frac{\pi \cdot \lambda \cdot B}{F} = 6.7 \mu\text{m/s}$  (Maximum acceptable speed due to respond speed of the feedback loop)

# Quantum noise in GW detectors

Stokes reciprocity relations:  $|r|^2 + |t|^2 = 1$      $|r| = |r'|$   
 $rt^* + r'^*t = 0$      $|t| = |t'|$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \alpha_2 &= r\alpha_1 \\ \alpha_3 &= t\alpha_1 \end{aligned} \right\} |\alpha_2|^2 + |\alpha_3|^2 = (|r|^2 + |t|^2)|\alpha_1|^2 = |\alpha_1|^2$$

(Energy is conserved)

Now we apply the same treatment to quantum fields:

$$\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3 \Rightarrow \hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_3 \text{ and } [\hat{a}_j, \hat{a}_j^+] = 1 \text{ with } j=1,2,3$$

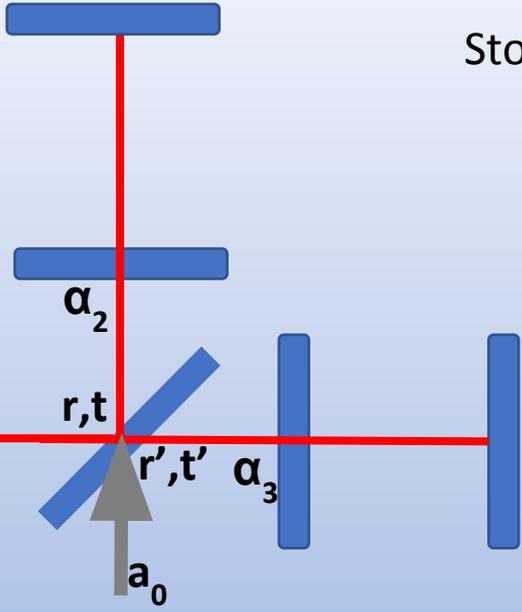
$$[\hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_3^+] = 0 \quad ?$$

$$[\hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_2^+] = |r|^2 [\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_1^+] = |r|^2$$

$$[\hat{a}_3, \hat{a}_3^+] = |t|^2 [\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_1^+] = |t|^2$$

$$[\hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_3^+] = rt^* [\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_1^+] = rt^*$$

In the classical description we could ignore the 4th input port because no light was entering, in the quantum field description this is wrong!



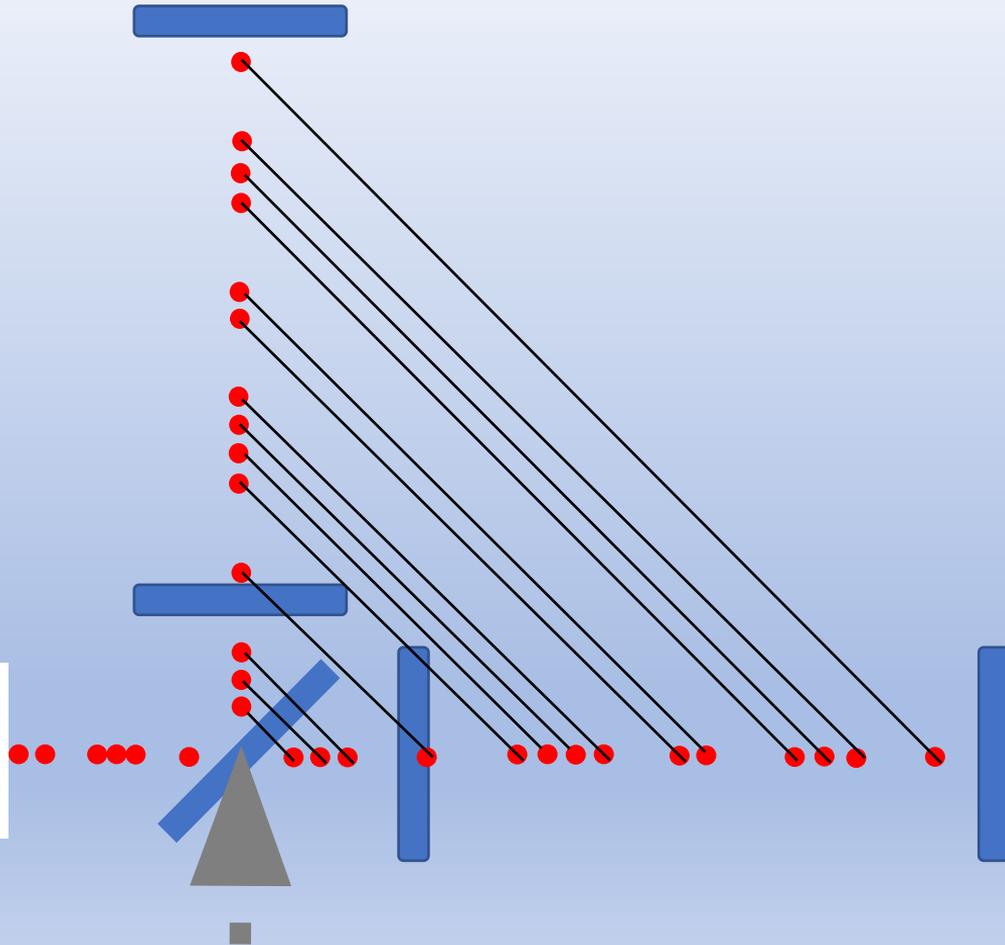
$$\hat{a}_2 = r\hat{a}_1 + t\hat{a}_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{a}_3 = t\hat{a}_1 + r\hat{a}_0$$

$$[\hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_2^+] = |r|^2 [\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_1^+] + |t|^2 [\hat{a}_0, \hat{a}_0^+] = |r|^2 + |t|^2 = 1$$

$$[\hat{a}_2, \hat{a}_3^+] = rt^* [\hat{a}_1, \hat{a}_1^+] + rt^* [\hat{a}_0, \hat{a}_0^+] = rt^* + r'^*t' = 0$$

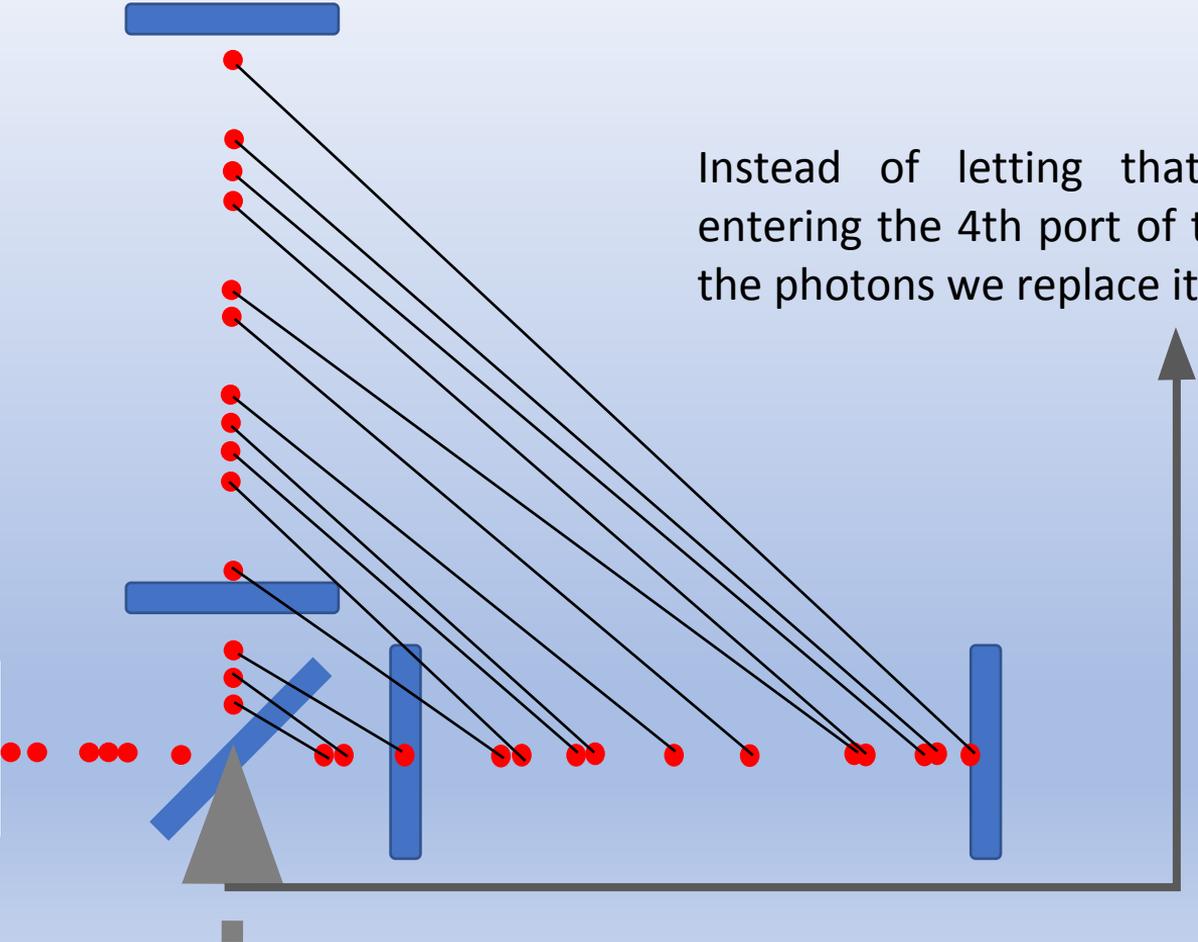
OK!

# Quantum noise in GW detectors



# Quantum noise in GW detectors

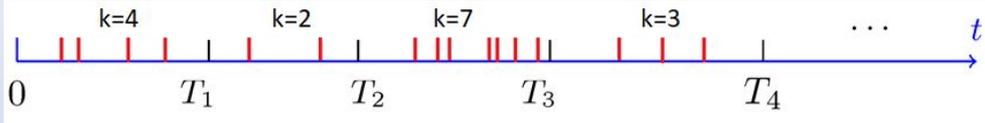
Instead of letting that noisy vacuum field entering the 4th port of the ITF and messing up the photons we replace it by the squeezed field.



# Beat the standard quantum limit using squeezed light



Coherent light



Photodiode

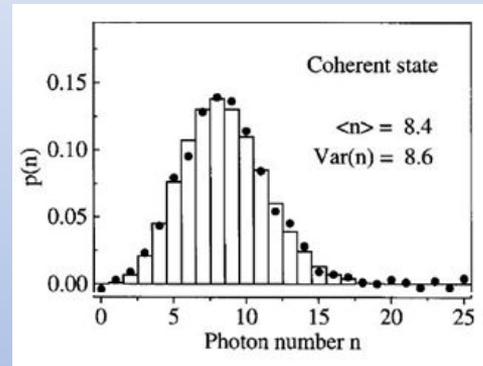


Probability to find  $k$  photons in an interval (binomial law)

$$P(X = k) = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-k}$$

Limit when total photon number  $\rightarrow \infty$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X = k) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-k}$$

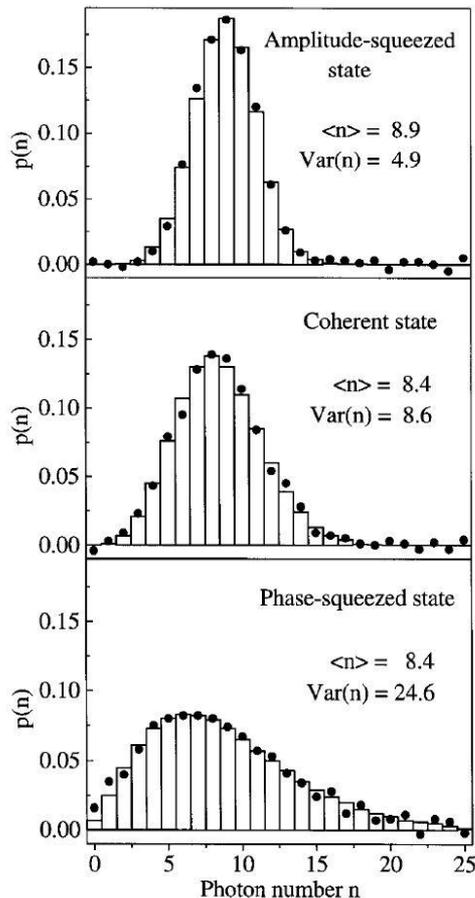


Measure photon distribution

$$P(\lambda, k) = \left(\frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}\right)$$

Poisson law

# Beat the standard quantum limit using squeezed light



## Sub-Poisson distribution

Higher probability to have  $\approx$  same photon number per interval « mirror has more chances to be hit by the same amount of photons per time interval and thus oscillates less hazardous »

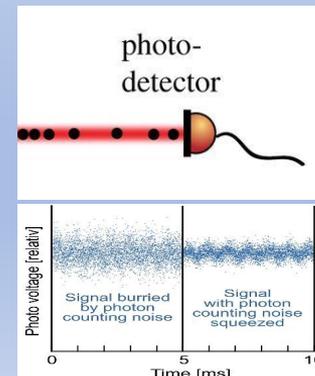
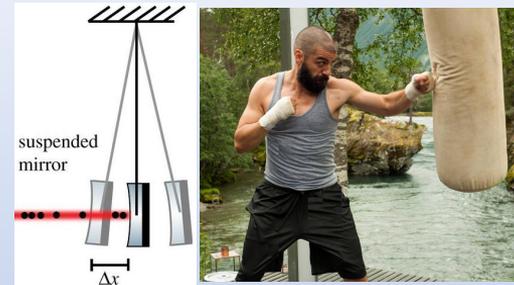
## Poisson distribution

Photon distribution badly affects both quadratures

## Super-Poisson distribution



Higher probability to have a nearly constant photon flux « photodetector has less probability to be hit by packets of photons followed by empty time periods »



# A few words about vacuum squeezing

## Vacuum squeezing:

The squeezed vacuum field has no coherent amplitude but its mean photon number is  $\neq 0$

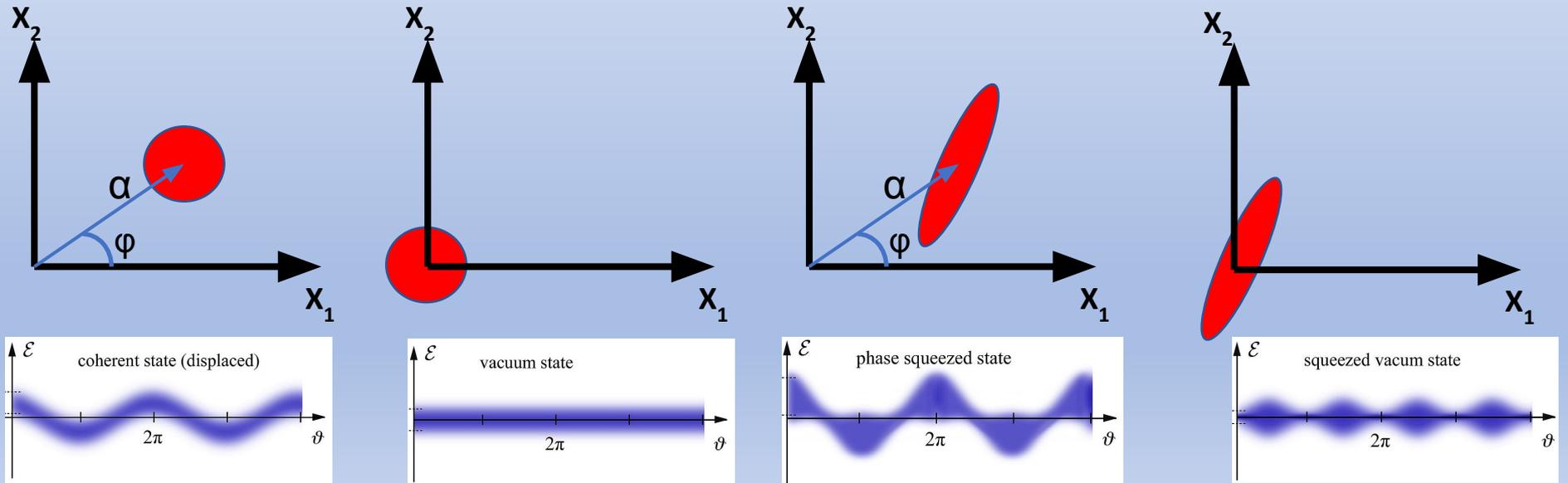
-> this leads to a power of a few fW in the beam. It can be interpreted as the required power to rearrange the noisy vacuum field into a less noisier squeezed vacuum field.

$$N_{\text{coherent}} = |\alpha|^2$$

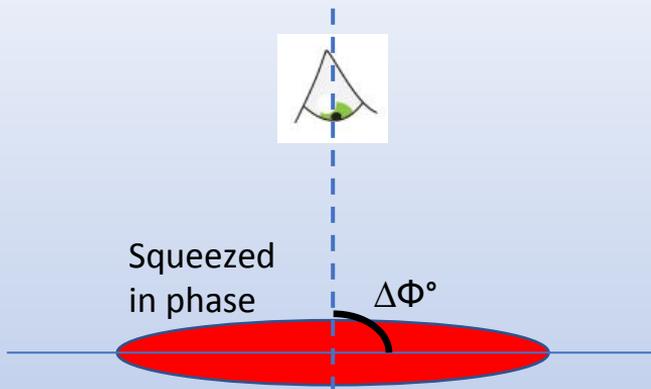
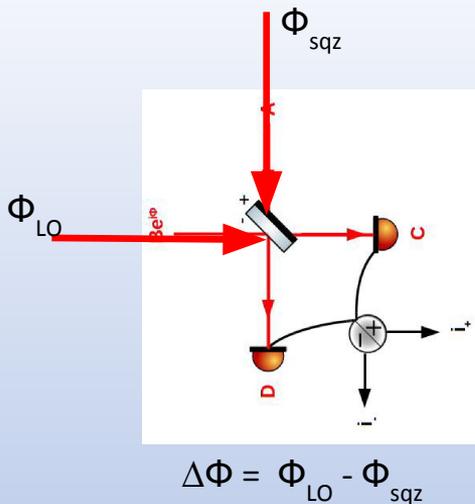
$$N_{\text{vacuum}} = 0$$

$$N_{\text{bright squeezed field}} = |\alpha|^2 + \sinh(r)$$

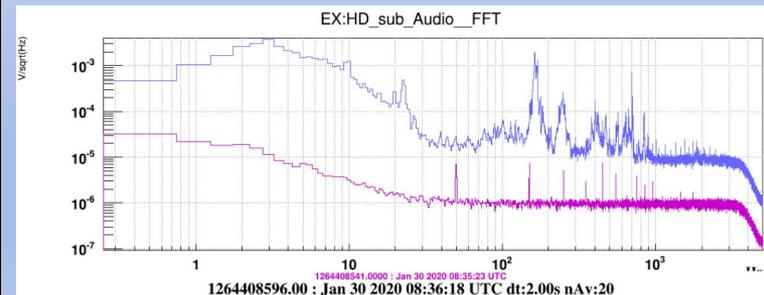
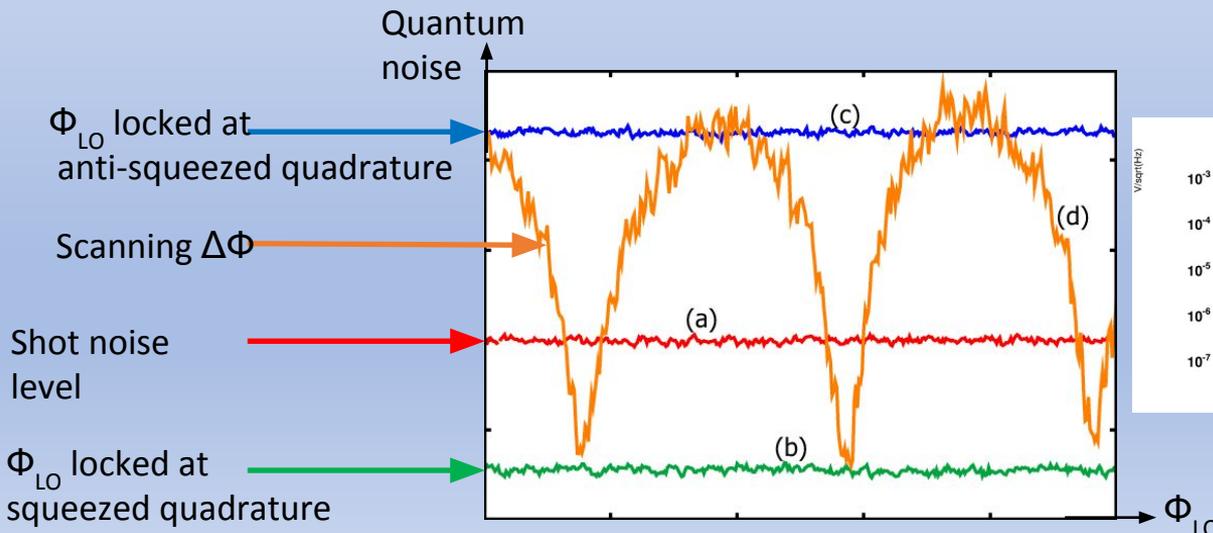
$$N_{\text{vacuum squeezed field}} = \sinh(r) \neq 0 \text{ when } r \neq 0$$



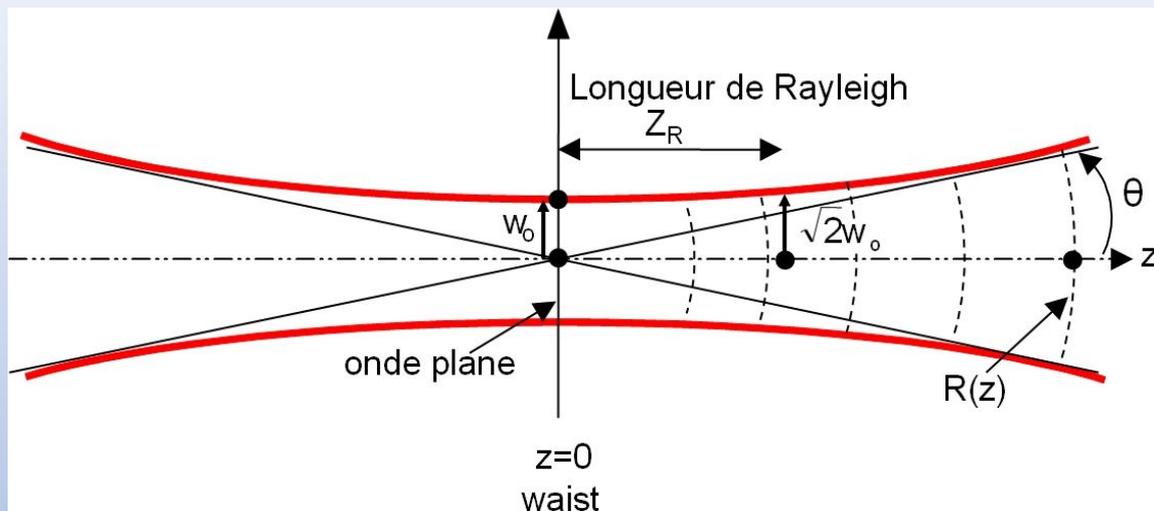
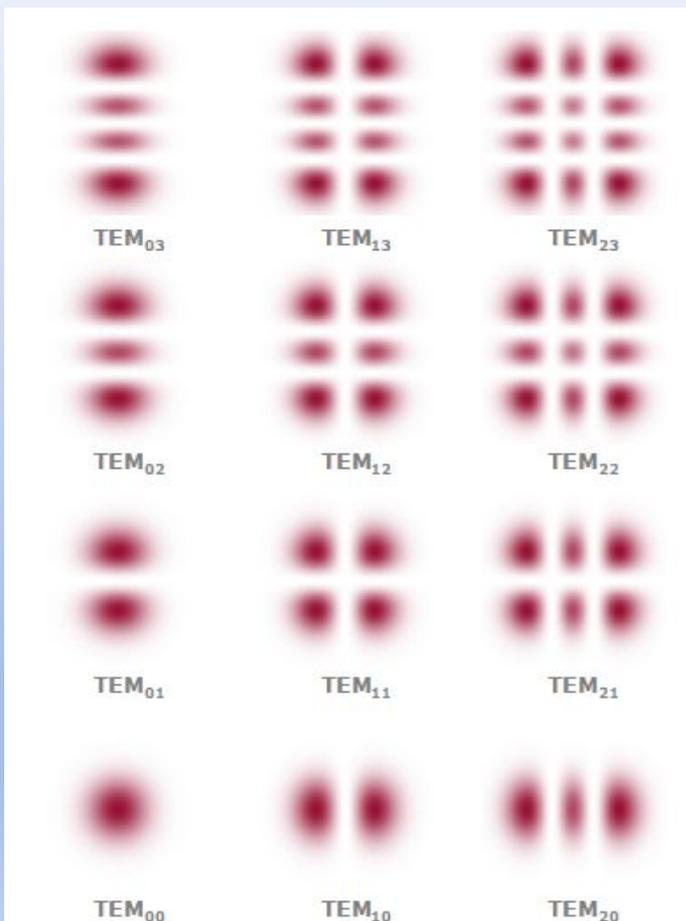
# Squeezing detection



Depending on  $\Delta\Phi$ , the observer will see anti-squeezing in amplitude instead of squeezing in phase



# Gaussian beam



Gouy phase (propagation):  $\varphi_{z_1}^{mn} = (m + n + 1) \text{Arctan} \left( \frac{z}{z_R} \right)$

Modes d'ordres différents => Déphasages de propagation différents