The AEI 10 m Prototype

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Seismic attenuation system

Suspension Platform Inteferometer

SQL Interferometer Suspensions

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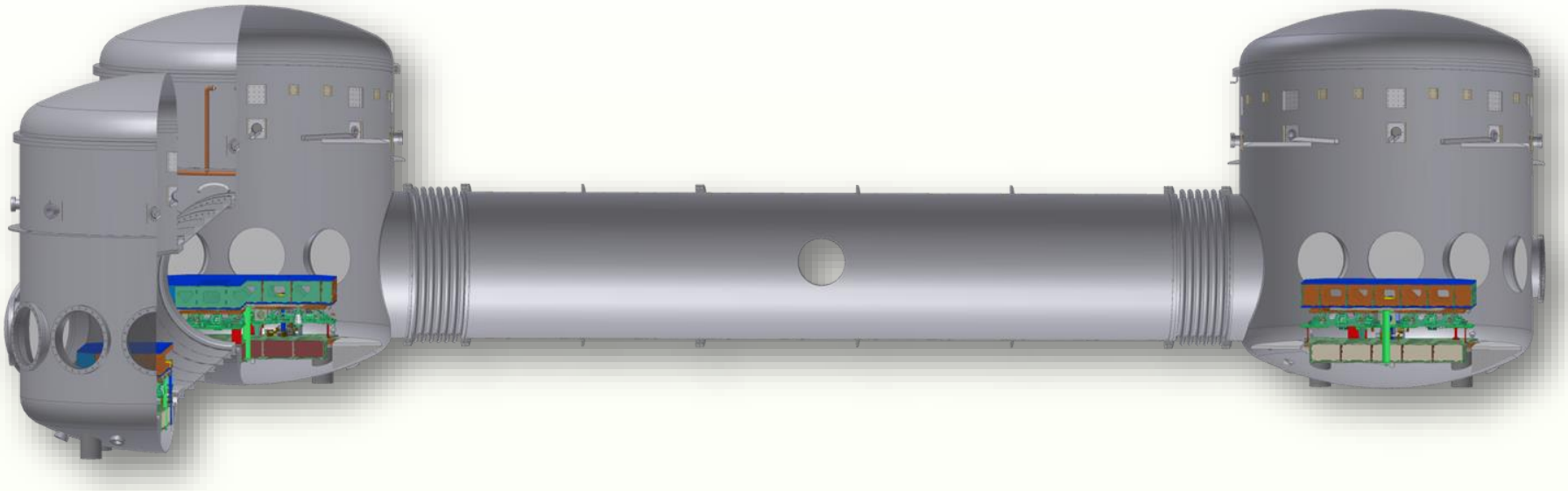
Low noise test bed for multiple experiments

- Prototype for future gravitational wave detectors
- Measurements at and below the Standard Quantum Limit

Features of the 10 m Prototype



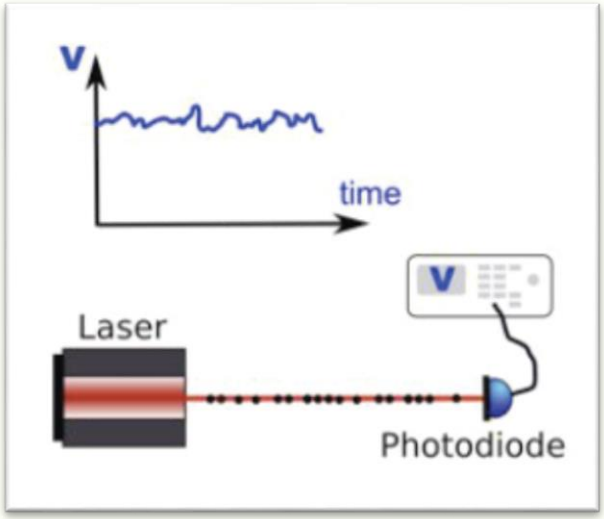
- Ultra high vacuum system
- Flexible configuration
- Seismic Attenuation System

The Standard Quantum Limit (SQL)

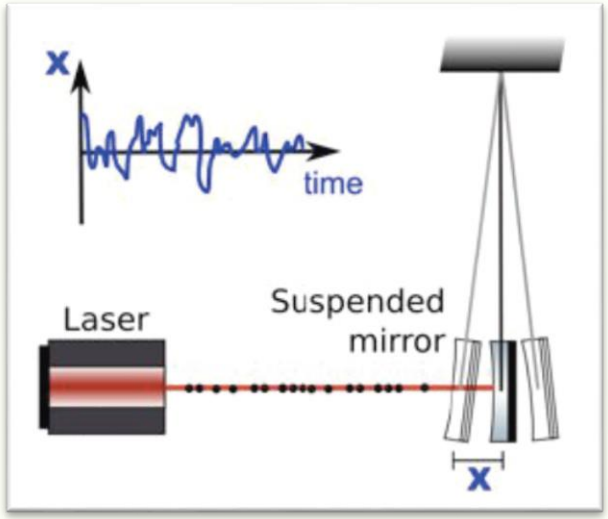
What is quantum noise?

- Photon shot noise at high frequencies
- Quantum radiation pressure noise at low frequencies

Photons in a coherent-state laser beam are not equally distributed



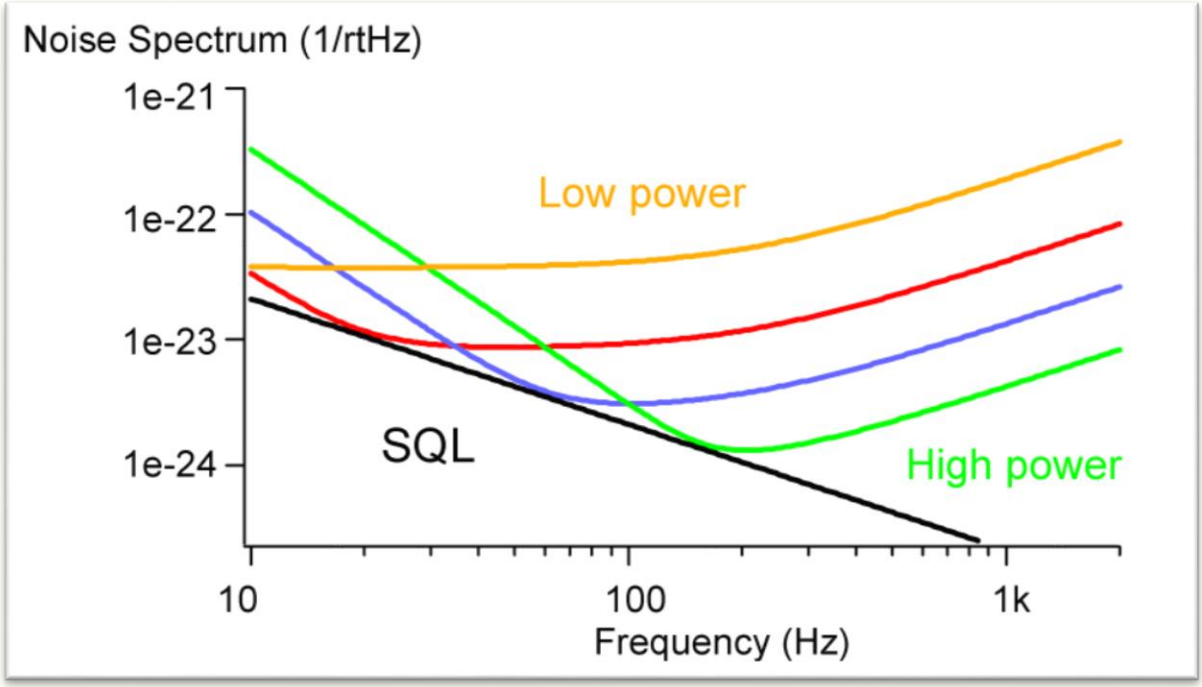
Photon shot noise



Quantum radiation pressure noise

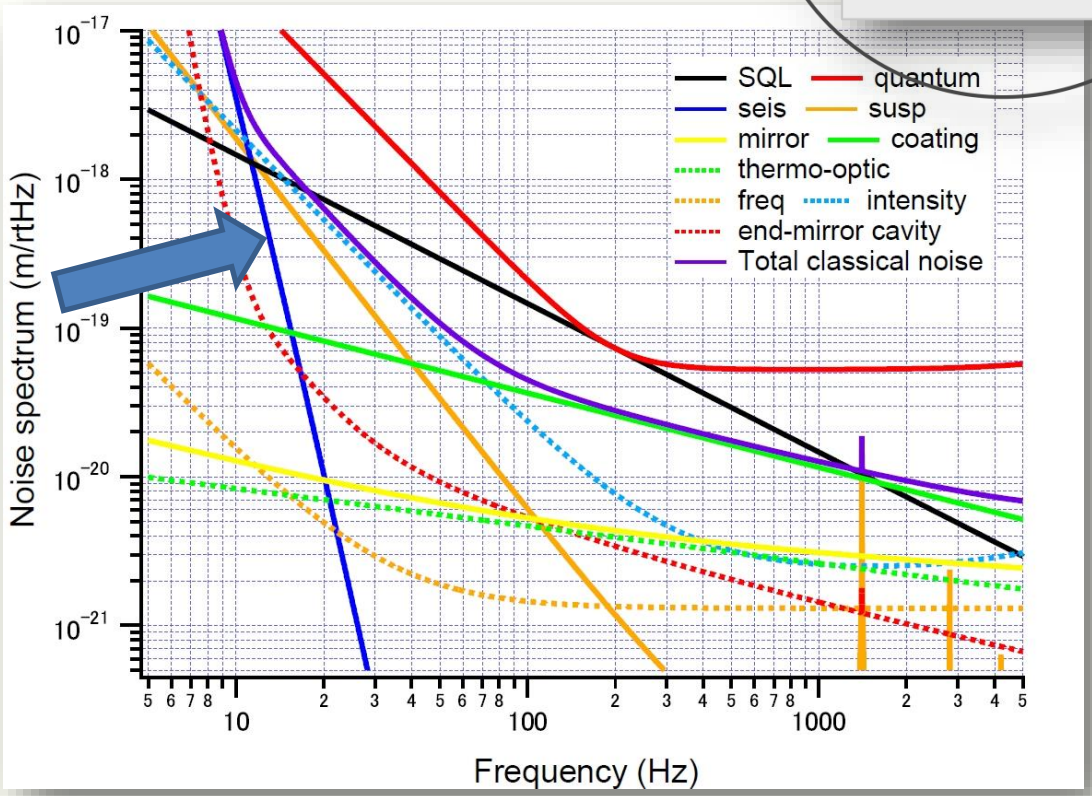
The SQL

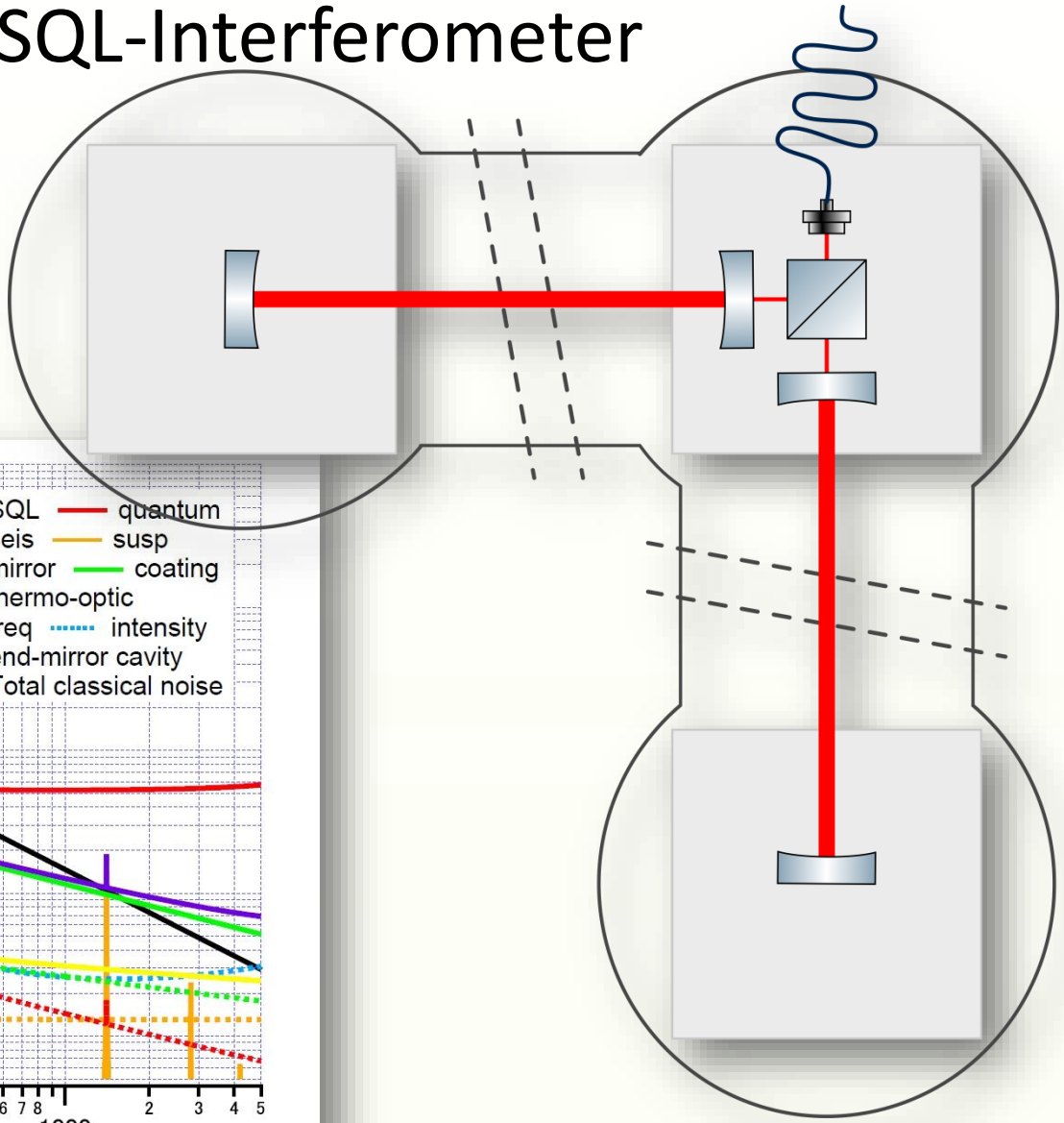
The SQL is the crossover between radiation pressure noise and shot noise



The SQL-Interferometer

Reduce all classical noise sources to be only limited by quantum noise





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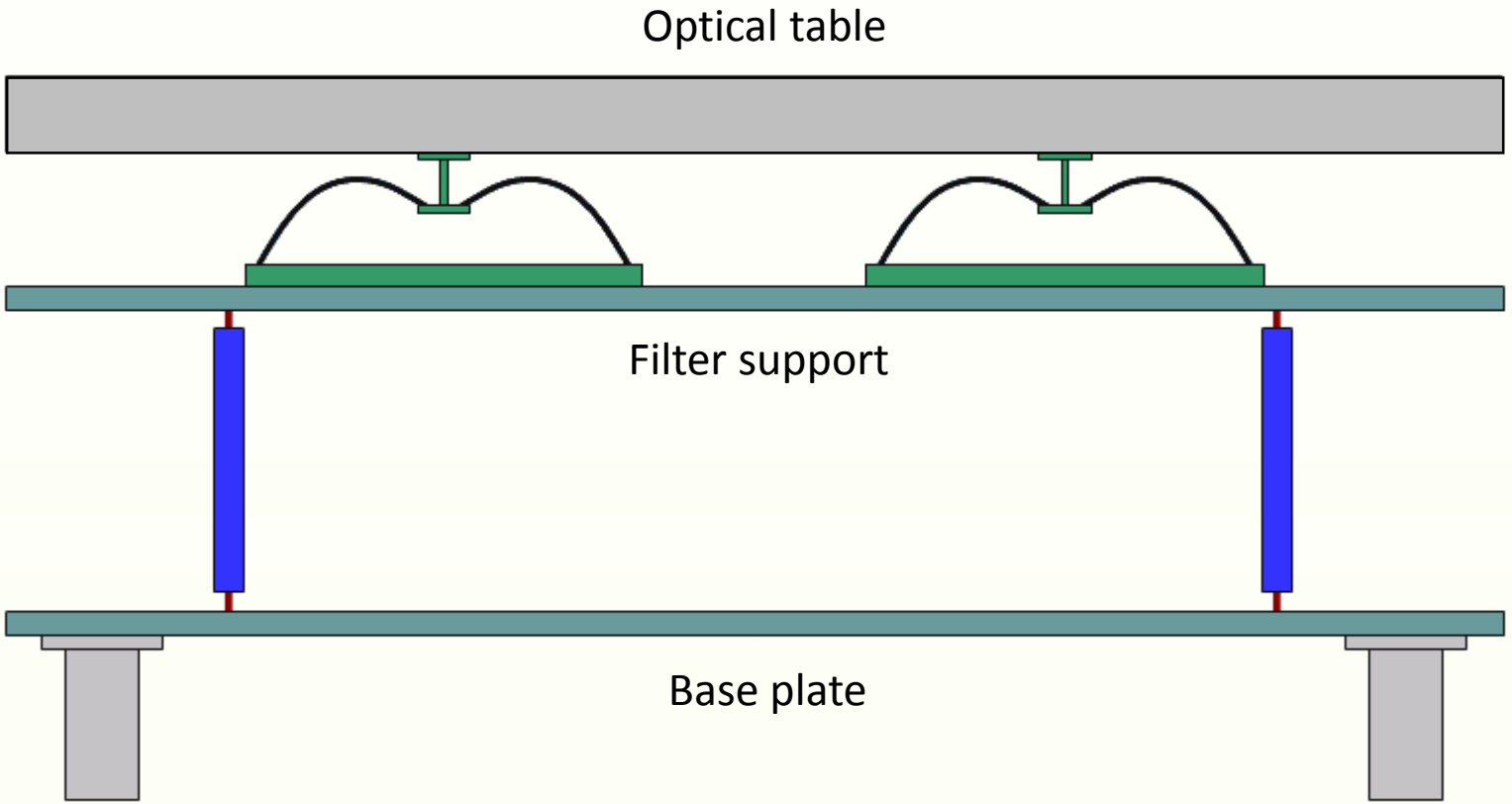

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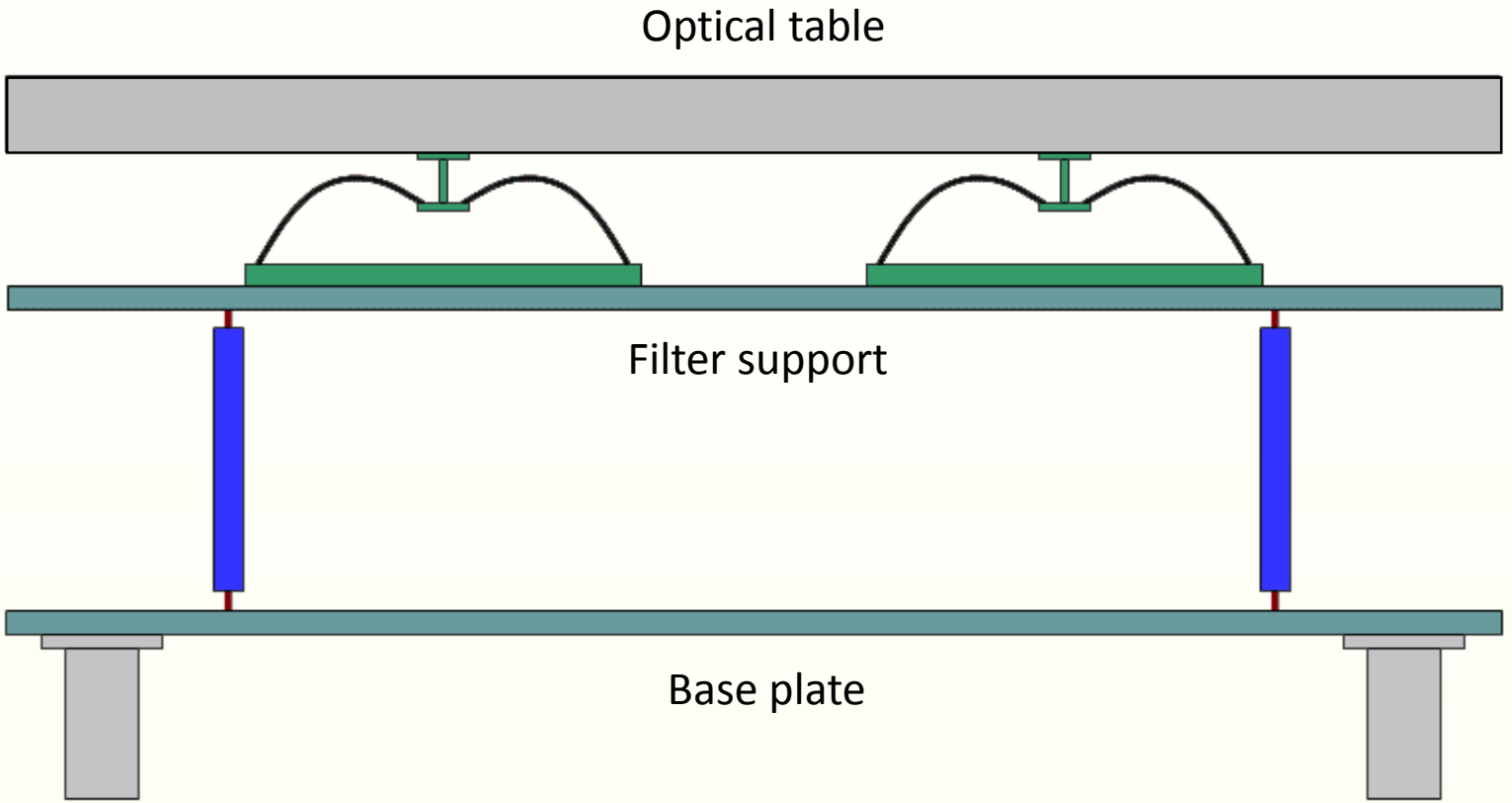
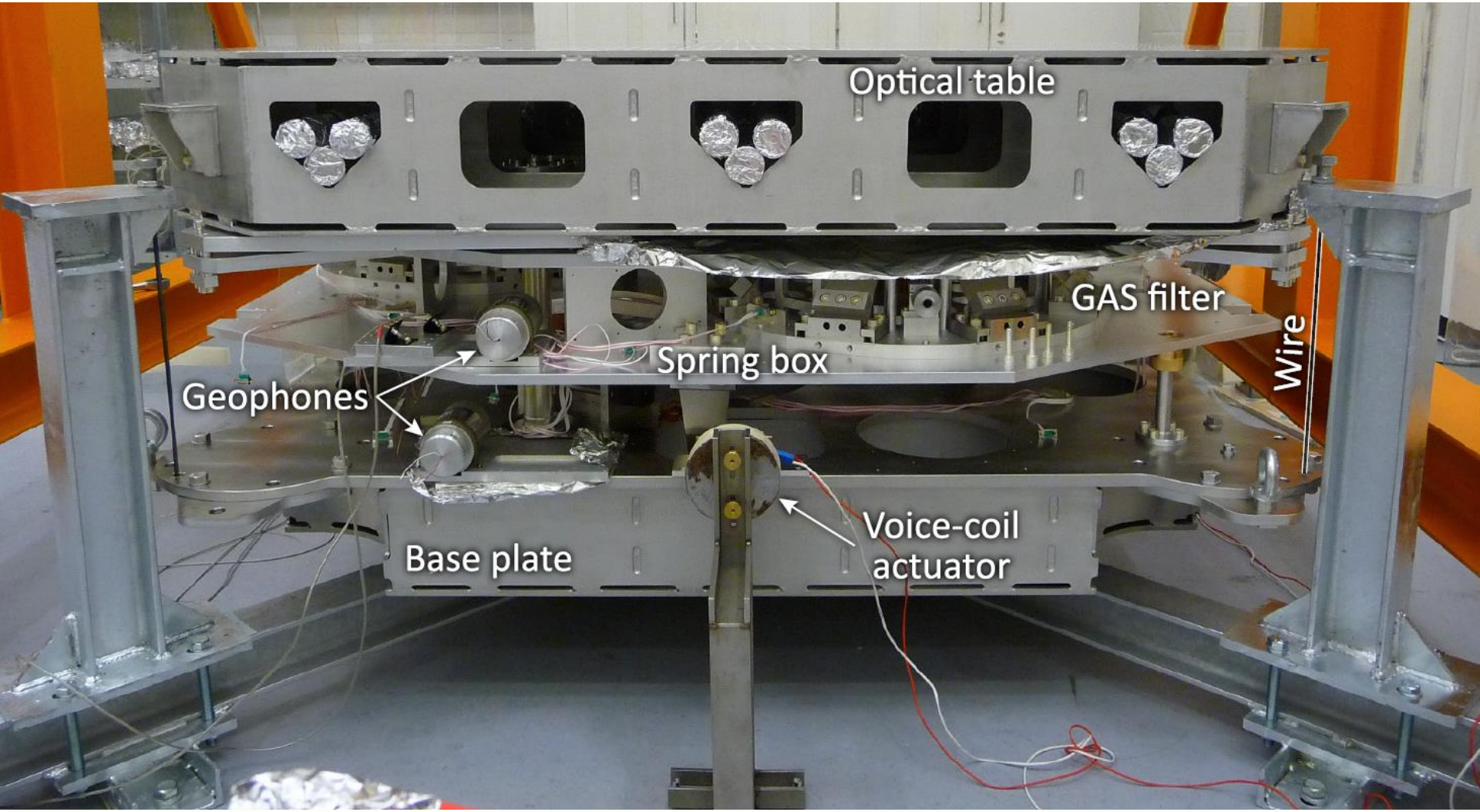
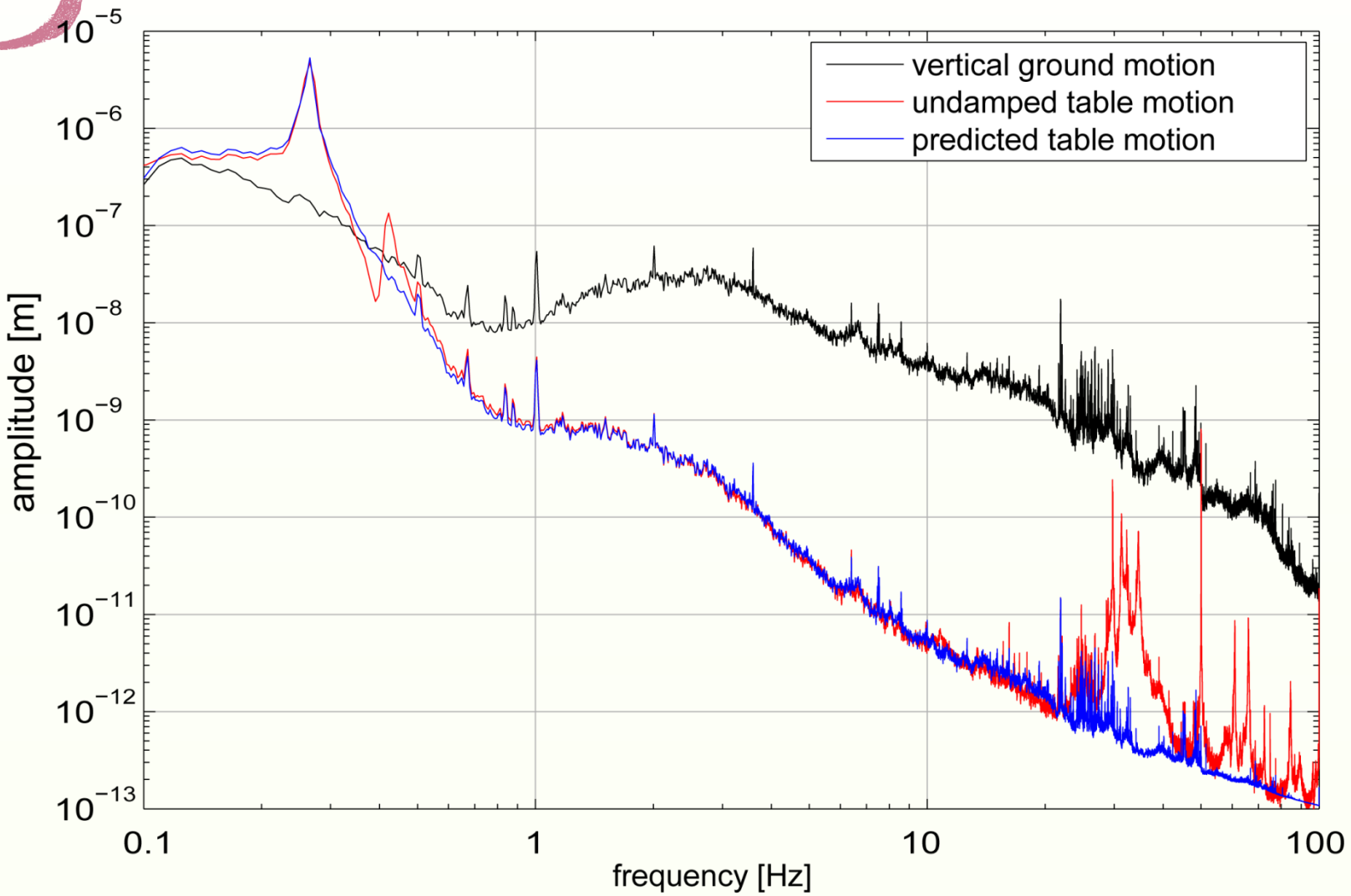


Seismic Attenuation System



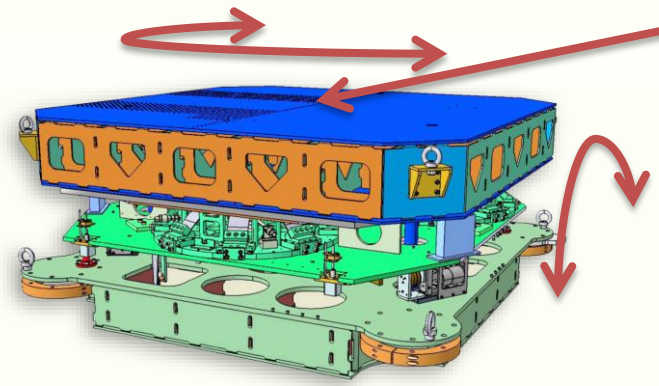
SAS vertical performance

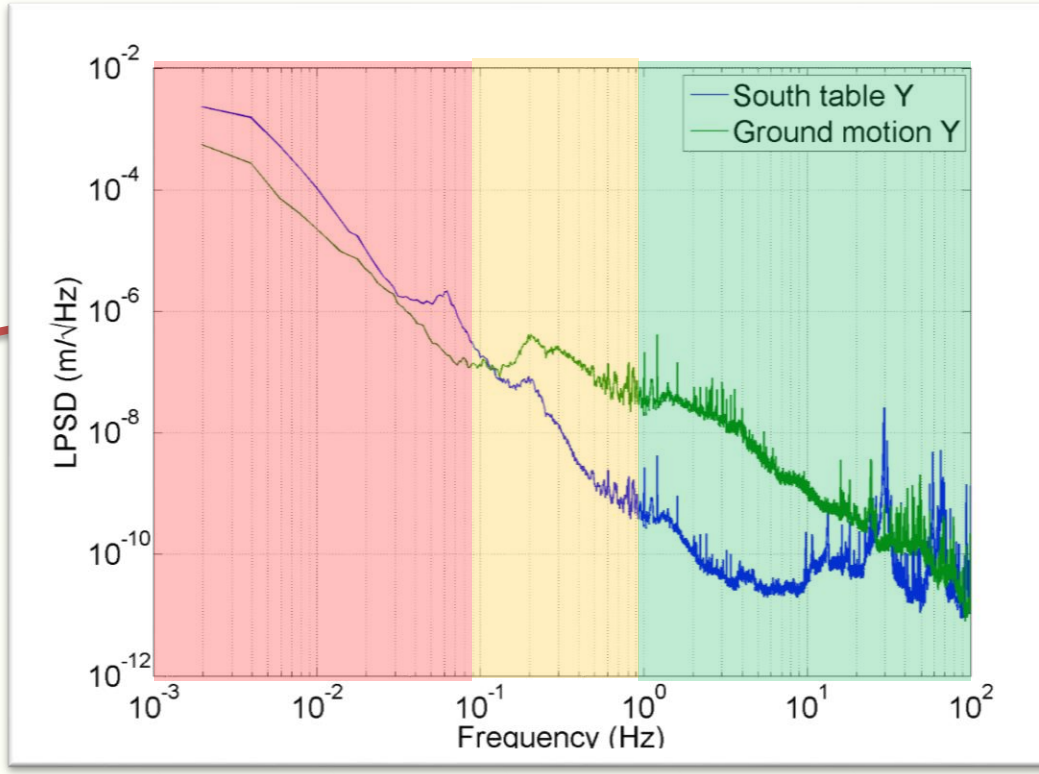


Purpose of the SPI

Control of the longitudinal and angular position of two SAS relative to each other:

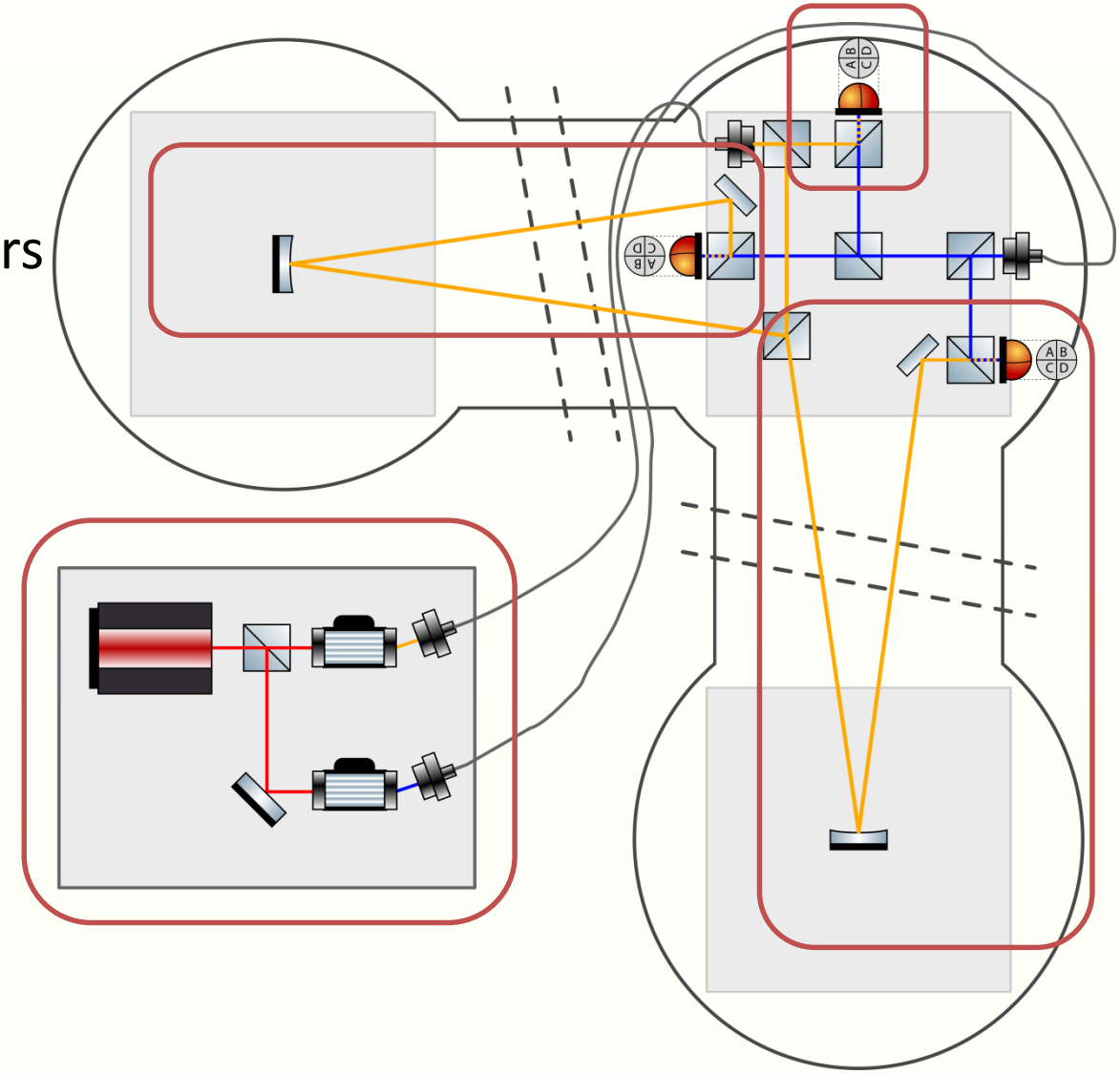
- Longitudinal:
  100 pm/√Hz @ 10 mHz
- Angular:
  10 nrad/√Hz @ 10 mHz





Working principle

- Heterodyne Mach-Zehnder interferometers
- Modulation bench outside the vacuum
- Two diagnostic interferometers
- Two measurement interferometers
- Phase measurement with phasemeter
- Differential wavefront-sensing (DWS)



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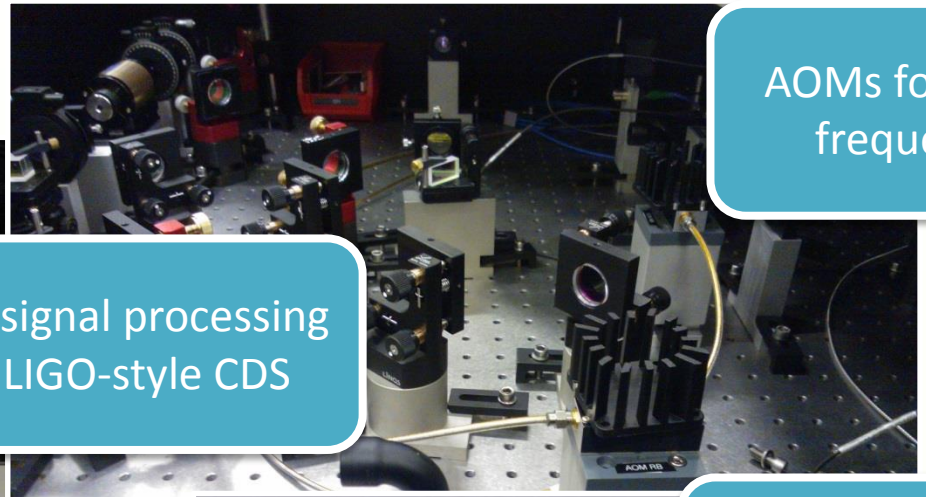

AOMs for heterodyne frequency offset

Digital signal processing with LIGO-style CDS

Phasemeter developed for LISA Pathfinder

Nd:YAG NPRO Laser stabilized to iodine reference

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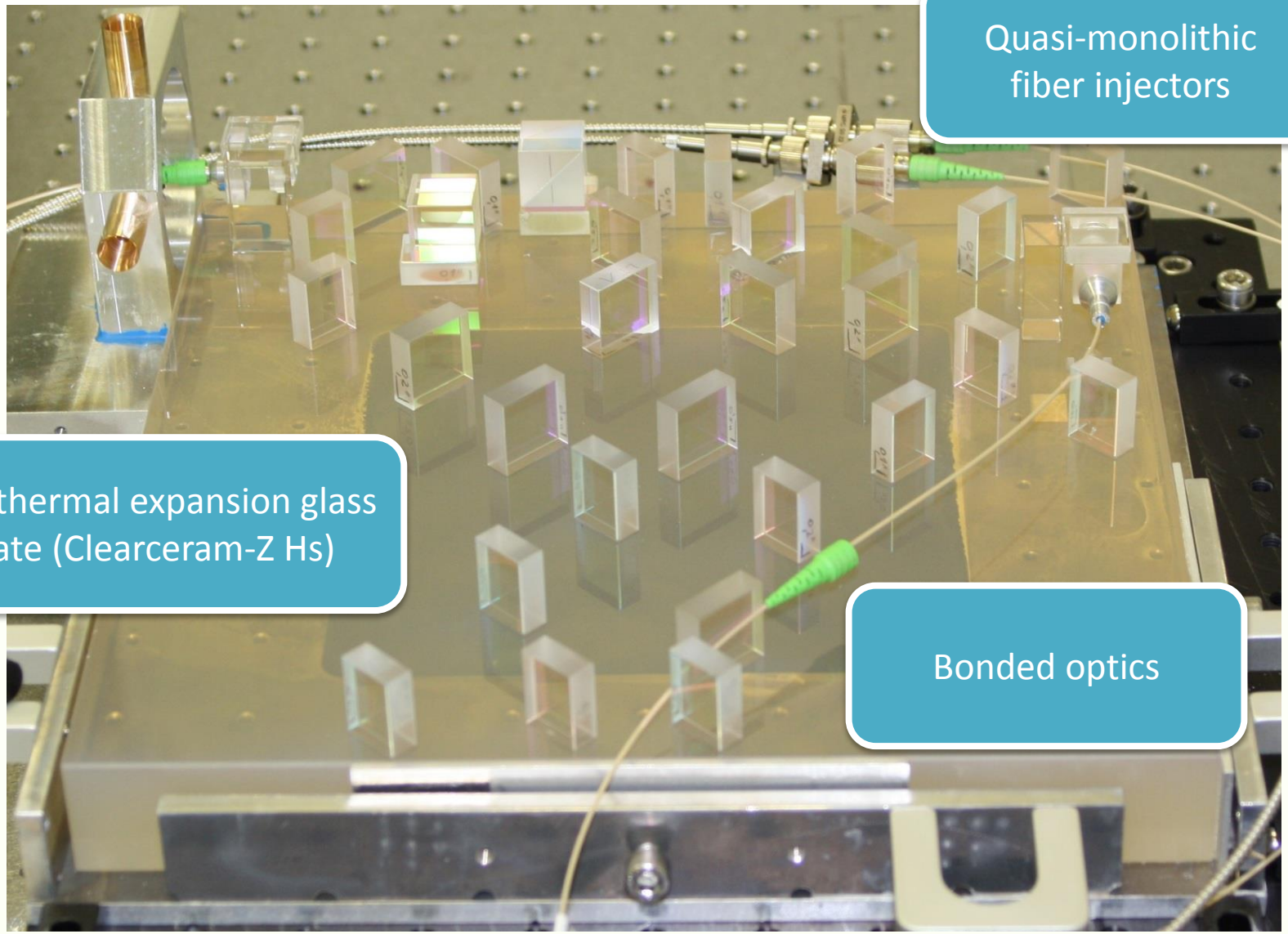


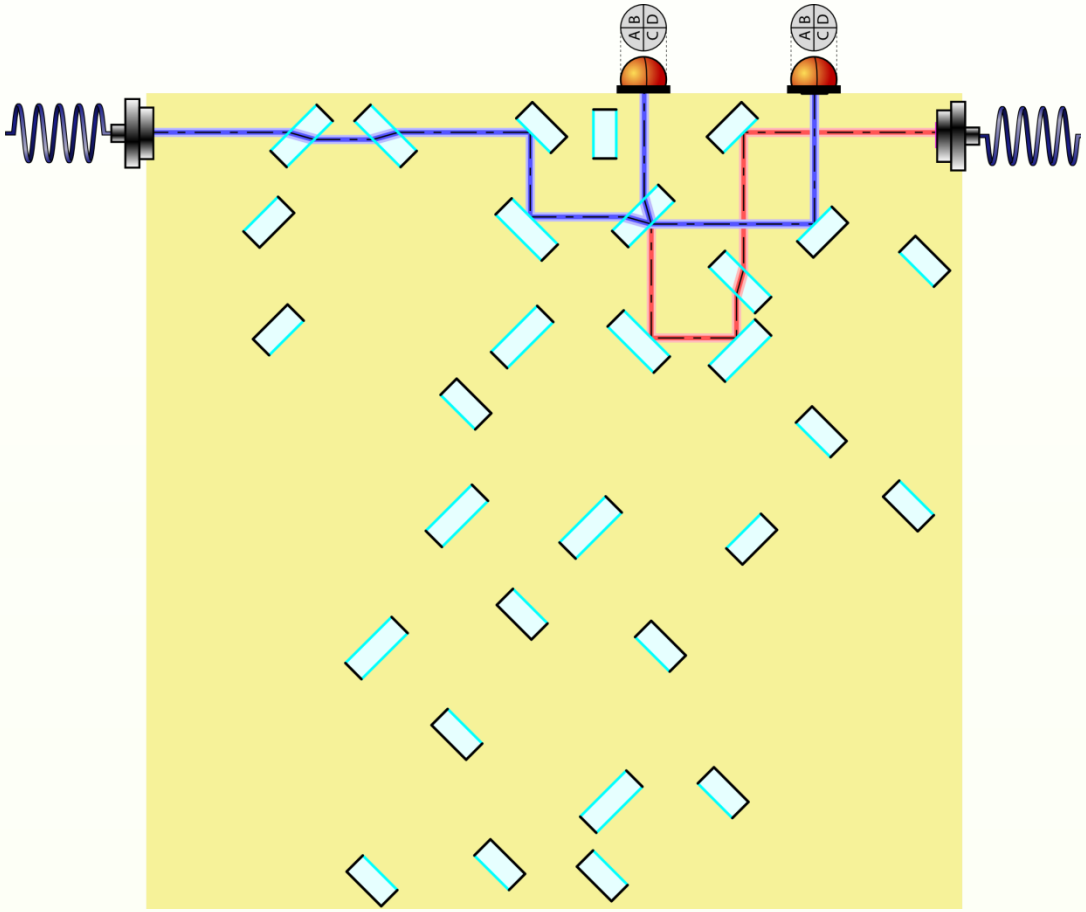
Quasi-monolithic fiber injectors

Ultra-low thermal expansion glass base plate (Clearceram-Z Hs)

Bonded optics

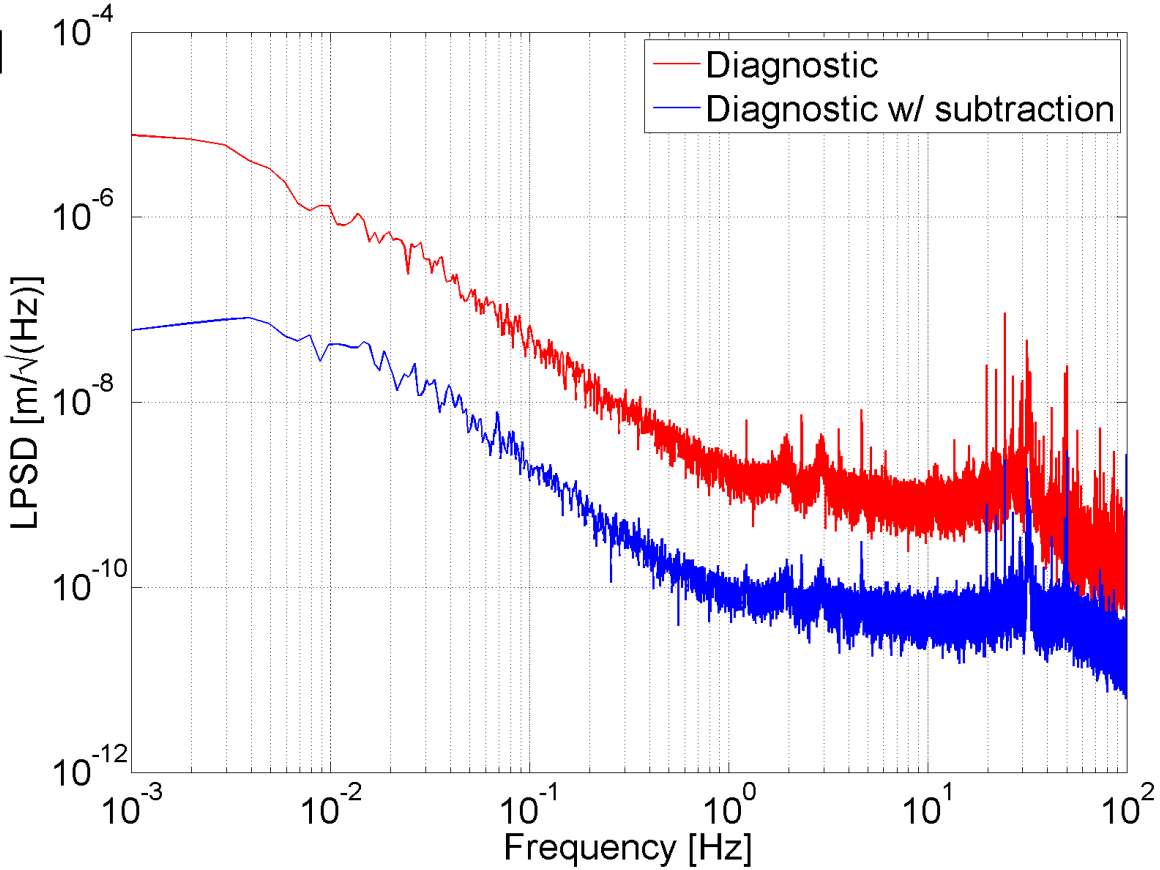
Purpose of the diagnostic interferometer

- Long optical path until the base plate
- Measures (common mode) noise
- Subtracted from measurement interferometers



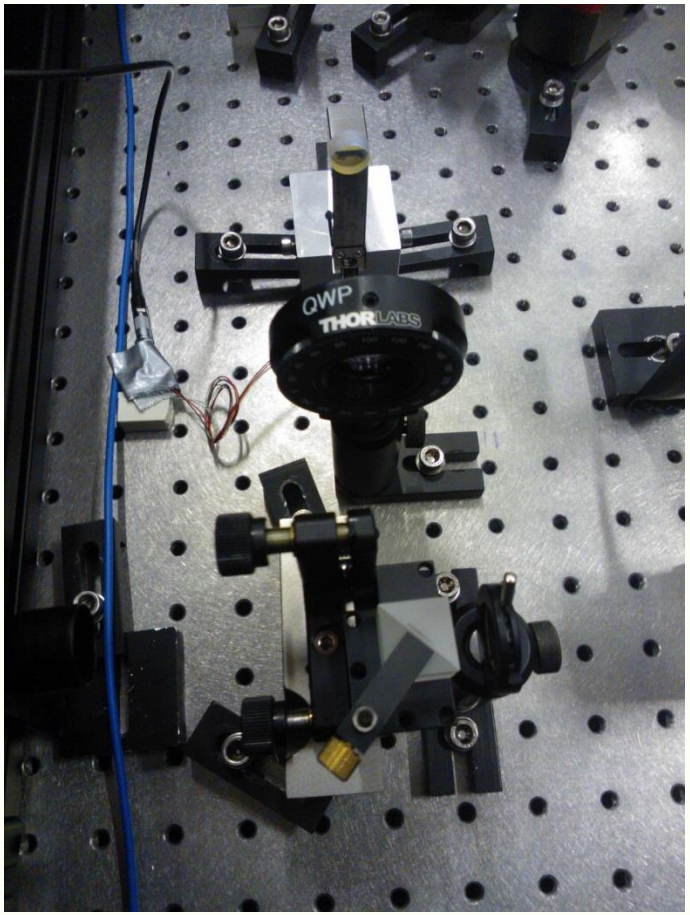
Performance of the diagnostic IFO

- Performance limited by optical path length difference noise (OPD)
- Caused by noise from the AOM drivers, stress in the fibers and on the modulation bench
- Solution: OPD stabilization



OPD stabilization

- Phase measurement of the dignostic IFO
- Digitally filtered signals
- DAC provides analog signal
- High voltage amplifier
- Analog low pass filter



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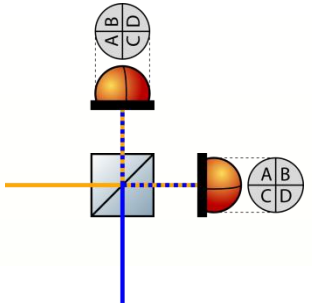
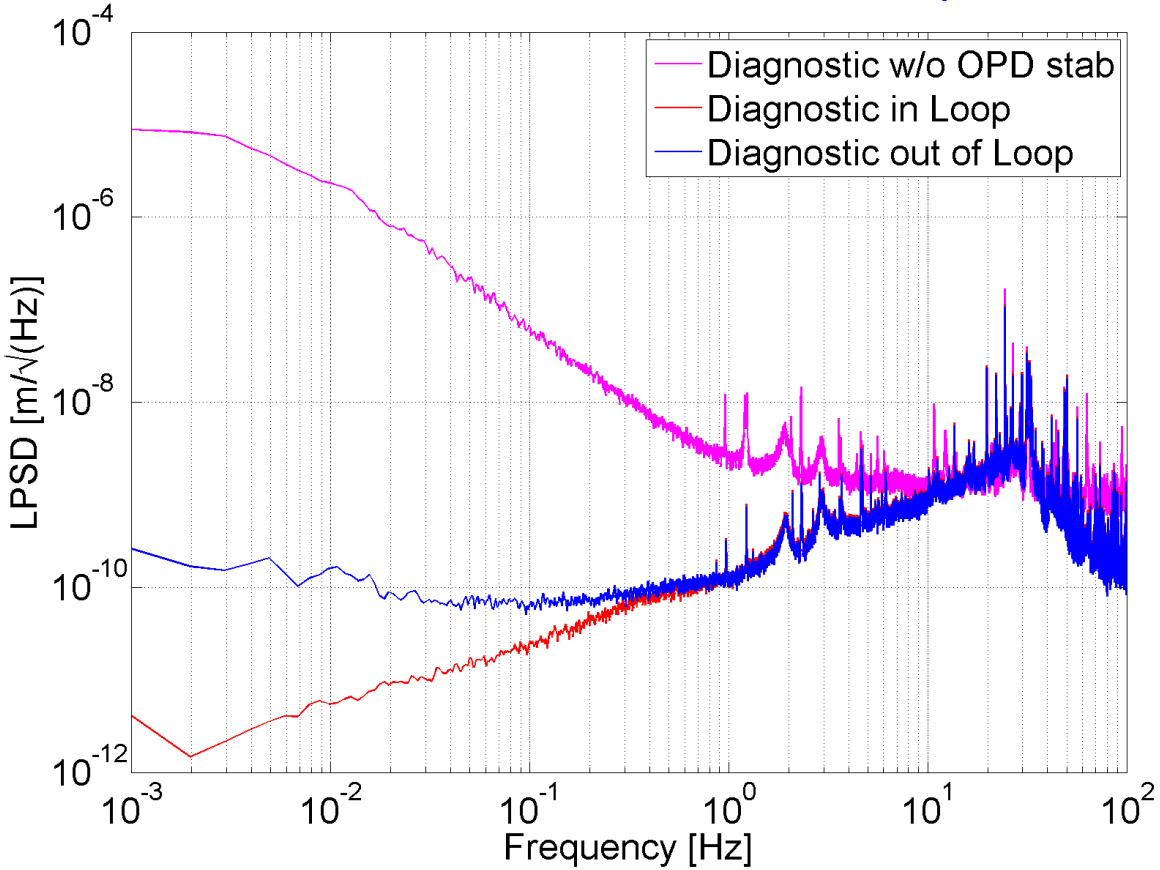


- Two PD's for each IFO
- First PD is an in-loop sensor
- Second PD is an out-of-loop sensor
- Residual noise from electronics and phasemeter



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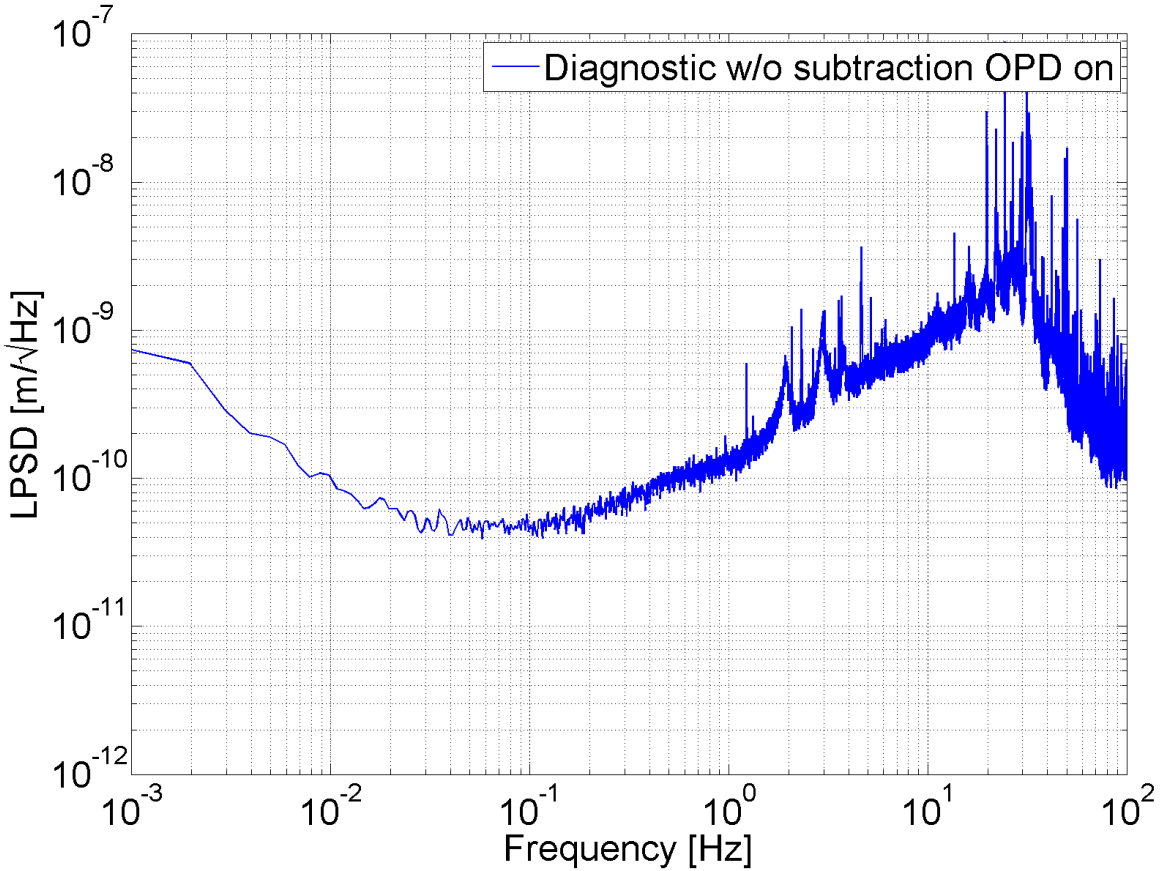

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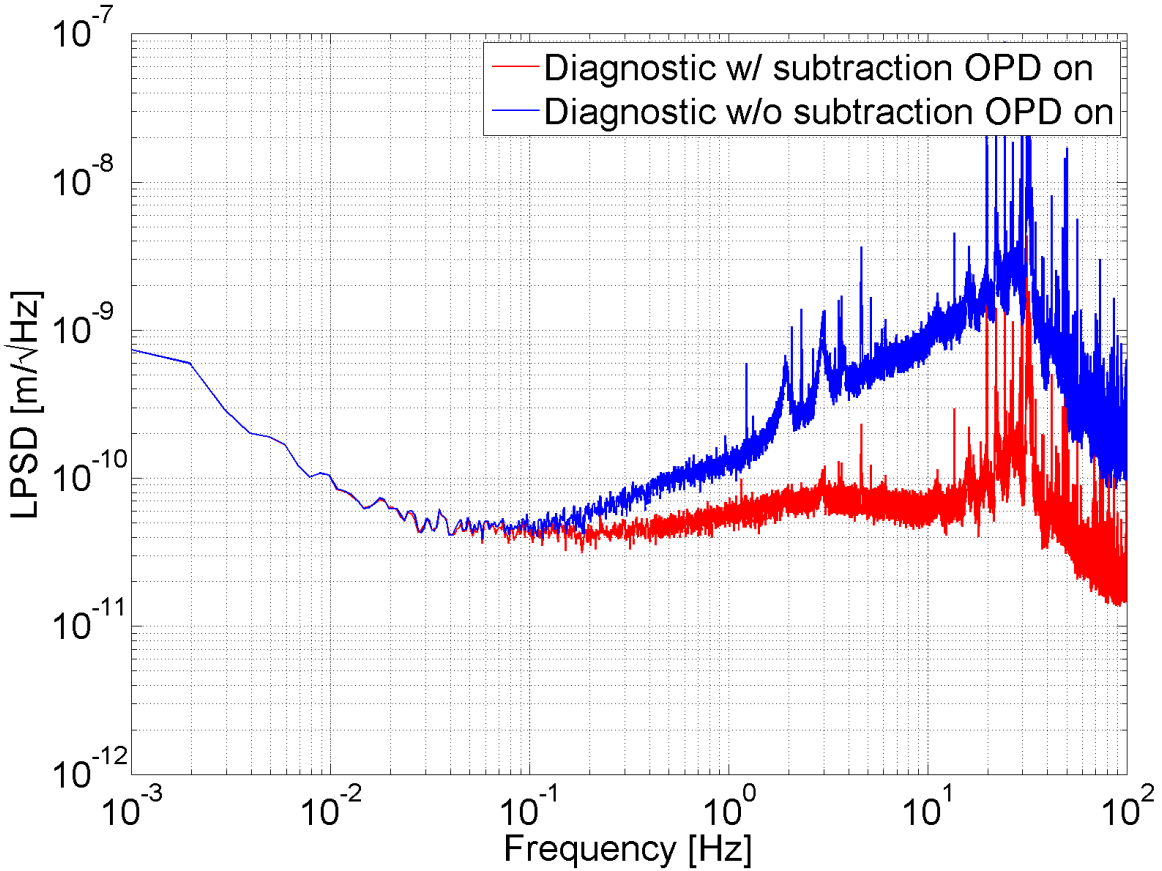

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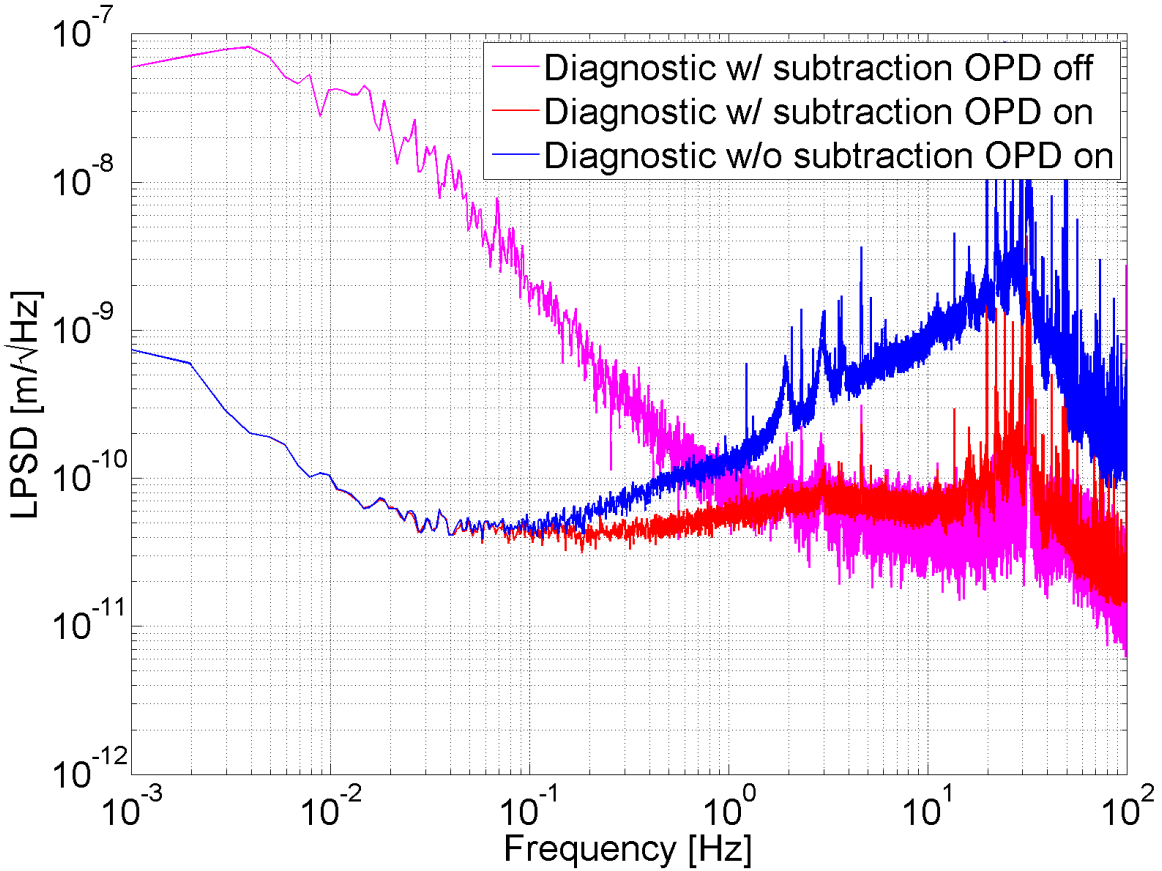
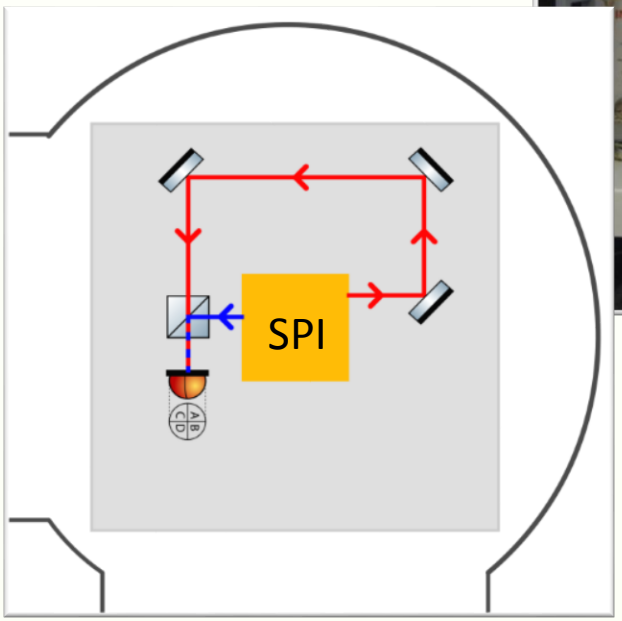
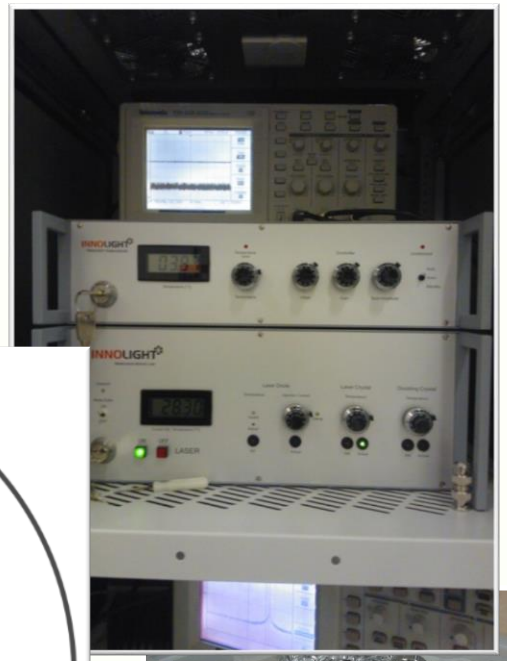
- Below 1 Hz suppression by OPD stabilization

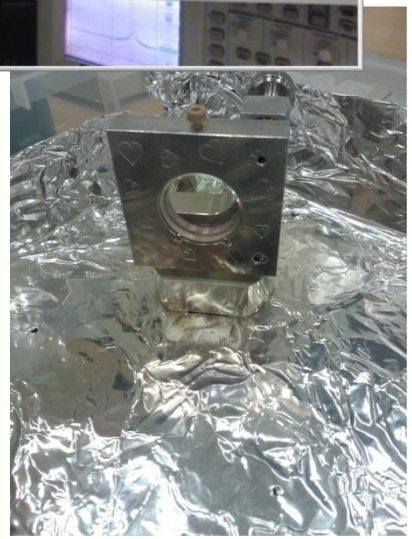


Frequency Noise Interferometer (FNI)

- Test for the Iodine Laser frequency stabilization
- Test for the OPD stabilization
- 1 m arm length miss match, on central table
- Built with off the shelf UHV mounts

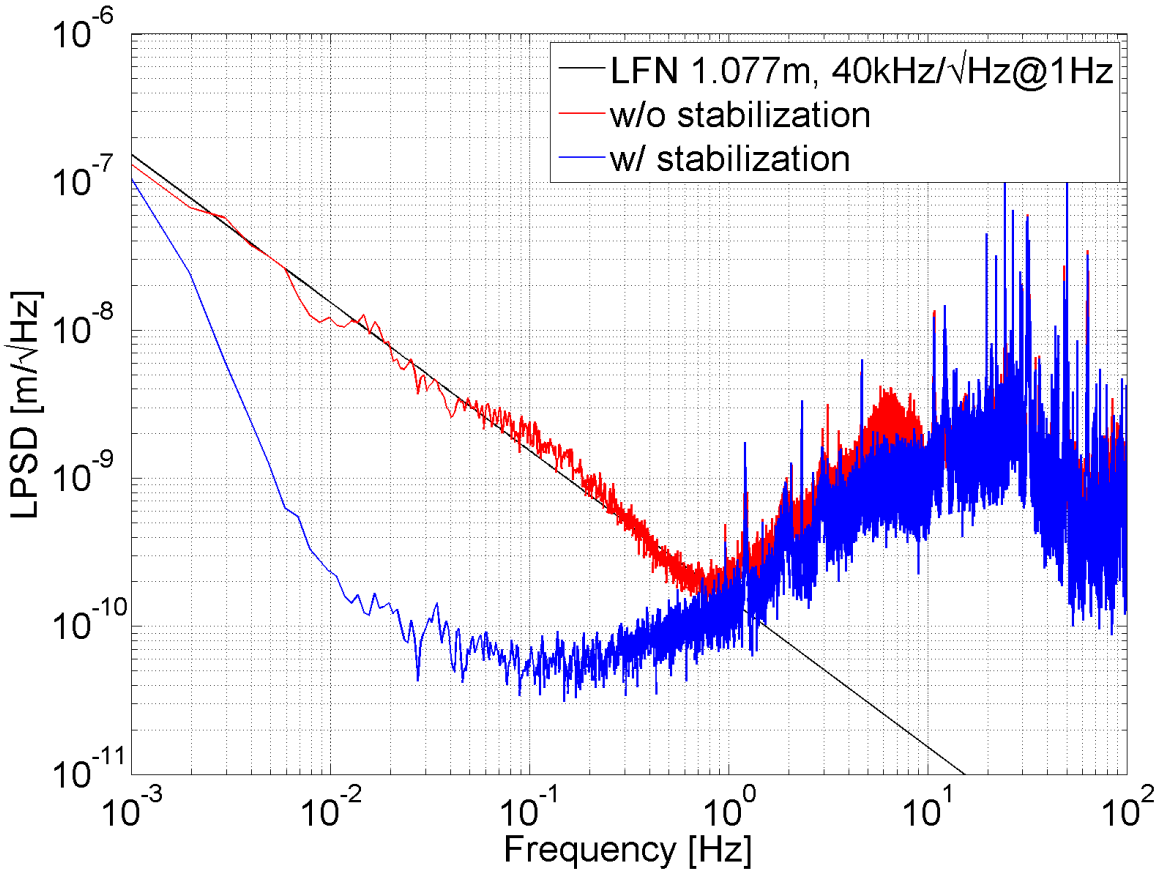






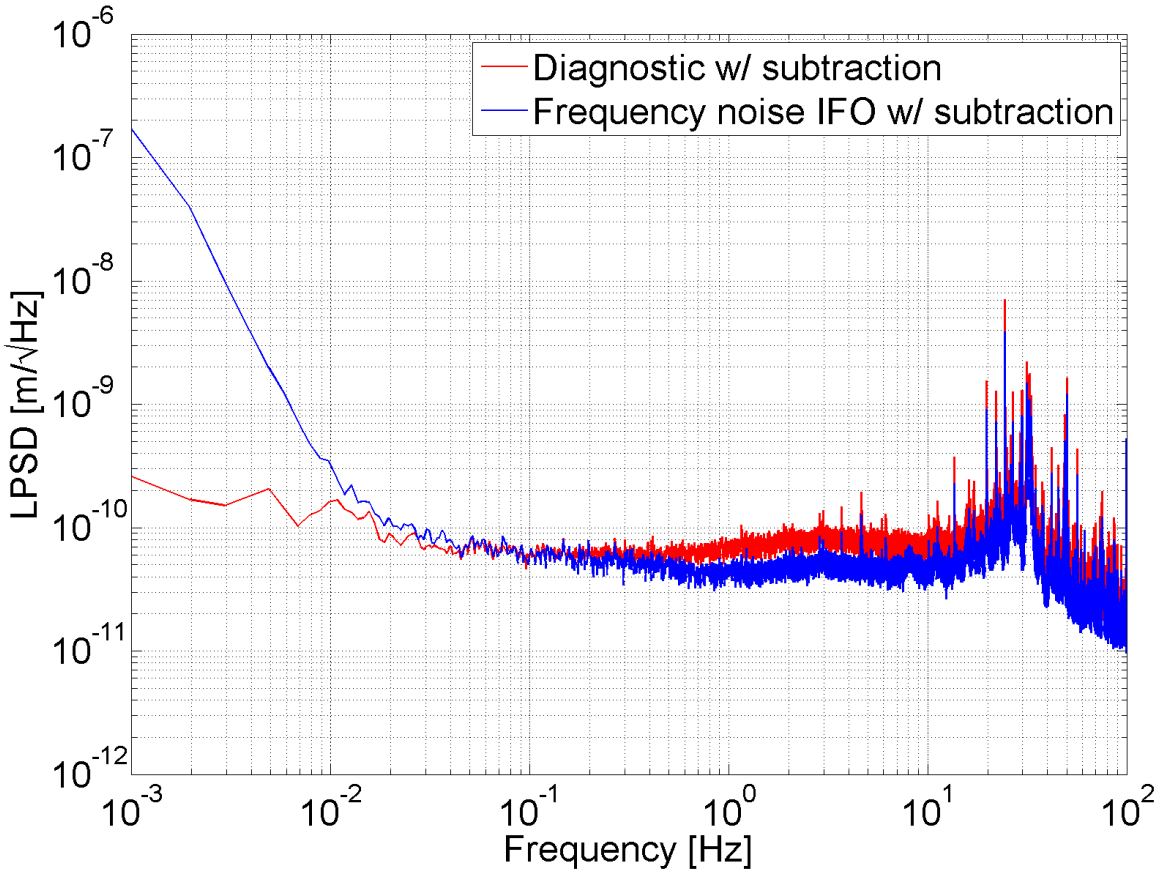
Performance of the FNI

- Measurable because of the OPD stabilization
- Frequency stabilization is working
- Modelled 1/f slope frequency noise: 40 kHz/√Hz @ 1 Hz



Comparing diagnostic and frequency noise IFO

- Subtraction reduces high frequency noise
- FNI lower noise
- Power and contrast better in FNI



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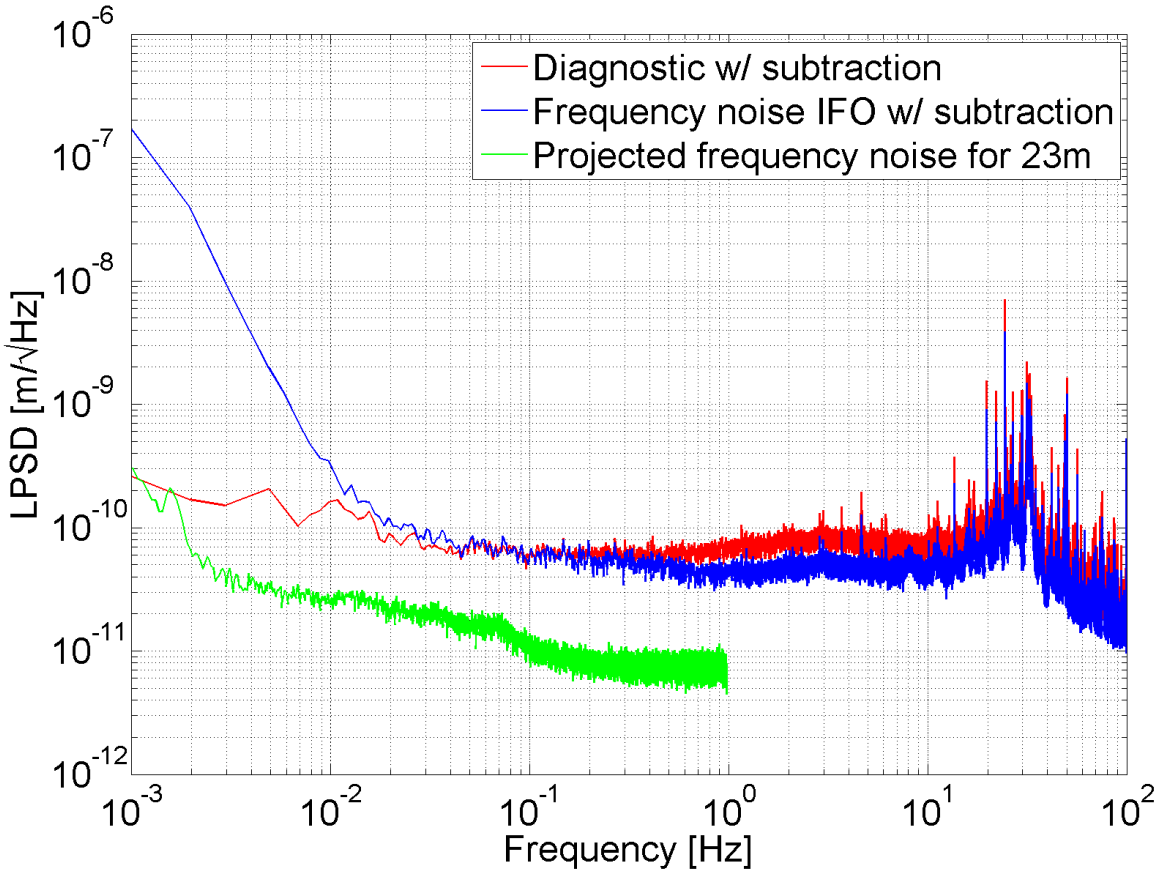
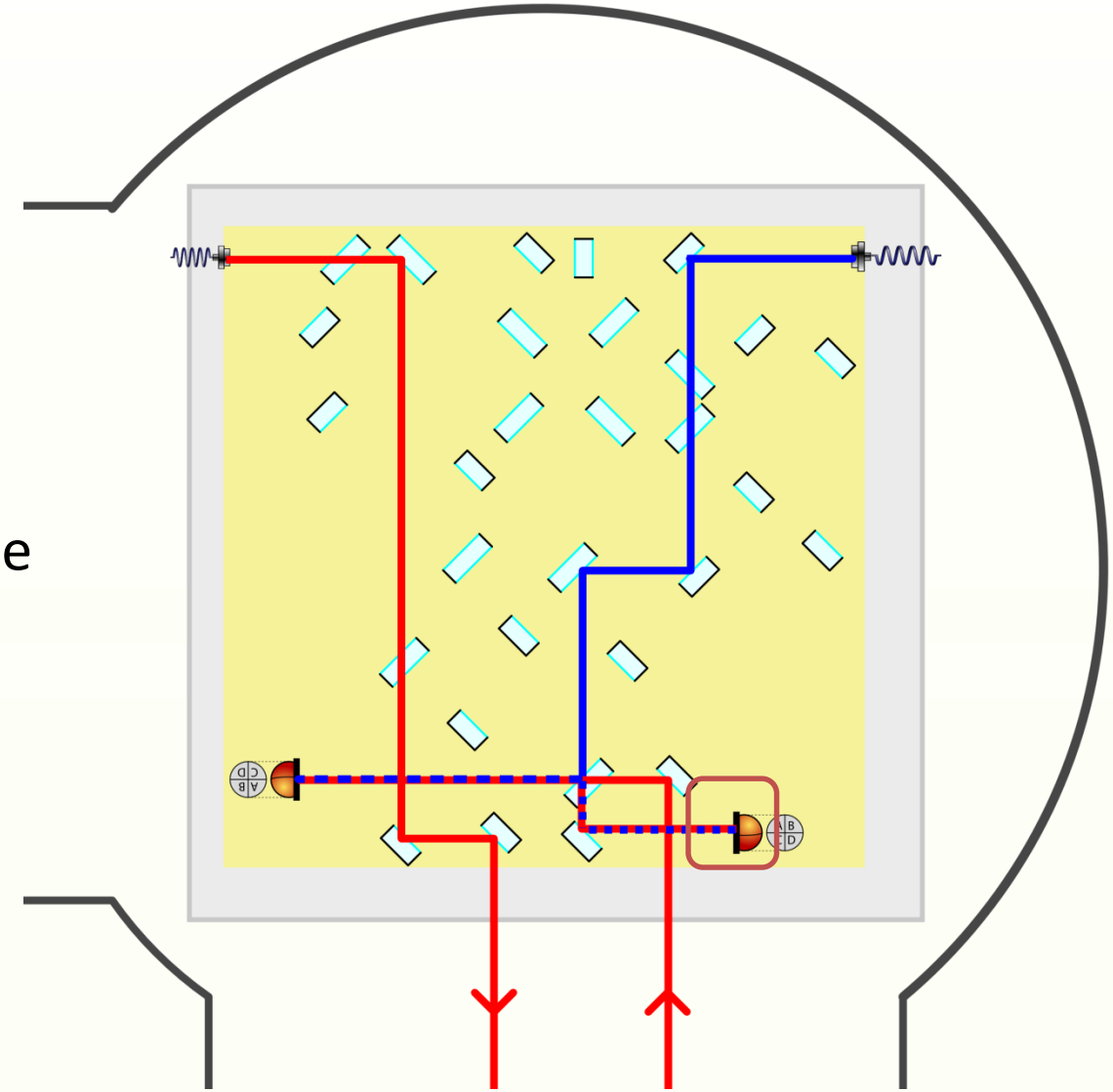
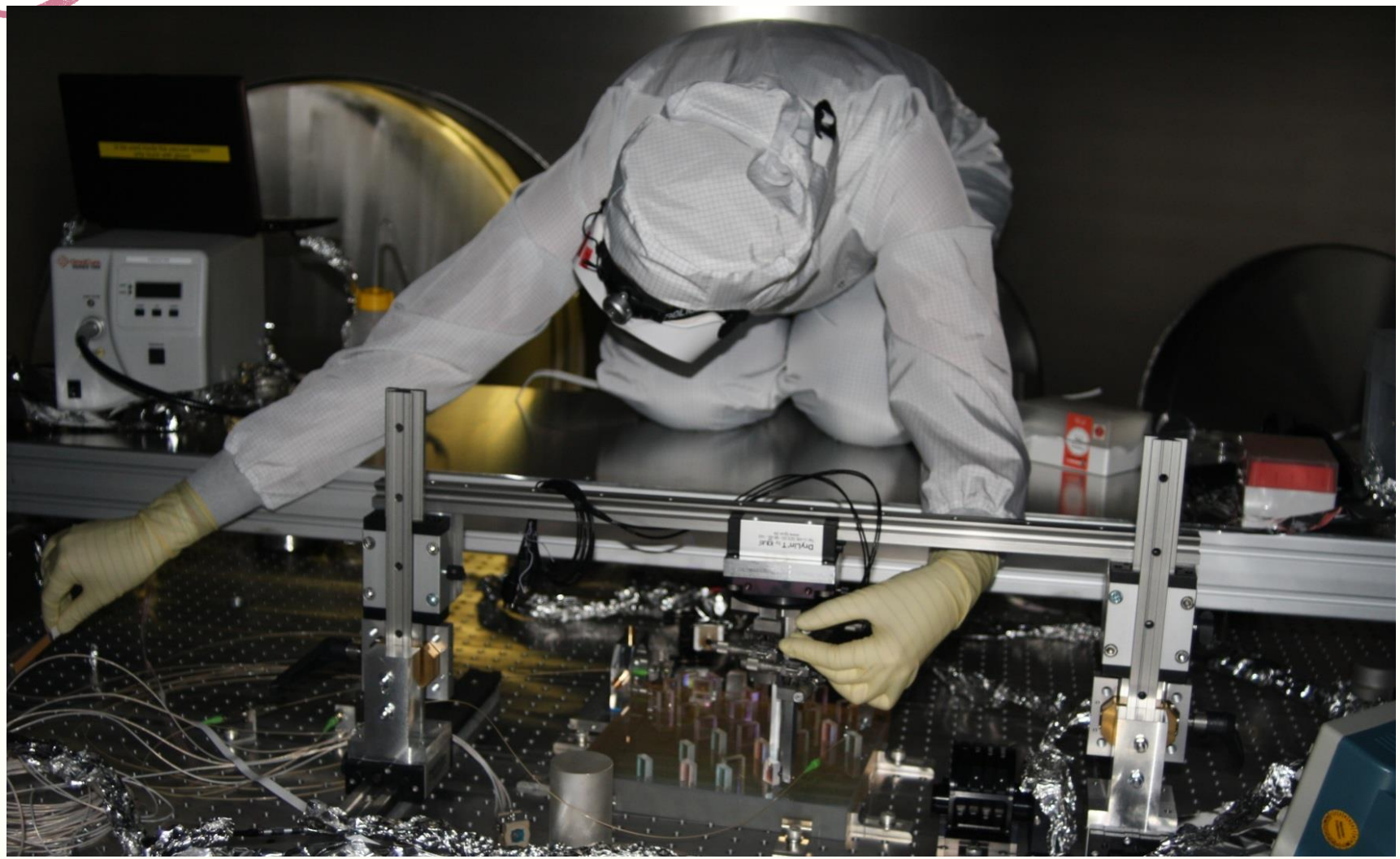


The south interferometer (SIFO)

- Measures the relative table displacement
- Last mirror had to be adjusted inside the vacuum system

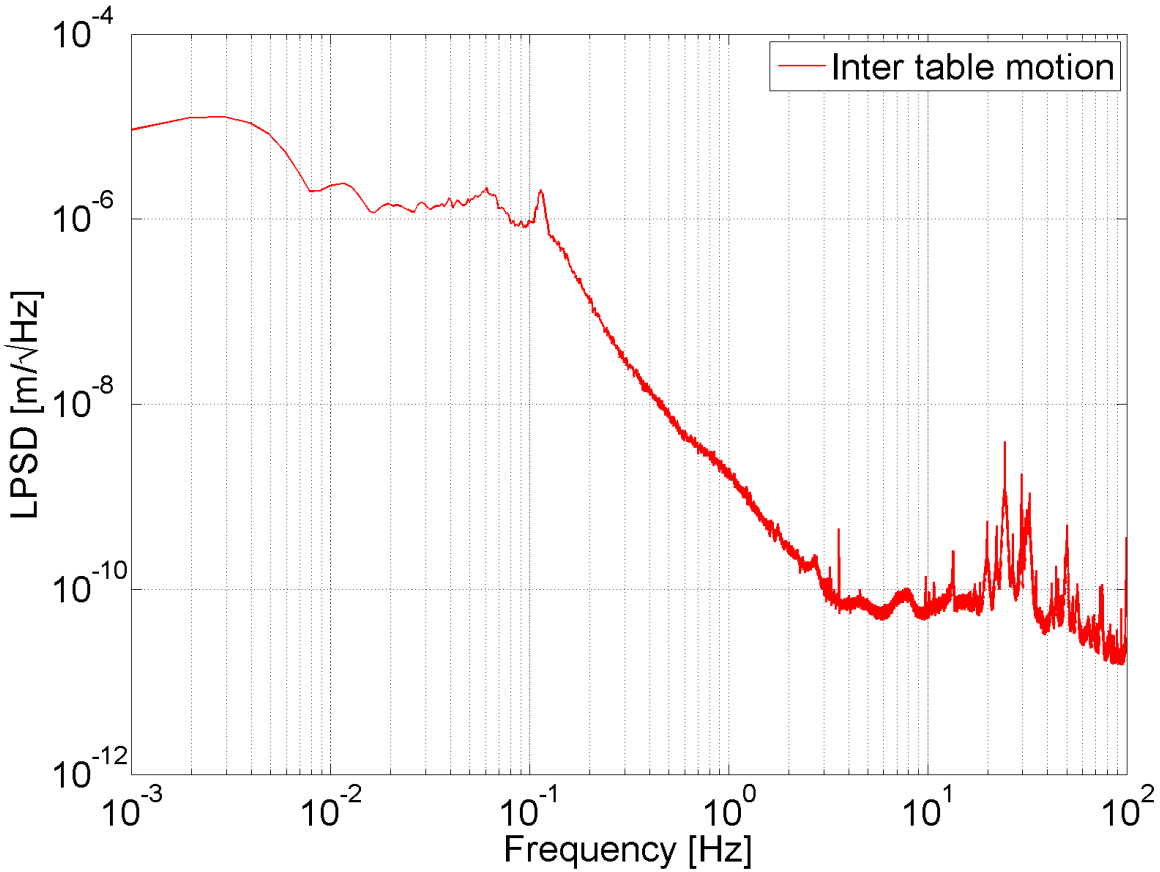


SIFO Alignment



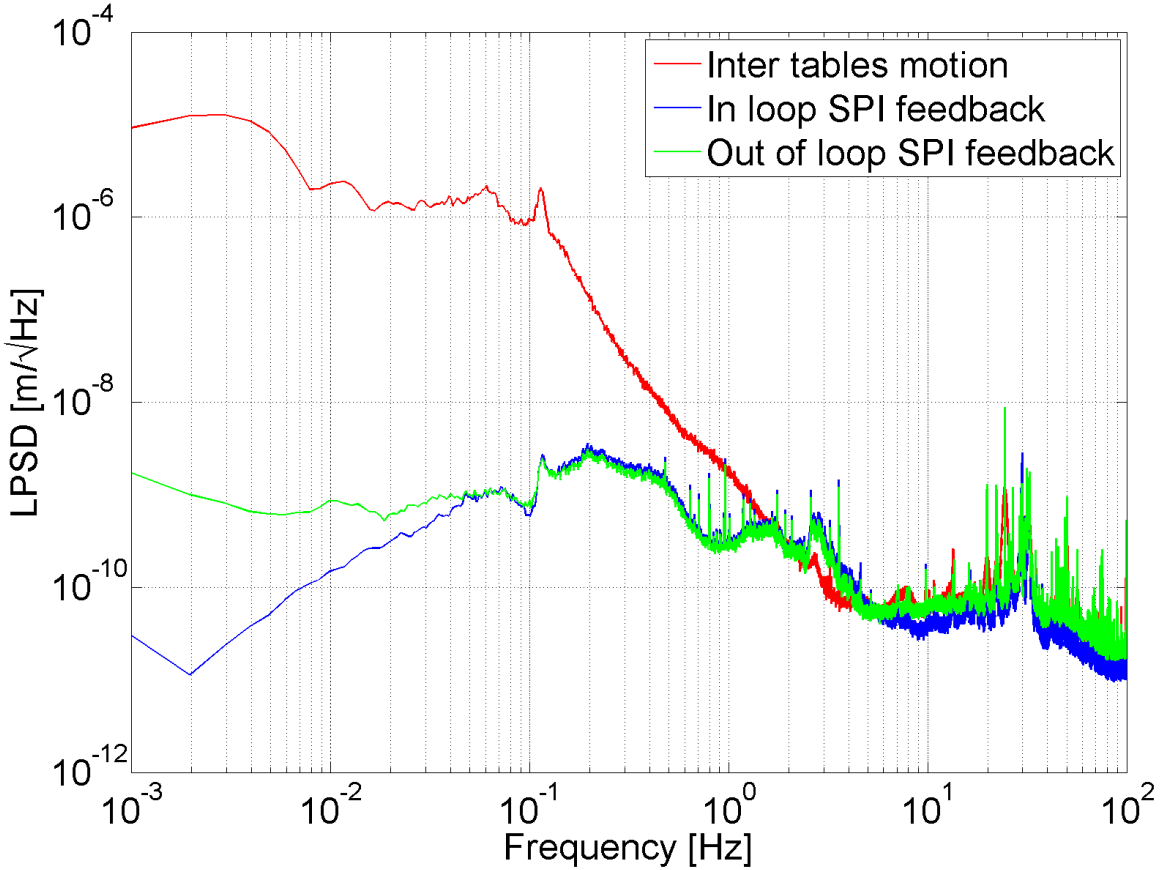
Relative table motion

- Inter table motion without any feedback from the SPI
- All degrees of freedom controlled with table signals
- Passive isolation and active control



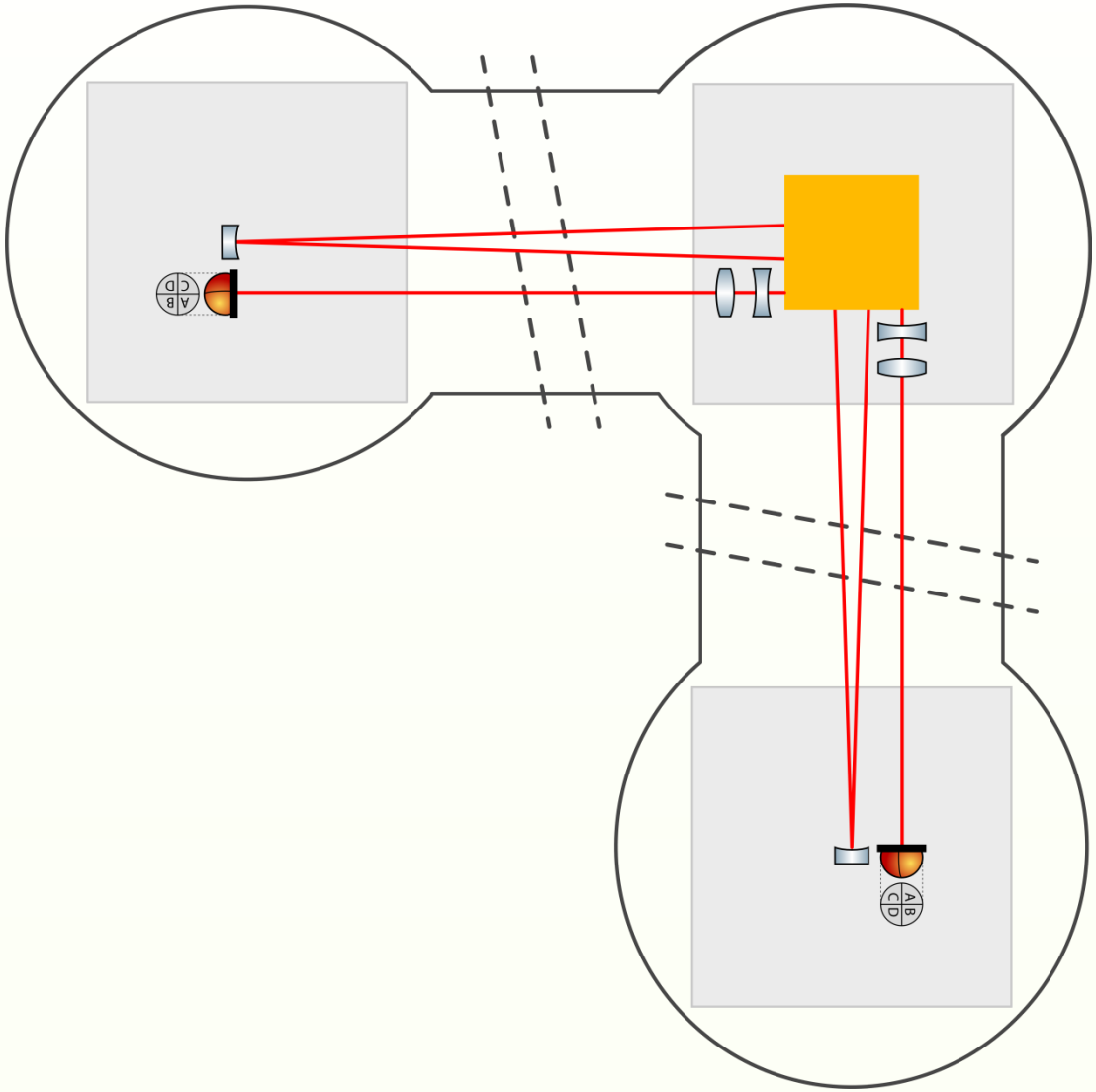
Relative table motion with SPI feedback

- Stabilized with SPI and table signals
- All degrees of freedom controlled
- Between 100 and 10 mHz suppression of 3 orders of magnitude



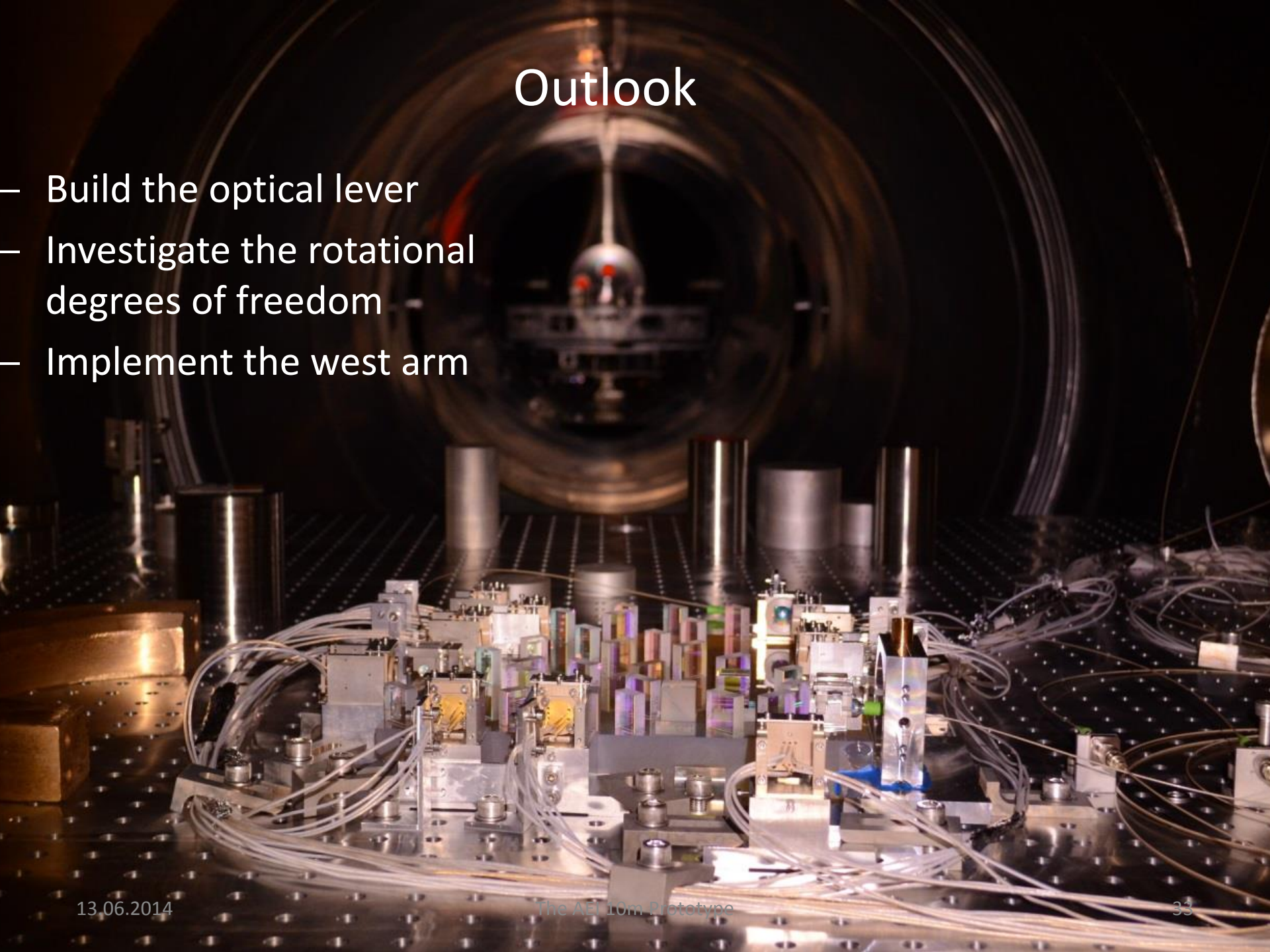
Other degrees of freedom

- Optical lever for central tabel pitch and yaw
- Differential wavefront sensing



Outlook

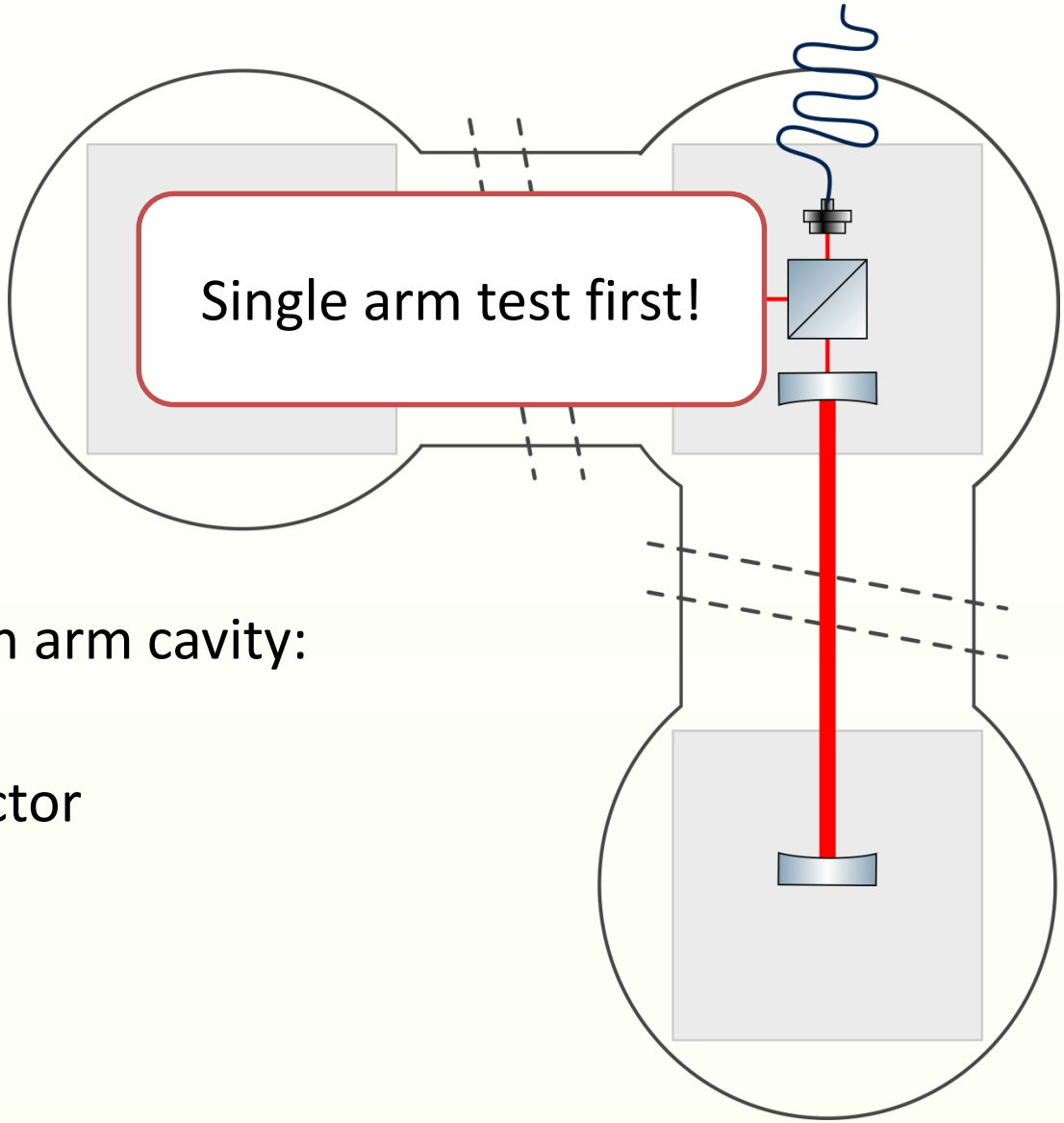
- Build the optical lever
- Investigate the rotational degrees of freedom
- Implement the west arm



The SQL-Interferometer

Layout of the SQL Interferometer

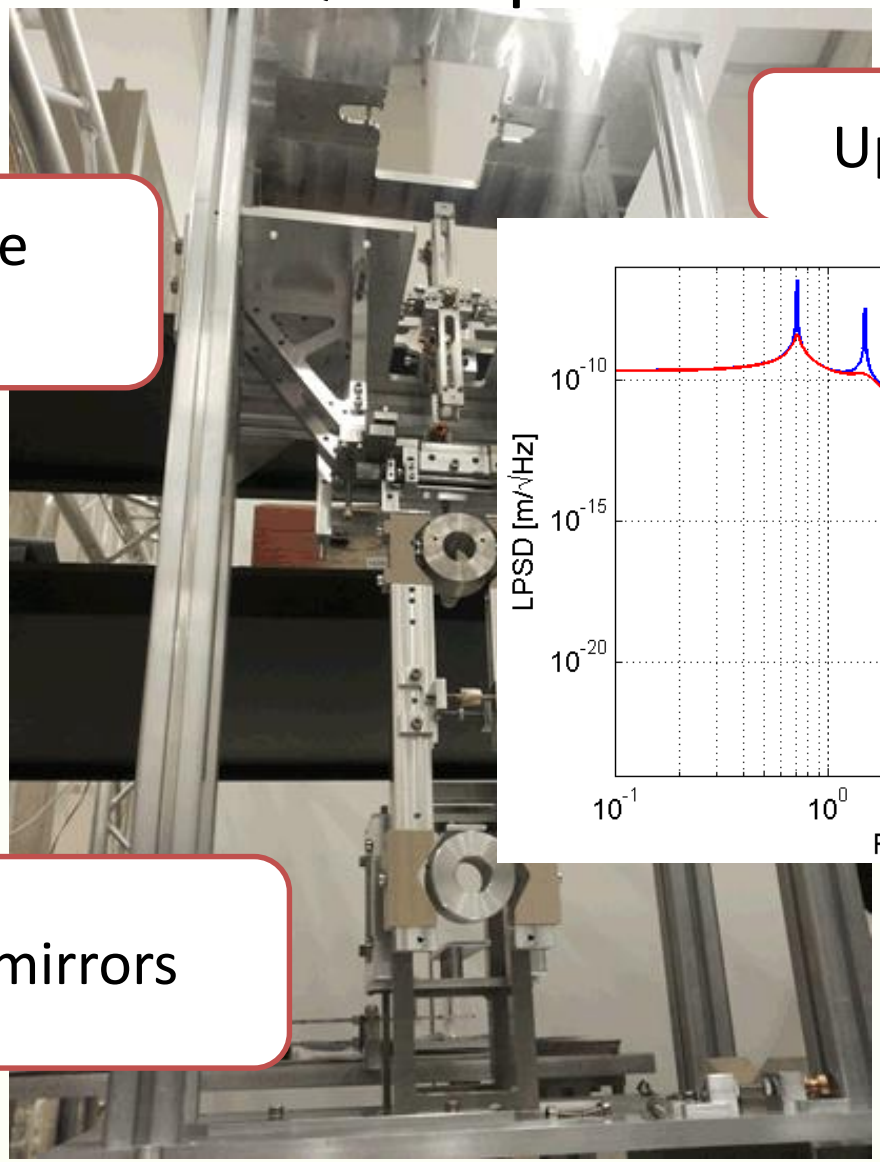
- Input power:
  5-30 W
- Finess:
  670-130
- Circulating Power in arm cavity:
  ~1 kW
- Tunable cavity g factor

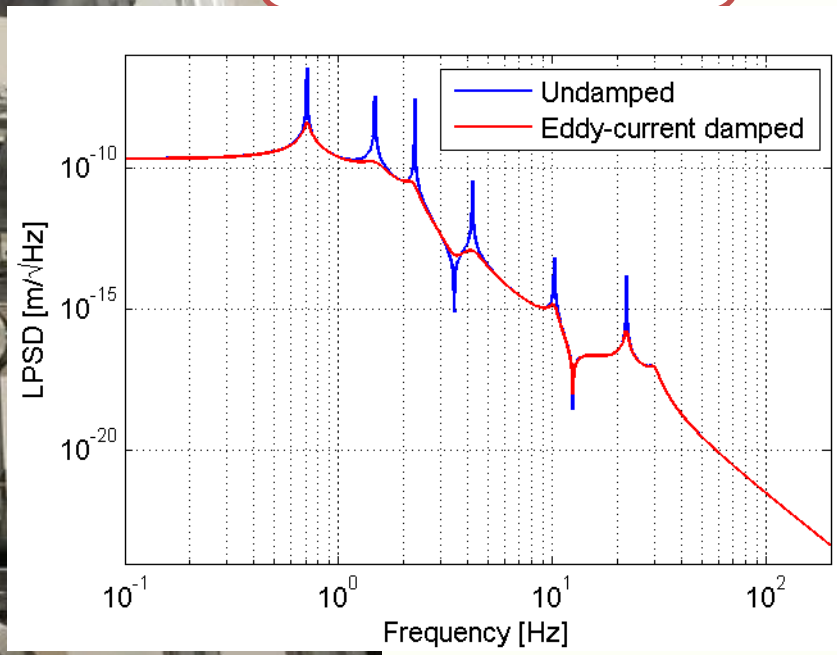


The SQL-Suspensions

Multi-stage pendula

Upper stage





100 g mirrors

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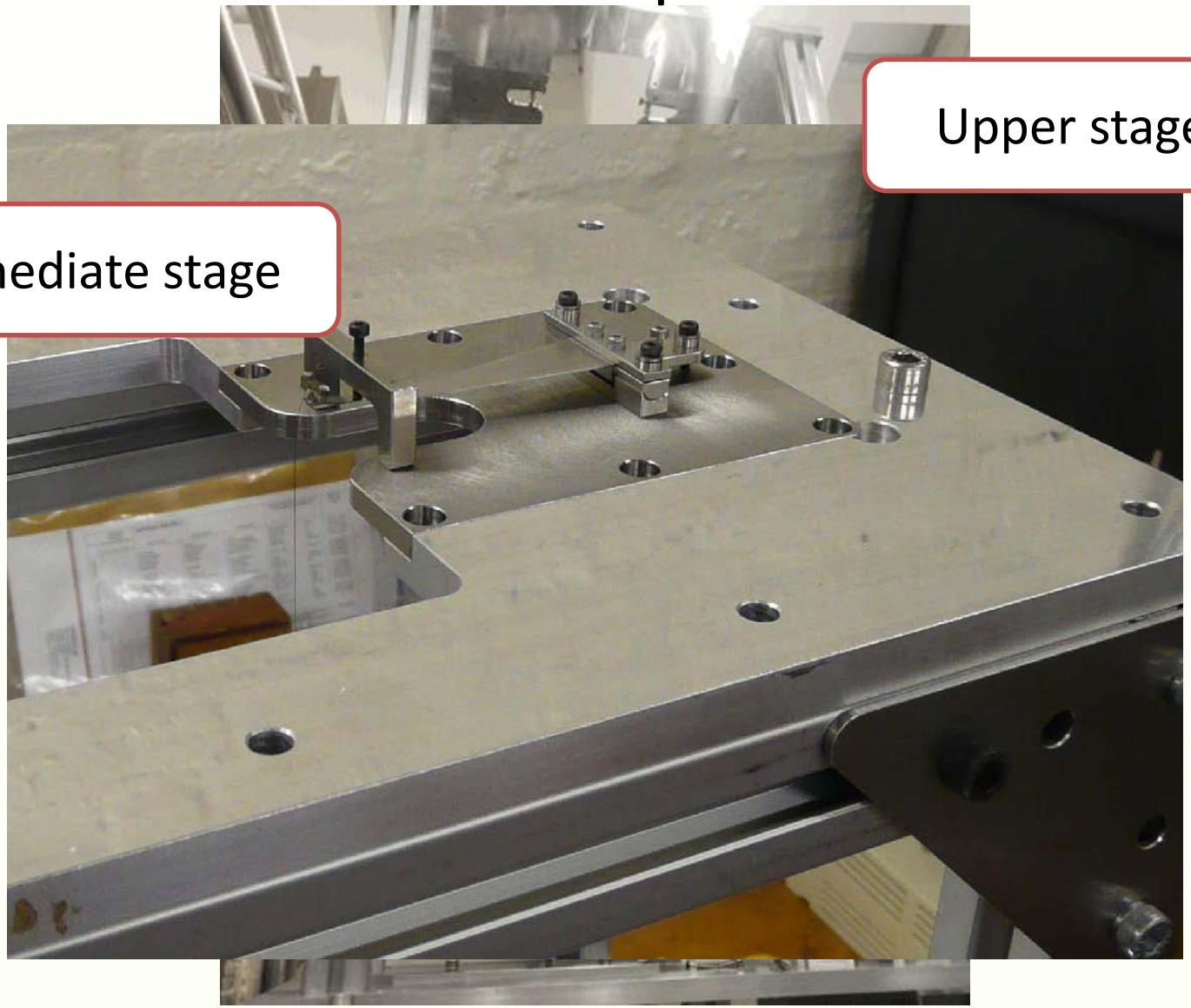

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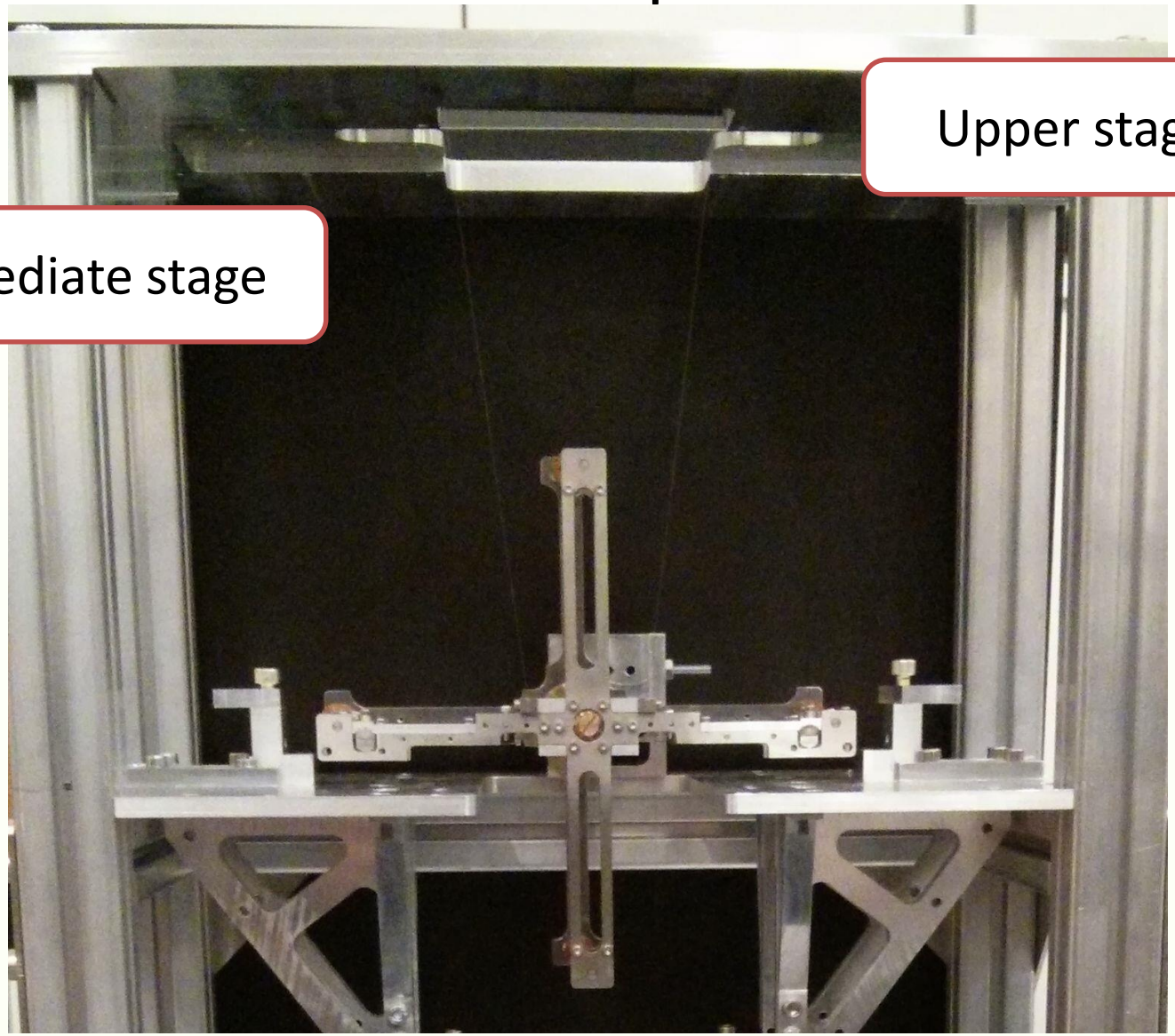

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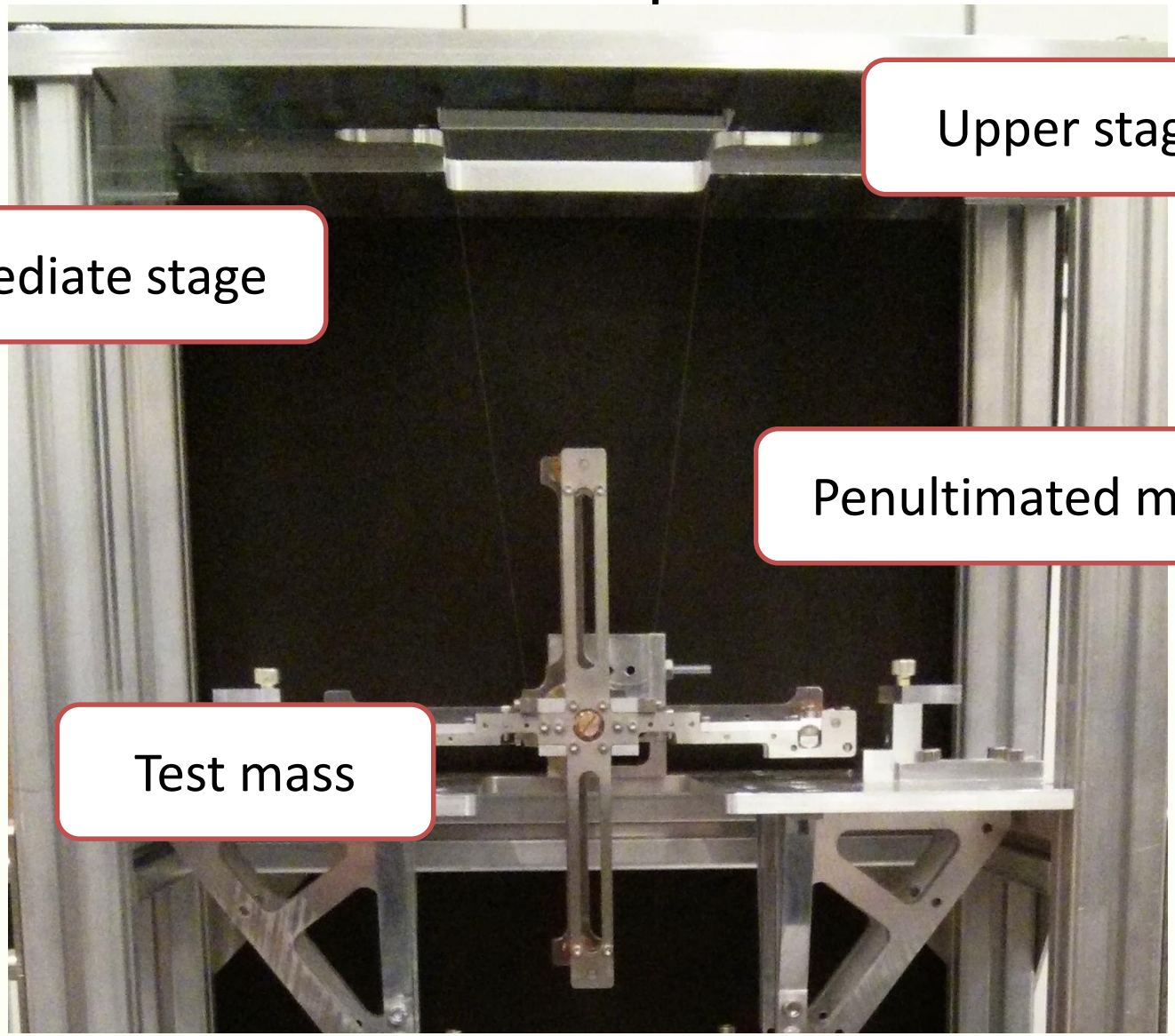

Current status and outlook

- ✓ Dirty suspension assembly
- ✓ Dummy mass hanging
- ✓ Assembly area

- ❑ Pitch alignment
- ❑ Clean suspension assembly
- ❑ Transfer to vaccum system

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