

# Current Status of TOBA

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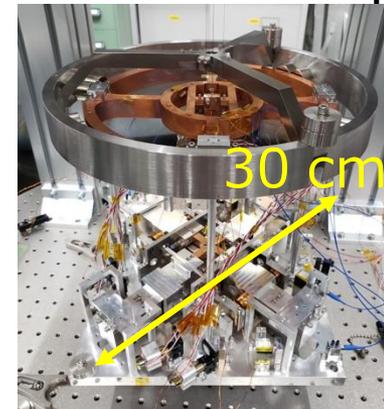
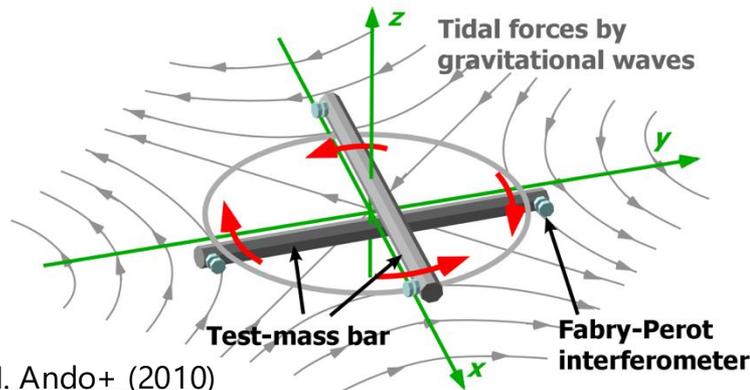
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# Overview

- Proposed **Torsion-Bar Antenna (TOBA)**  
to detect GW in 0.1-10 Hz
  - Target:  $10^{-19} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at 0.1 Hz  
with 10-m scale torsion pendulums at 4 K
  - Science: intermediate-mass BH binary mergers,  
gravity gradient noise, earthquakes
- Developing prototype detector **Phase-III TOBA**
  - Target:  $10^{-15} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at 0.1 Hz  
with 30-cm scale torsion pendulums at 4 K
  - Some essential components are under development



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Feel free to ask questions  
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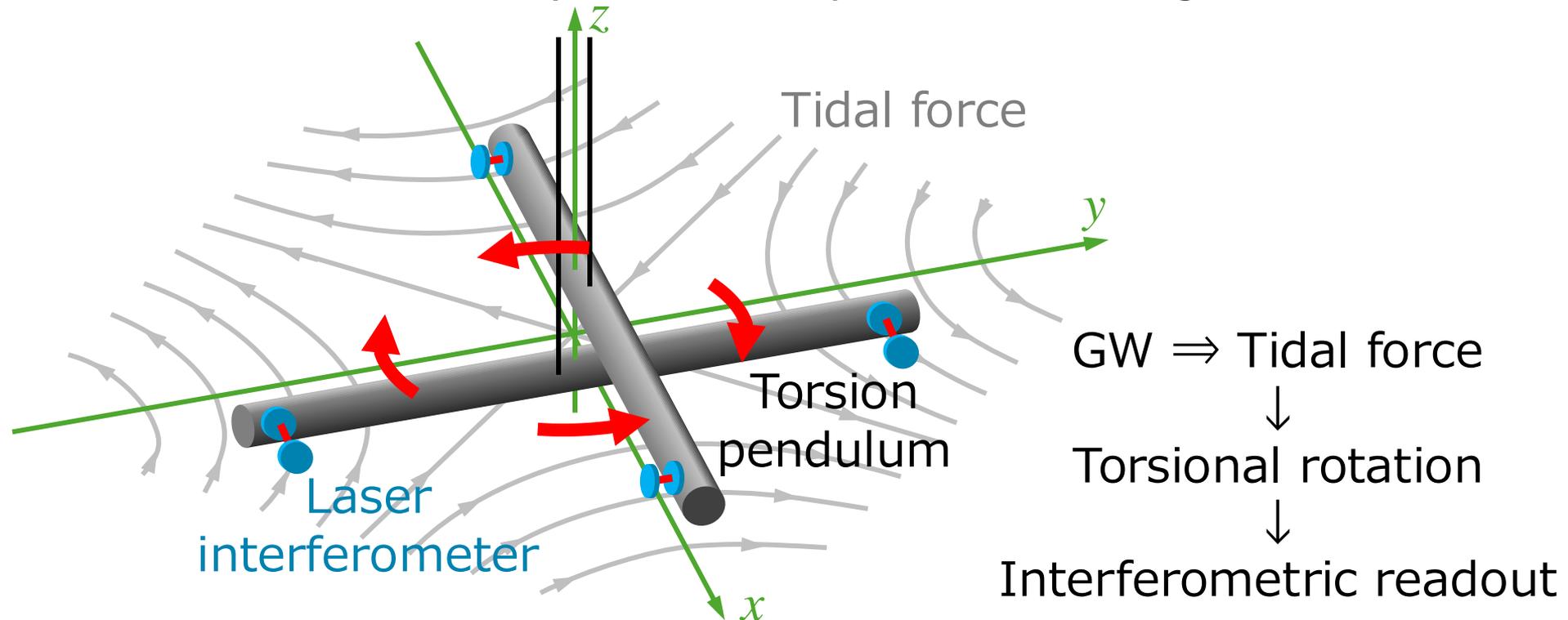
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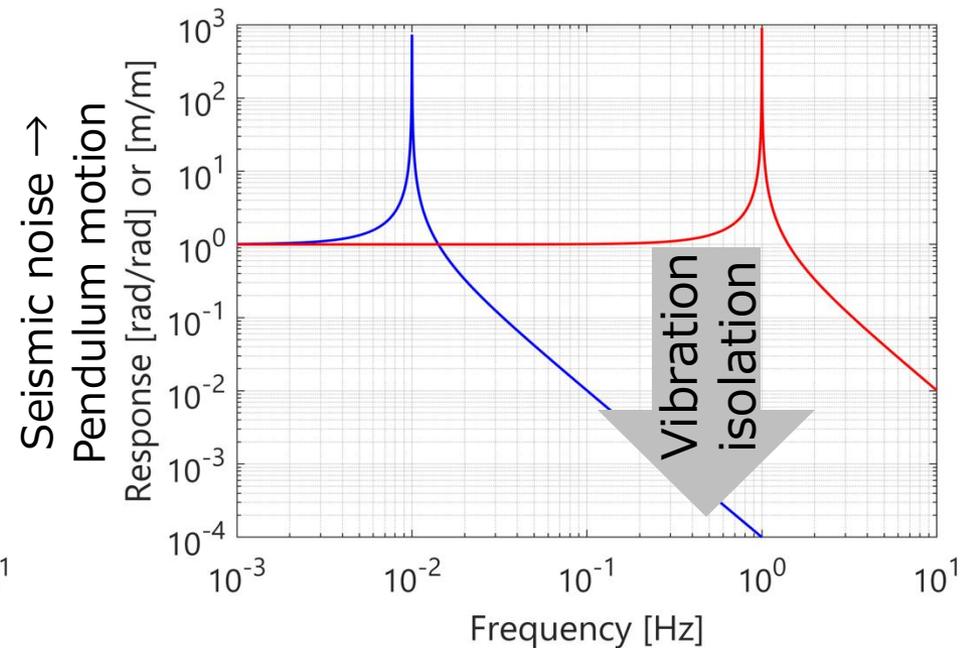
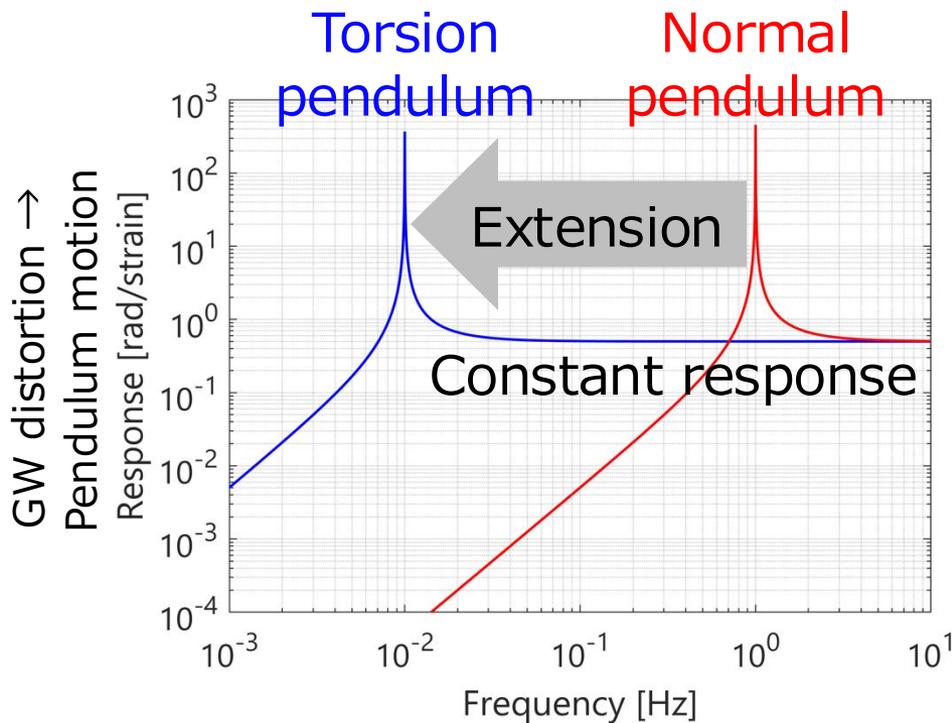
- Ground-based GW detector for low freq. (0.1-10 Hz)
  - Final target:  $10^{-19}$  / $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at 0.1 Hz
- Aim to detect the torsional rotation of test masses suspended horizontally
- The resonant frequency of torsional motion is low ( $\sim 1$  mHz)
  - Good sensitivity in low freq. even on the ground



# Response of torsion pendulum

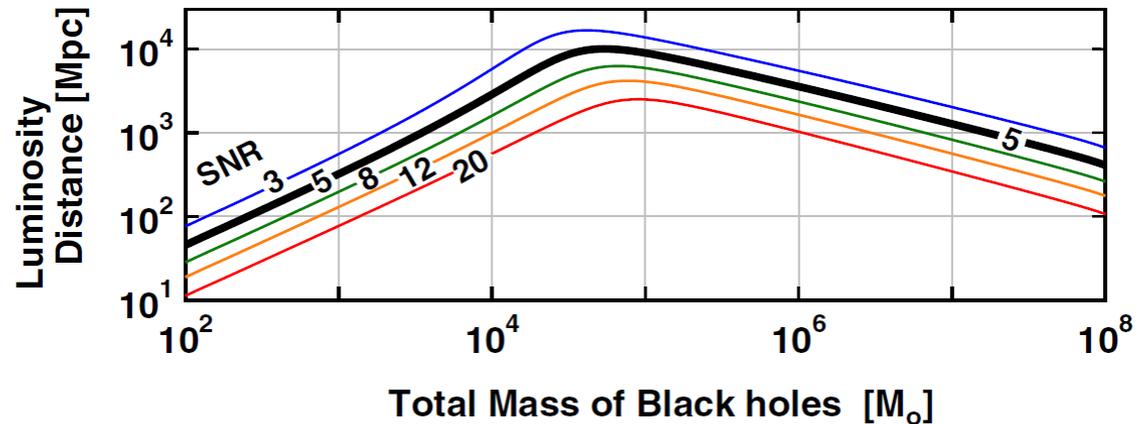
- Respond to GW like a free mass at frequencies higher than the resonance frequency  
→ Extend bandwidth

- Passive vibration isolation at frequencies higher than the resonant frequency  
→ Reduce seismic noise



# Science of TOBA: GW in low freq.

- Intermediate-mass BH binary mergers
  - Within  $\sim 1$  Mpc (Phase-III)
  - Within  $\sim 10$  Gpc (Final)
 → Formation process of supermassive BHs

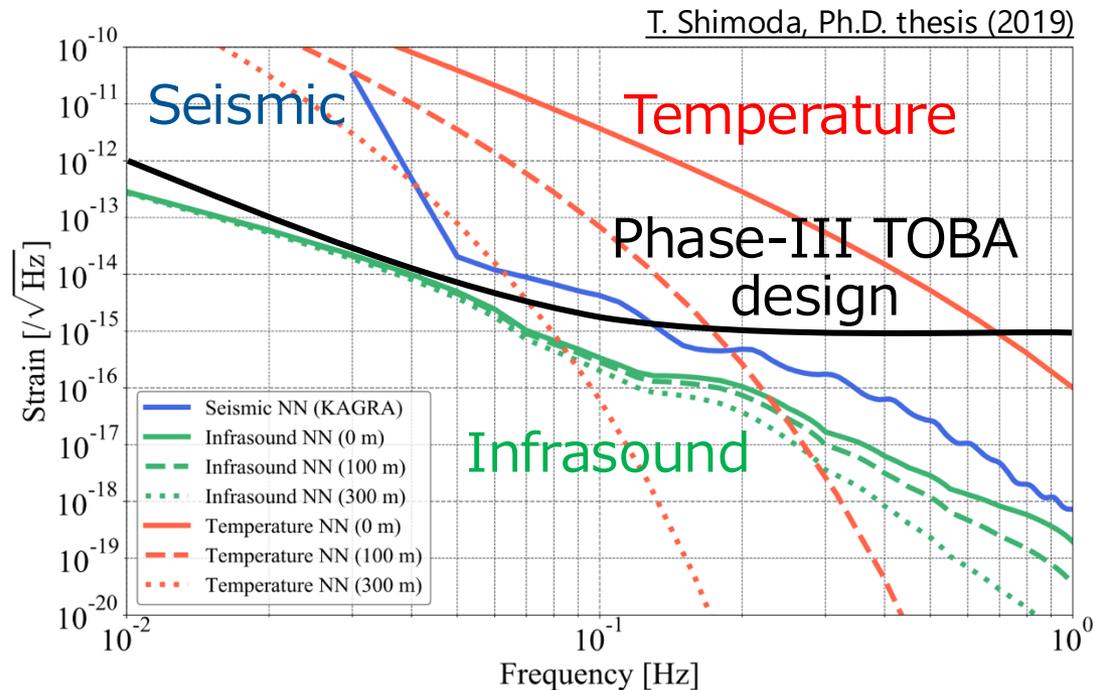
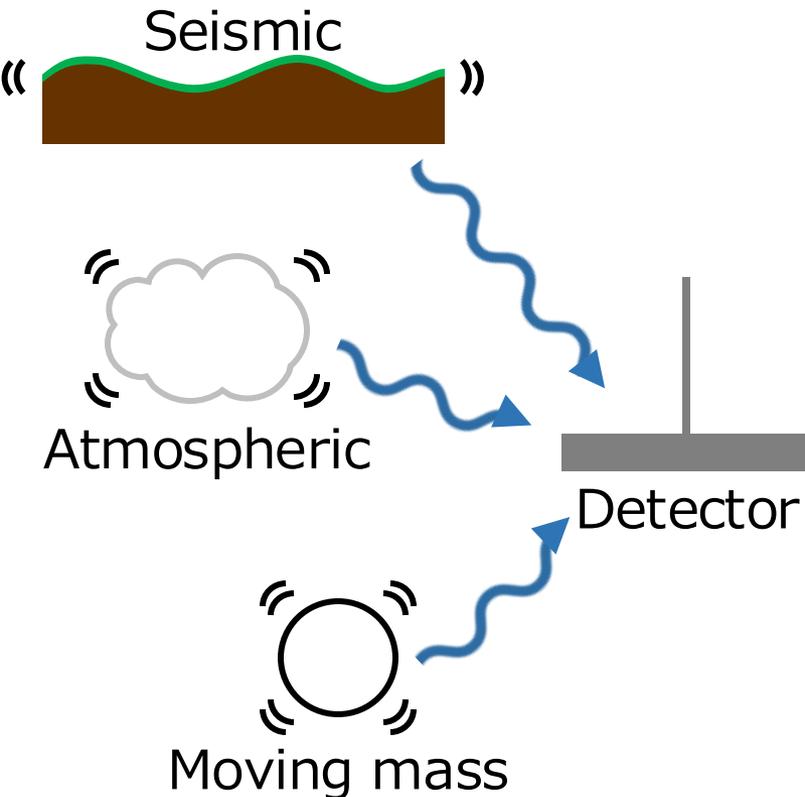


M. Ando+ (2010)

- GW stochastic background
  - $\Omega_{\text{GW}} < 10$  at 0.1 Hz (Phase-III)
  - $\Omega_{\text{GW}} < 10^{-7}$  at 0.1 Hz (Final)
 → Direct exploration of the early universe

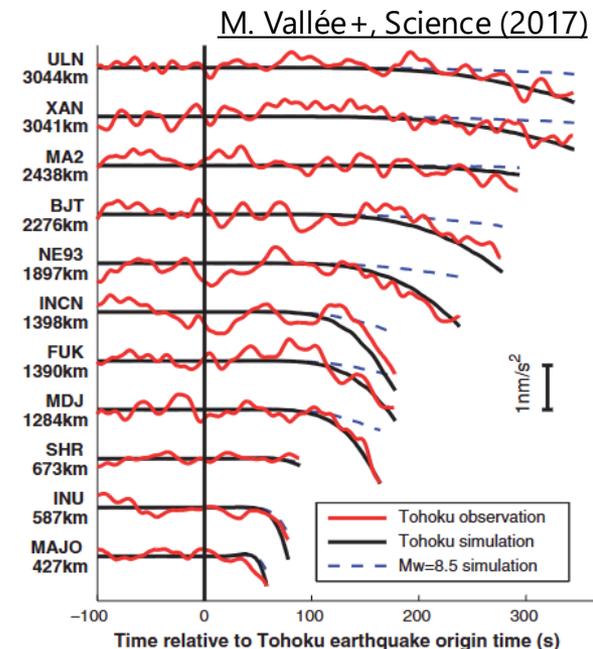
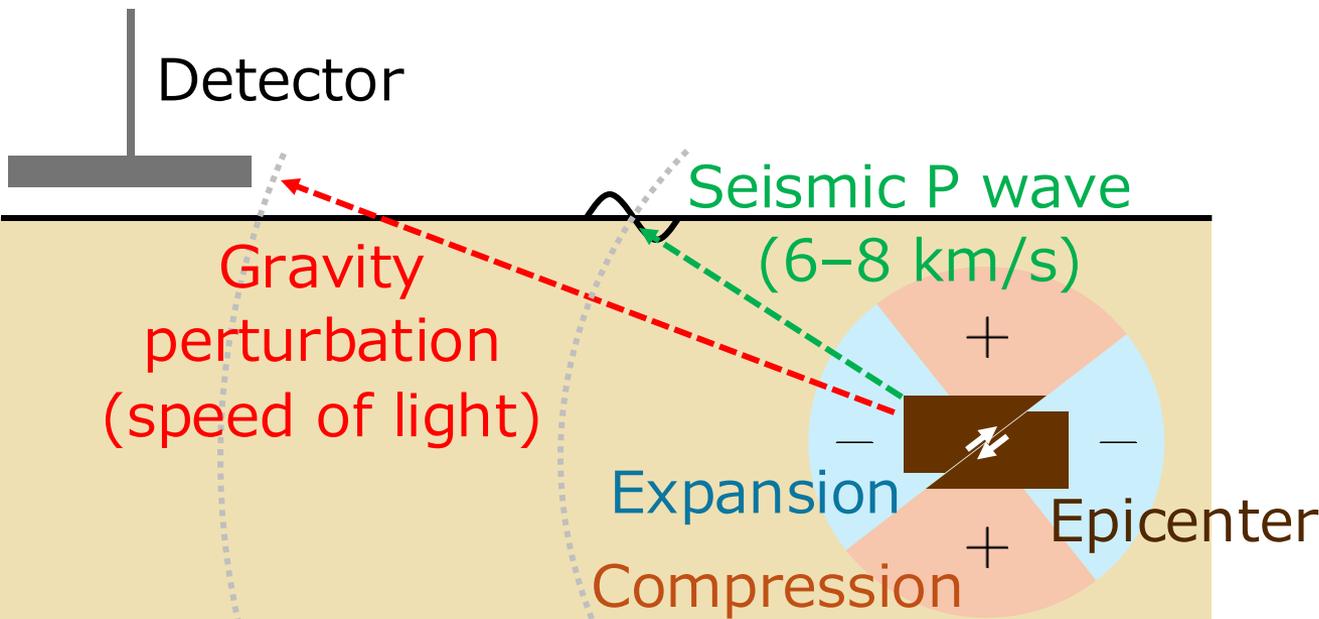
# Science of TOBA: GGN

- Gravity gradient noise (Newtonian noise)
  - First direct detection (Phase-III)
    - Noise reduction for the 3rd generation GW detectors



# Science of TOBA: earthquake

- Earthquake detection using gravity perturbations generated by fault rupture
  - Faster detection and early warning than conventional methods using seismic P waves
  - Better accuracy of magnitude estimation
- Gravity perturbations were observed by post-event analysis
  - Aiming for higher accuracy and real-time detection

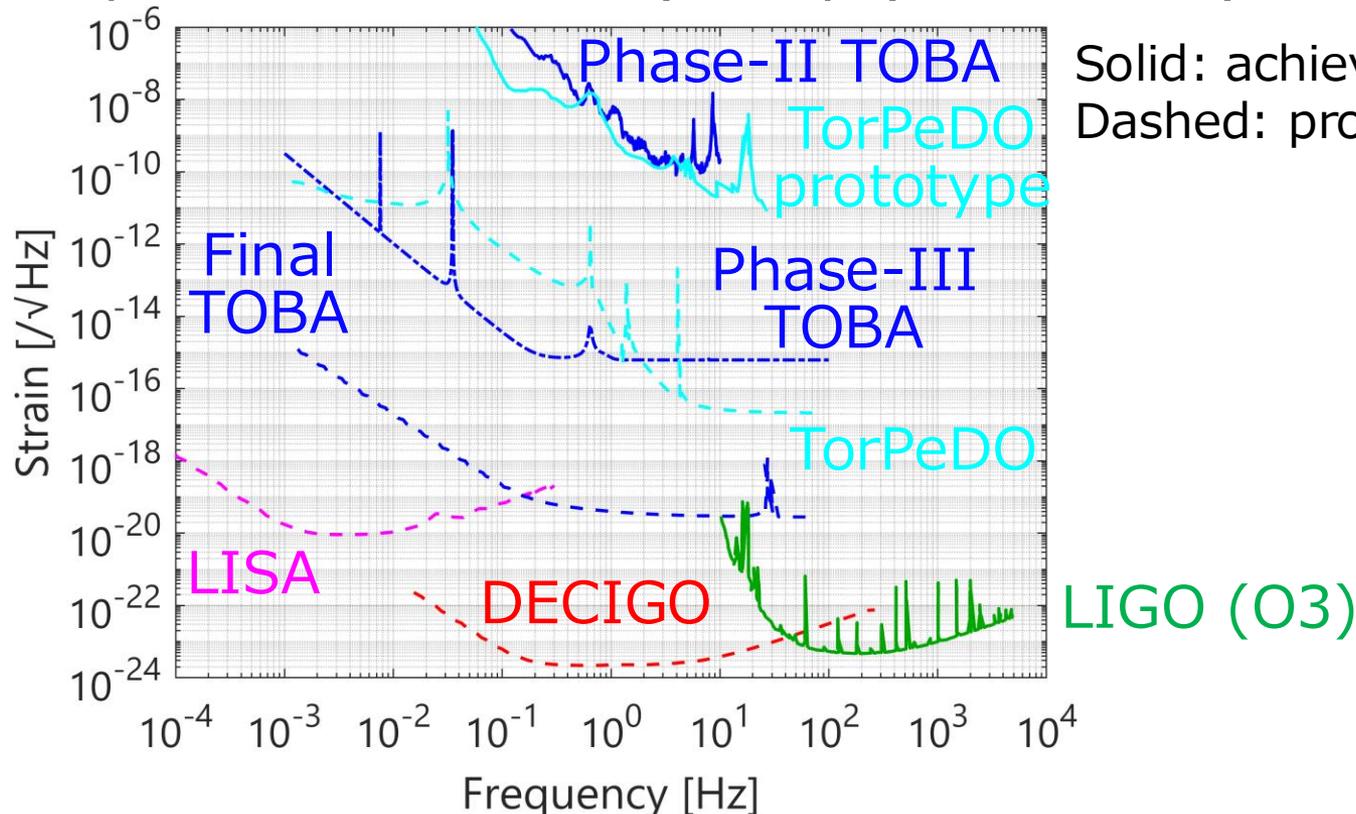


# TOBA and other GW detectors

- Spaceborne GW detectors: LISA • DECIGO
  - Much better sensitivities
  - High costs for development
  - Difficulty of maintenance during operation
- Torsion pendulums: TOBA (UTokyo) • TorPeDO (ANU)

K. Danzmann+, CQG (1996)  
S. Kawamura+, JPCS (2008)

M. Ando+, PRL (2010)  
D. J. McManus+, CQG (2017)



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# Development roadmap of TOBA

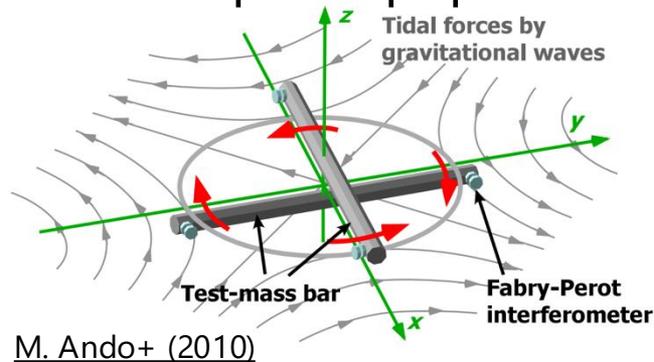
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(2009-2011)

Phase-II TOBA  
(2012-2014)

Principle test

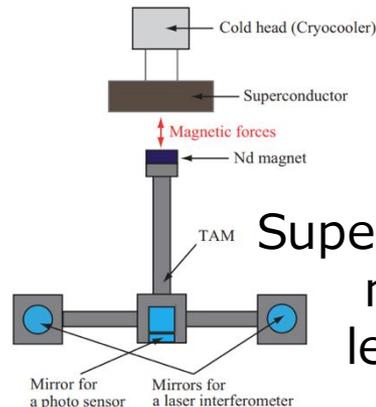
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20 cm bars  
Room temp.

Proposal paper



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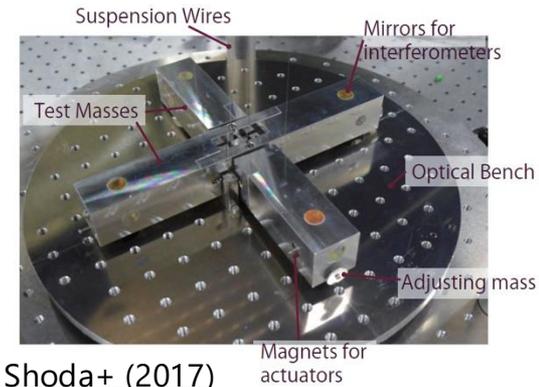
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Phase-II TOBA



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Phase-II TOBA  
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Principle test

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Phase-III TOBA  
(2018-now)

Technical  
demonstration

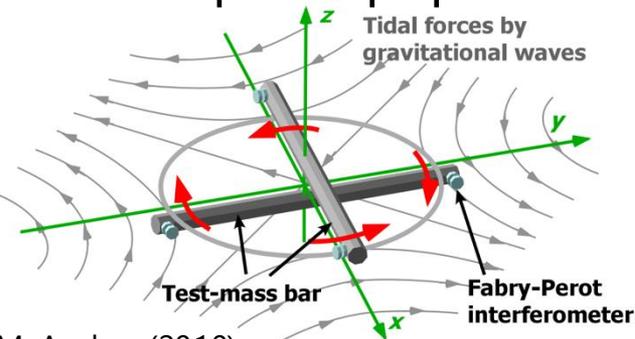
$10^{-15} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  (target)  
35 cm bars  
Cryogenic temp.

Final TOBA  
(Future)

GW observation

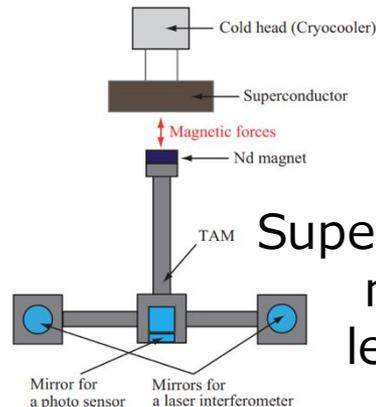
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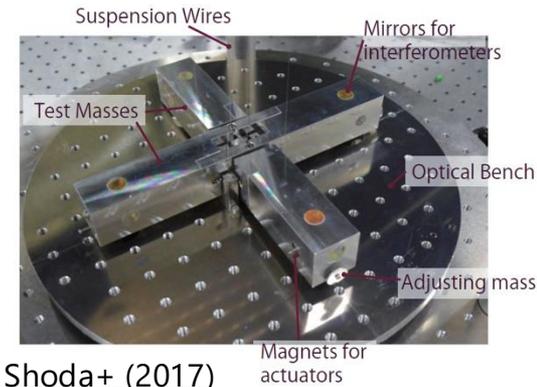
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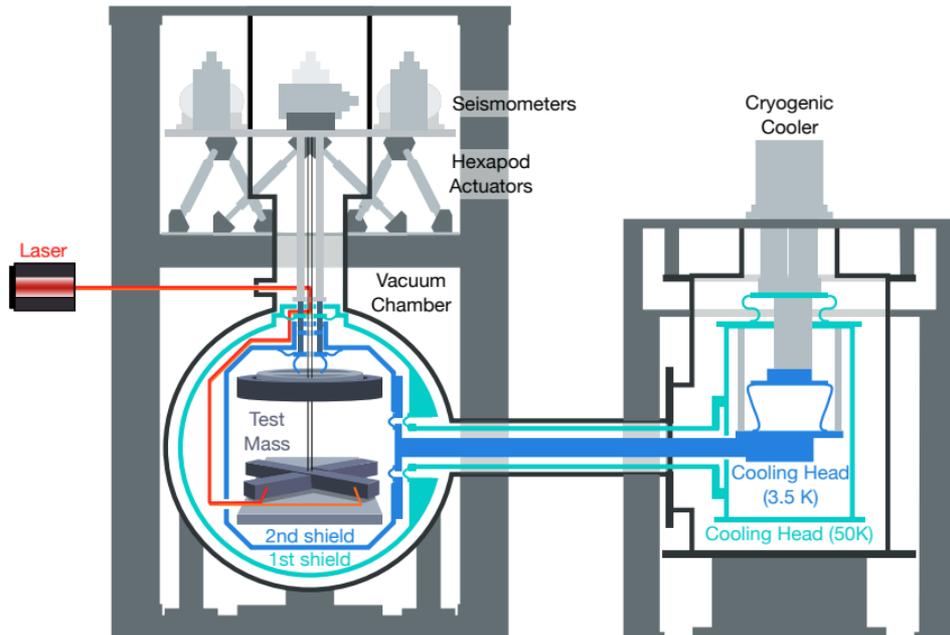
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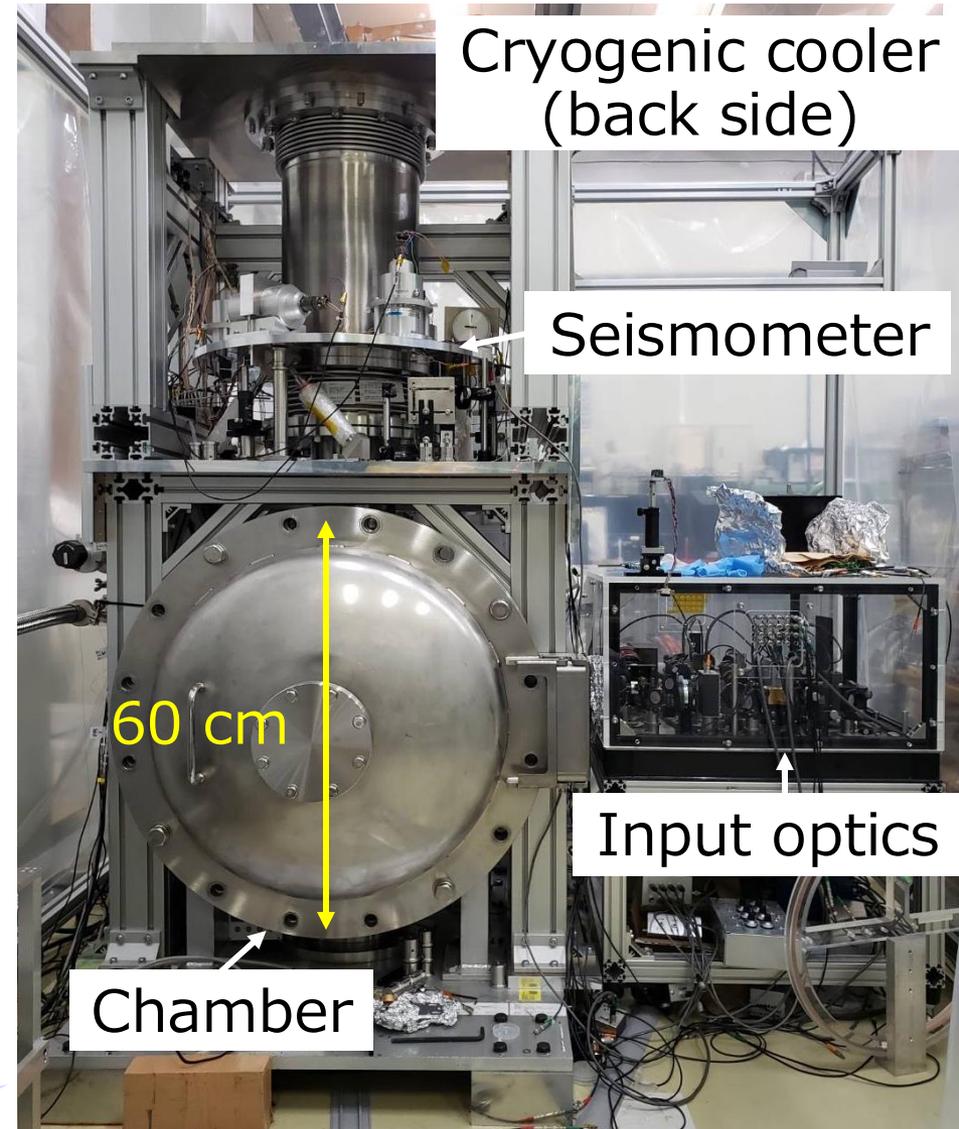
# Configuration of Phase-III TOBA

- Laser interferometers
- Suspension
- Cryogenic cooler
- Active vibration isolation



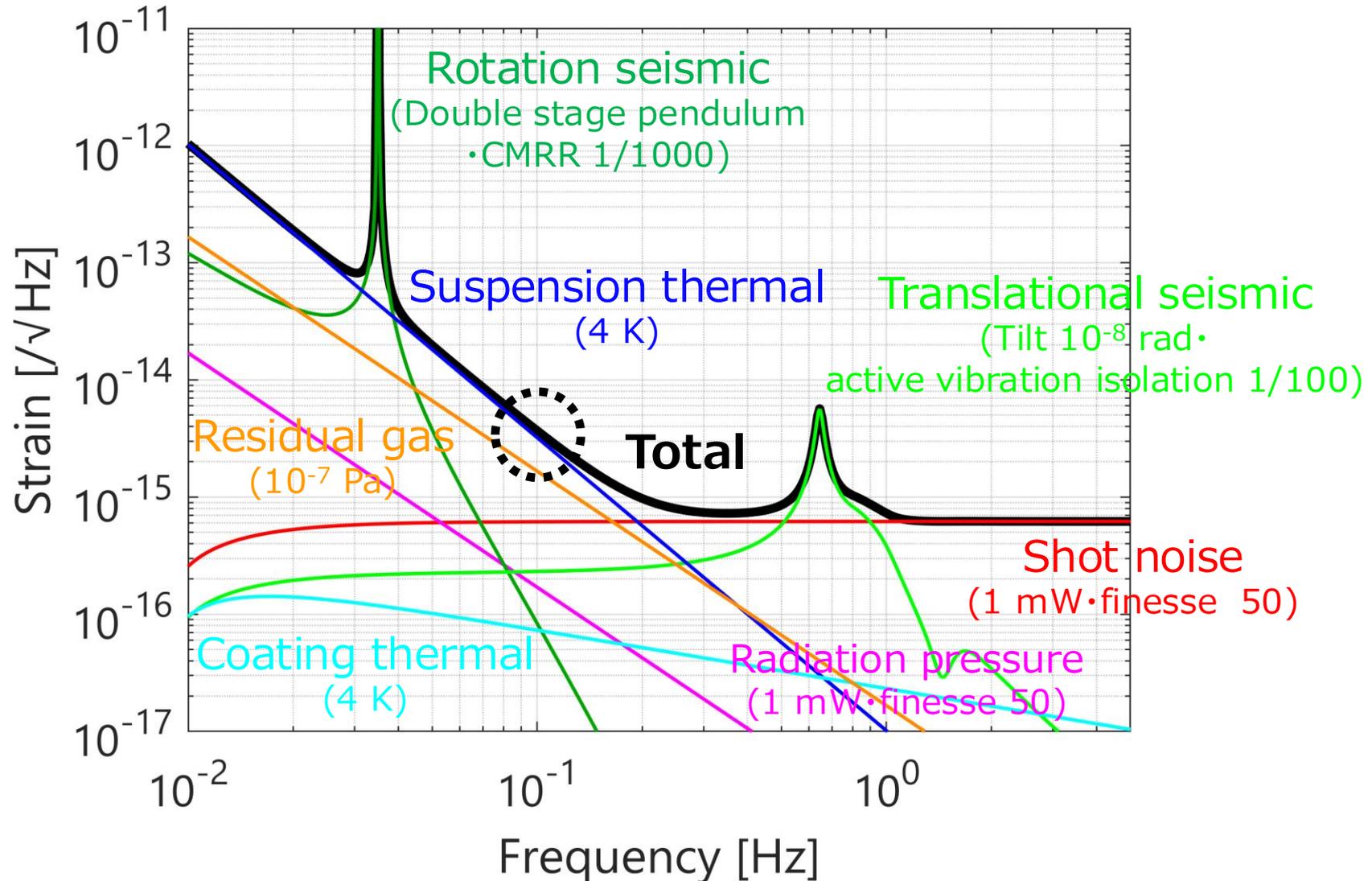
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# Design sensitivity of Phase-III TOBA

- $3.7 \times 10^{-15} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at 0.1 Hz



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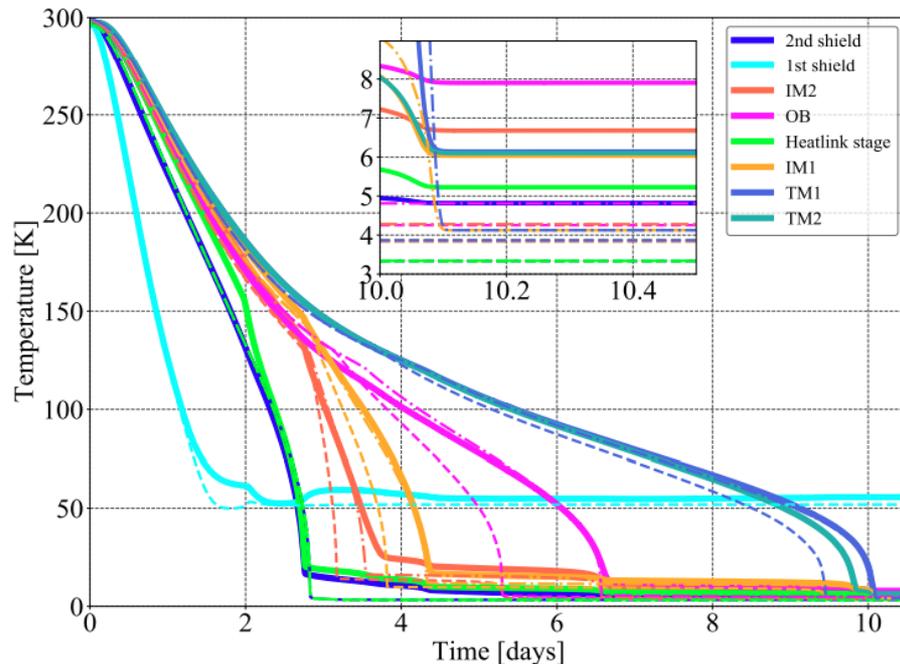
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# Status: cryogenic suspension

by T. Shimoda and C. P. Ooi

- Torsion pendulums were successfully cooled
  - Target: 4 K / result: 6.1 K
- Developing suspension wire made of sapphire for high Q factor
  - Target:  $10^8$  / result:  $7 \times 10^4$  at 4 K



T. Shimoda, Ph.D. thesis (2019)

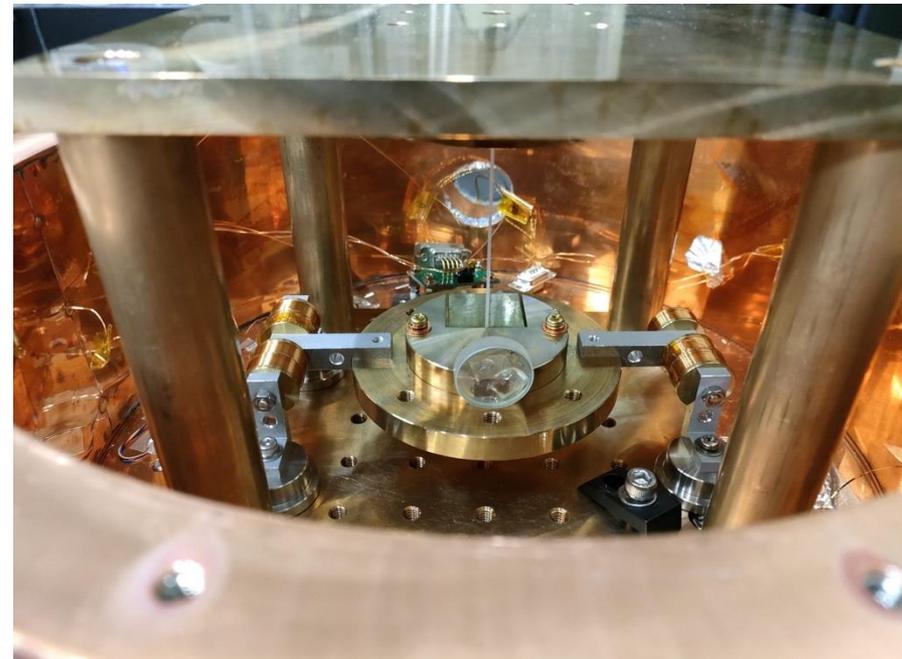
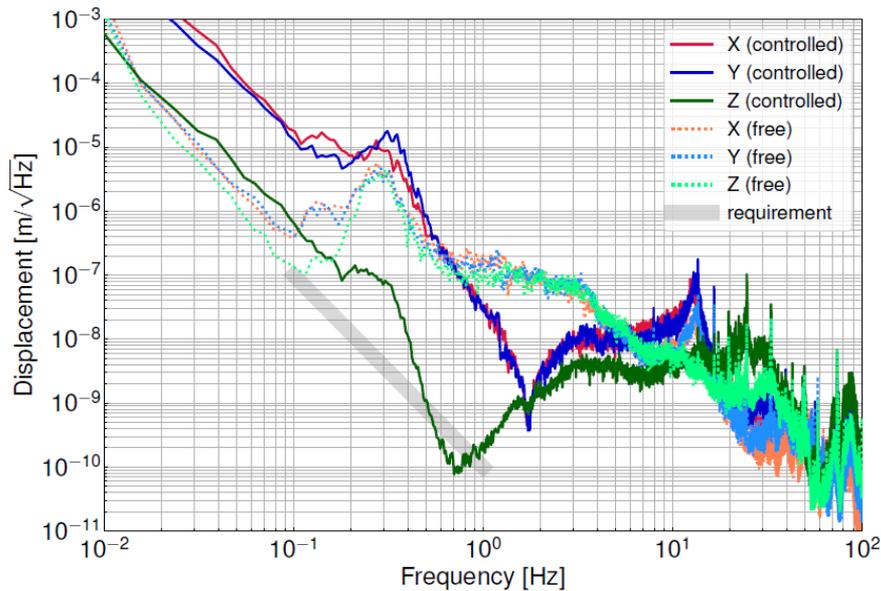


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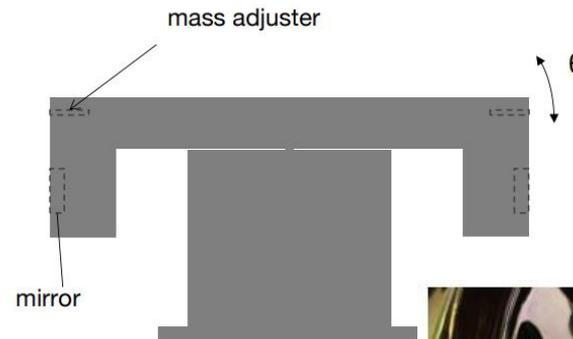
# Status: active vibration isolation

by S. Takano and M. Cao

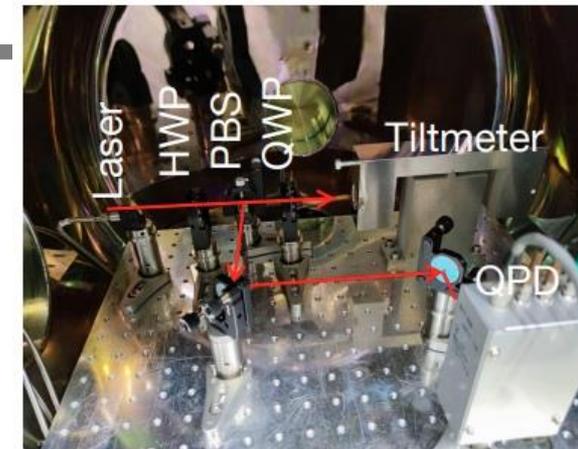
- 3 DoFs were controlled with geophones and piezo actuators
  - Vertical vibration suppressed by  $10^{-3}$  at 0.7 Hz
  - Horizontal vibration suppressed by  $3 \times 10^{-2}$  at 1.7 Hz
- Developing a tiltmeter to reduce tilt-horizontal coupling



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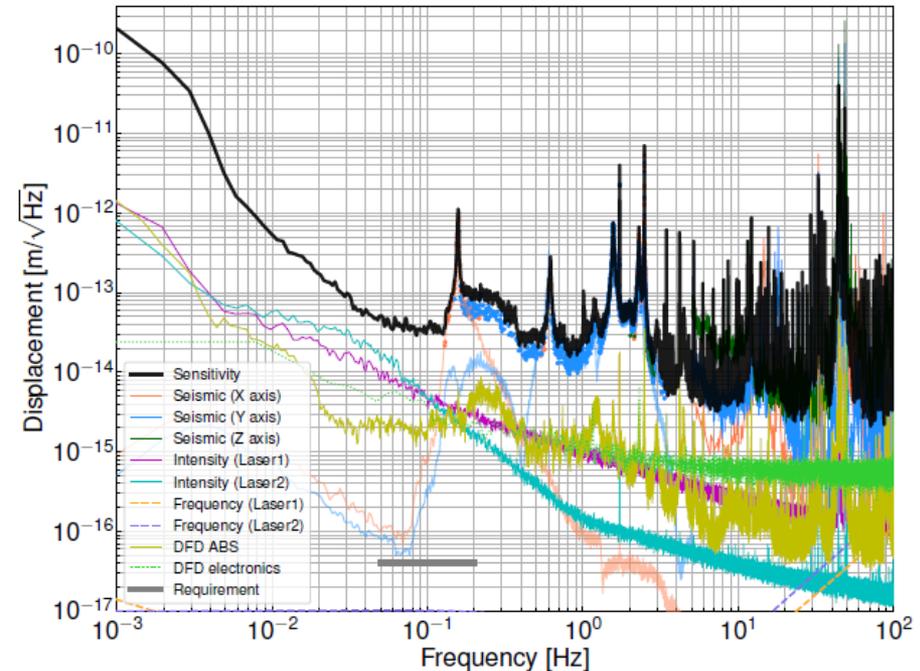
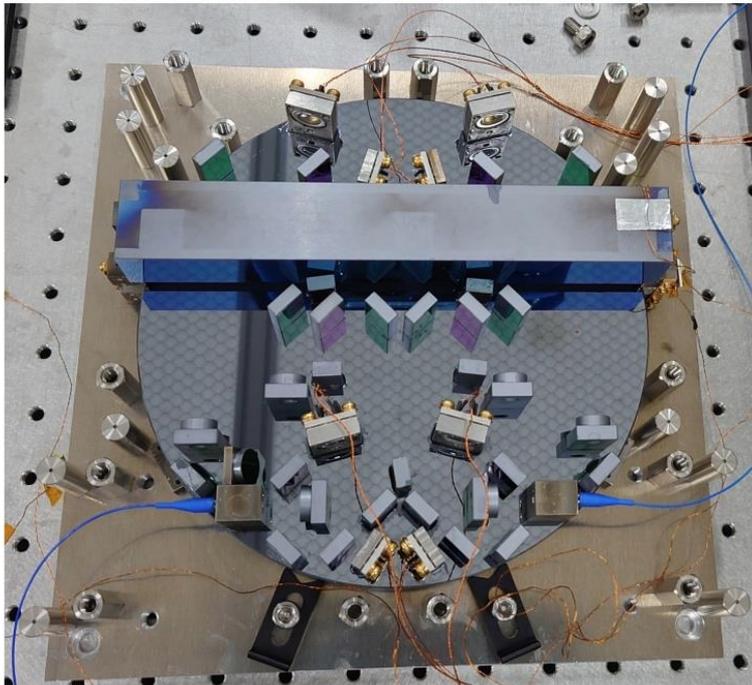
Figures by M. Cao



# Status: cryogenic interferometer

by S. Takano

- Monolithic interferometer made of silicon was developed
  - Operated at 12 K more than one day
  - $4 \times 10^{-14}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at 0.1 Hz (comparable to LISA Pathfinder)



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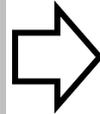
Satoru will introduce in today's final talk from AEI

# Status: my work

- Goal : **completion of optics and suspension system**

Element development  
by previous researches

- Cryogenic torsion pendulum
- High-Q suspension wire
- Active vibration isolation
- Cryogenic interferometer



This study

Integration of  
optics and suspension  
(designed for  
cryogenic temp.)



Phase-III TOBA  
target sensitivity

- Silicon test mass
- Cooling
- Improvement of suspension wire
- Introduction of active vibration isolation

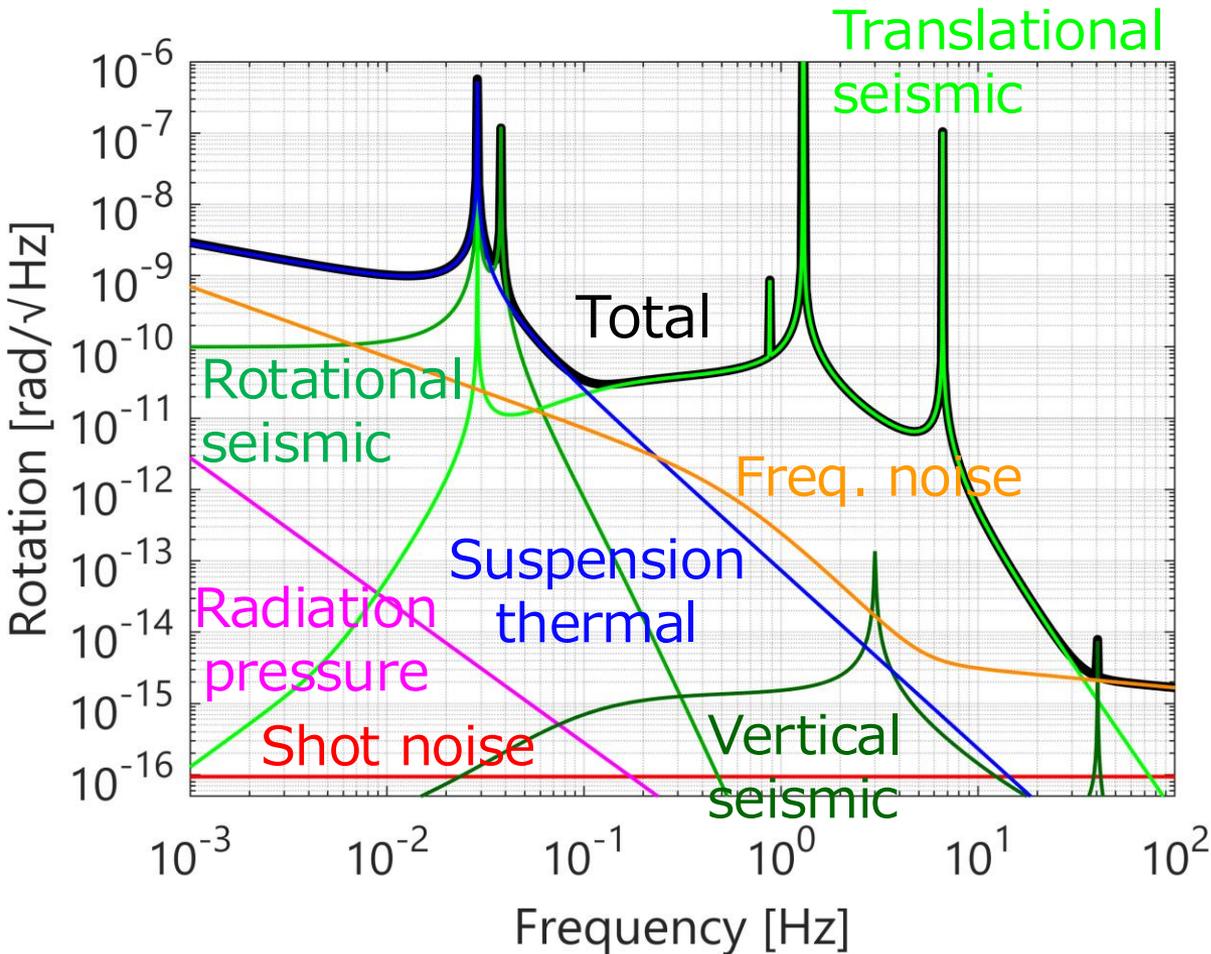


Final TOBA  
target sensitivity

Increase size

# Design sensitivity of my work

- $3.4 \times 10^{-11}$  rad/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at 0.1 Hz



## Optics

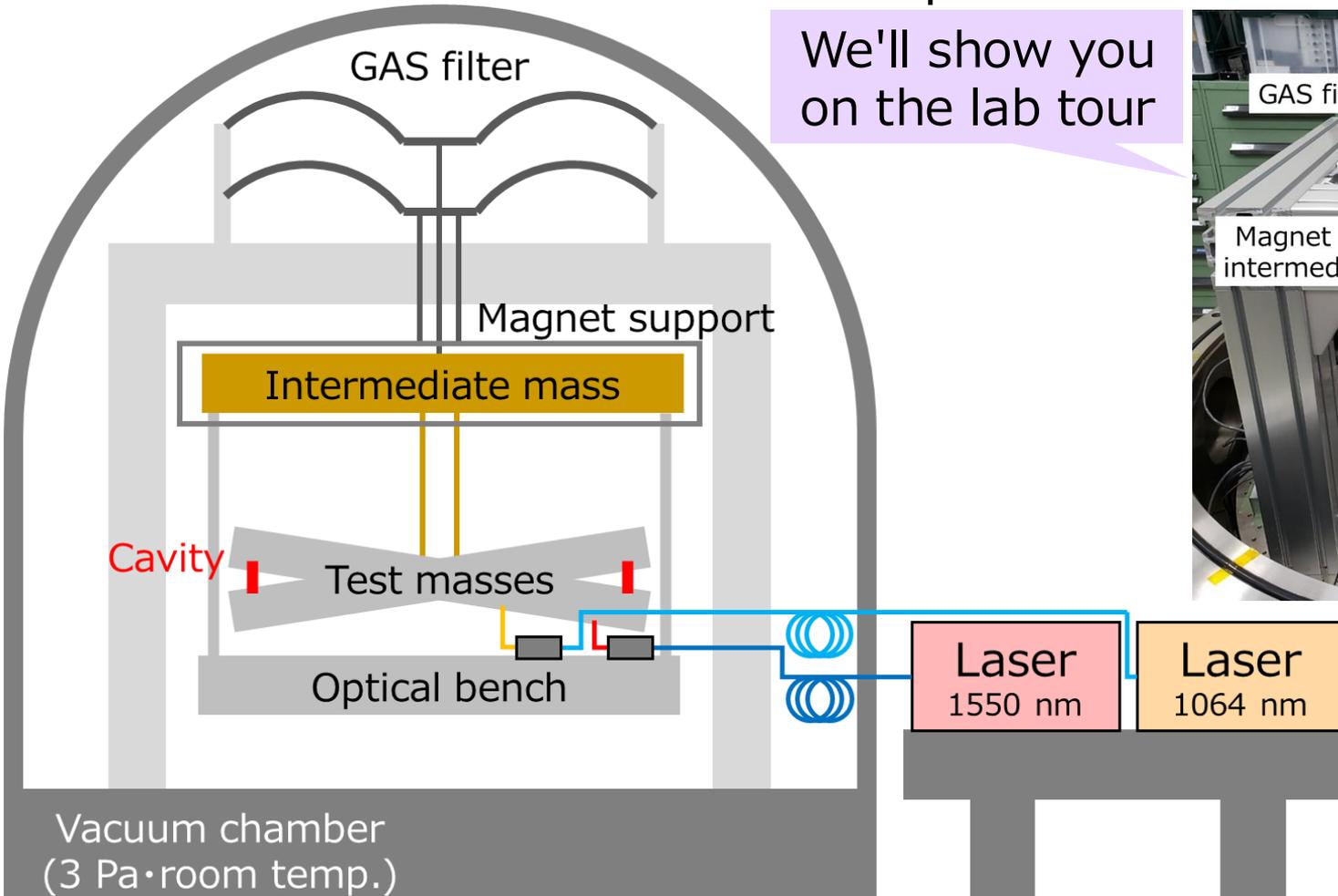
Wavelength	1550 nm
Power	1 mW
Finesse	300
Cavity length	23 mm
Distance btw two cavities	110 mm

## Suspension

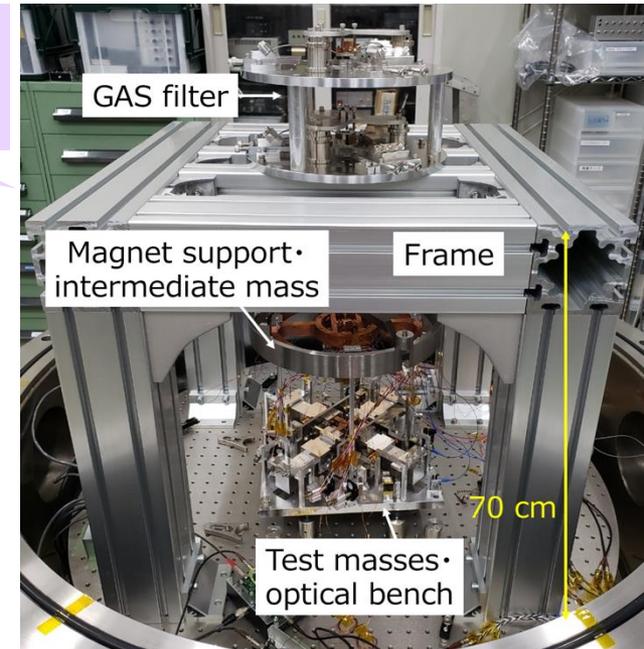
Moment of inertia	0.010 kg m <sup>2</sup>
Torsional resonance	28.7 mHz
Q factor of wire	10 <sup>3</sup>
Tilt of bars	10 <sup>-4</sup> rad
CMRR	1/50
GAS resonance	3 Hz
Temperature	300 K

# Entire experimental setup

- Suspension inside the vacuum chamber
- Laser source outside the chamber
- Laser is introduced into the optical bench via optical fiber

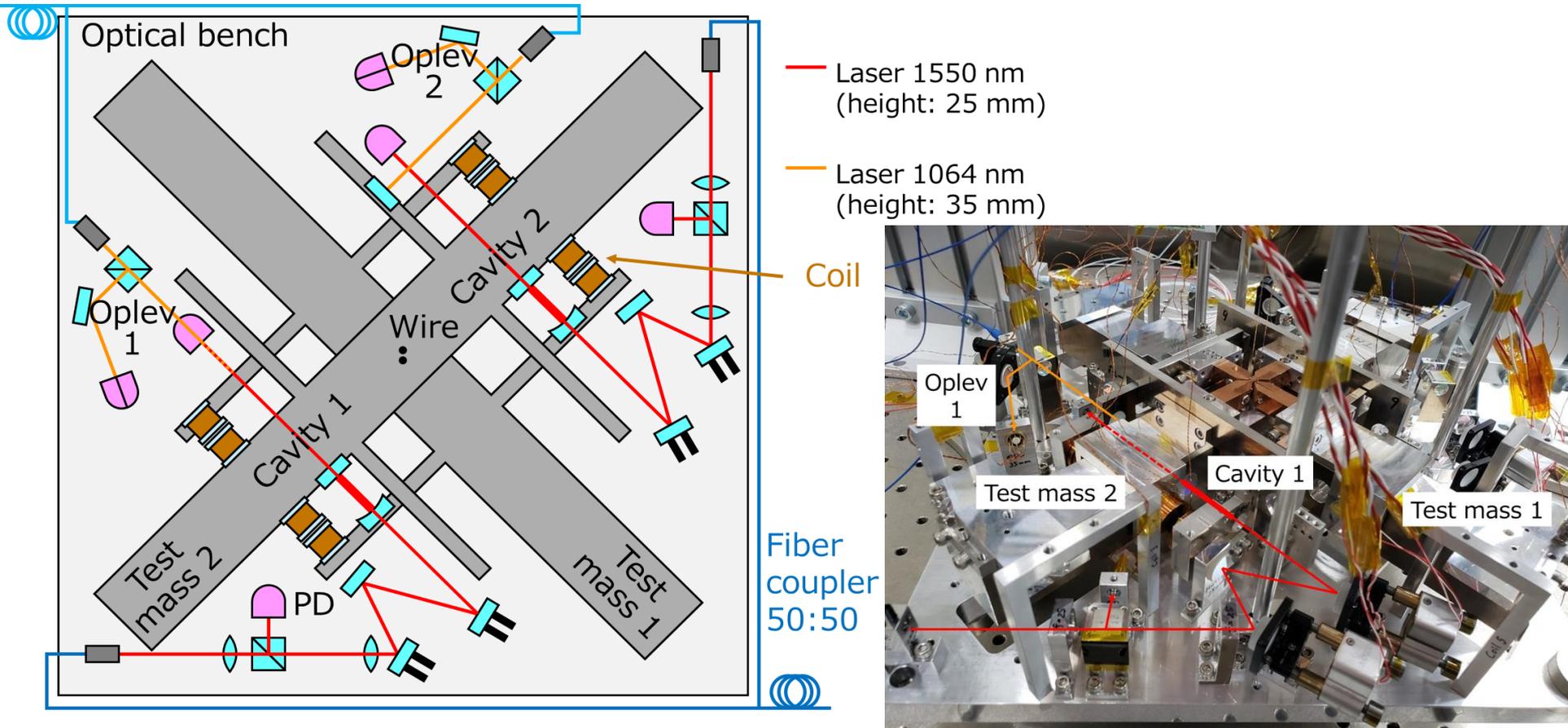


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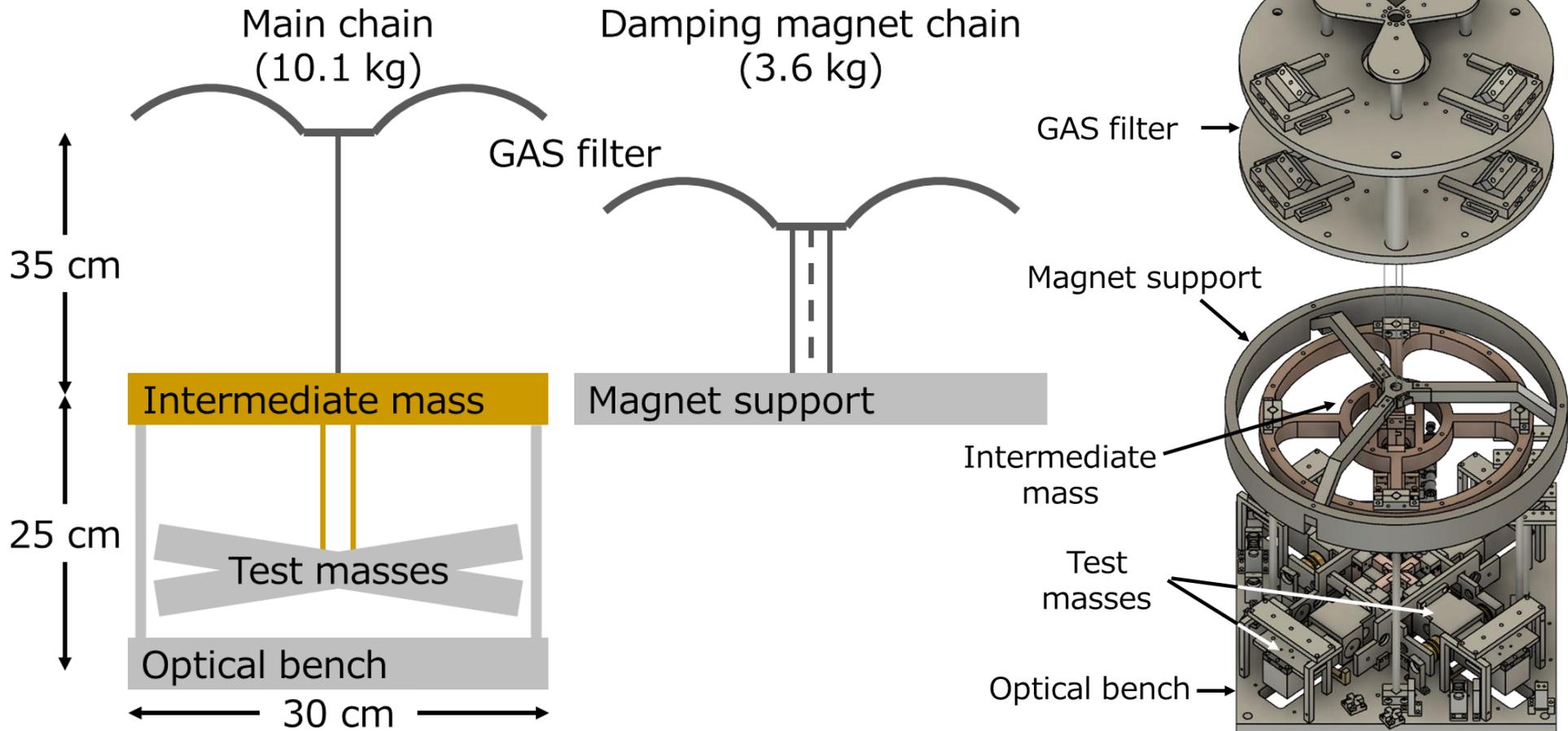
# Design of optics

- Differential Fabry–Pérot cavities btw two test masses to detect torsional rotation as cavity length variation
- Feedback control by coil-coil actuator to lock the cavities
- Optical levers are installed as auxiliary sensors



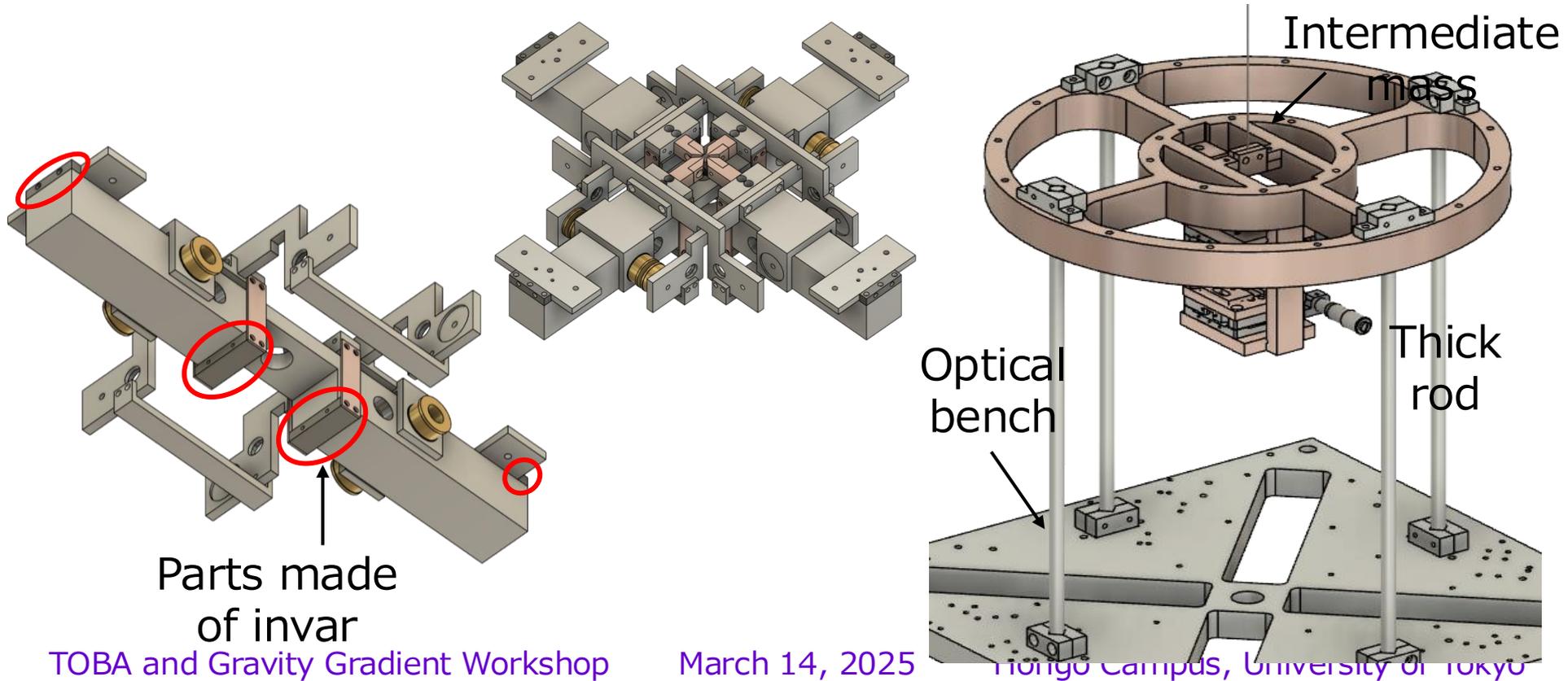
# Design of suspension: overall

- Test masses and optical bench are suspended from the intermediate mass
- Damping magnet support is also suspended
- GAS filter is installed to reduce vertical vibration



# Design of suspension: detail

- Parts made of invar are glued to test masses without screwing to prevent silicon from cracking
- Aluminum was used instead of silicon in this work
  - Silicon:  $2.33 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , aluminum:  $2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- Optical bench was suspended from the same intermediate mass as the test masses to reduce vibration noise

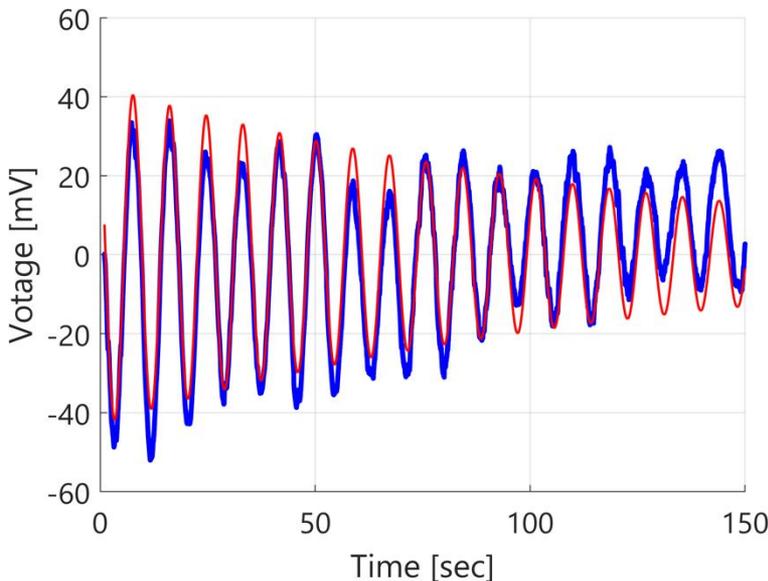


# Summary of results

		Results of this work	Design of this work	Design of Phase-III TOBA
Optics	Optical lever	Detection	Auxiliary sensor	Auxiliary sensor
	Differential Fabry–Pérot cavities	Finesse $\sim 300$ First for TOBA Unlock	Finesse 400 Lock and detection	Lock and detection
Suspension	Test mass	Aluminum (for cryogenic temp.) First for TOBA		Silicon
	Torsional resonant freq.	117 mHz	28.7 mHz	7.7 mHz
	Q factor	$\sim 50$	$10^3$	$10^8$
	Tilt of test mass	$\sim 2 \times 10^{-3}$ rad	$10^{-4}$ rad	$10^{-8}$ rad
	Resonant freq. of GAS filter	First for TOBA 3-4.5 Hz	3 Hz	3 Hz
Temperature		300 K	300 K	4 K
Sensitivity at 0.1 Hz		$3 \times 10^{-7}$ / $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	$3 \times 10^{-11}$ / $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	$4 \times 10^{-15}$ / $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

# Result: resonant freq. and Q factor

- Measured after excitation of torsional modes by coil-coil actuators (ring-down method)
- Measured under atmospheric pressure and vacuum

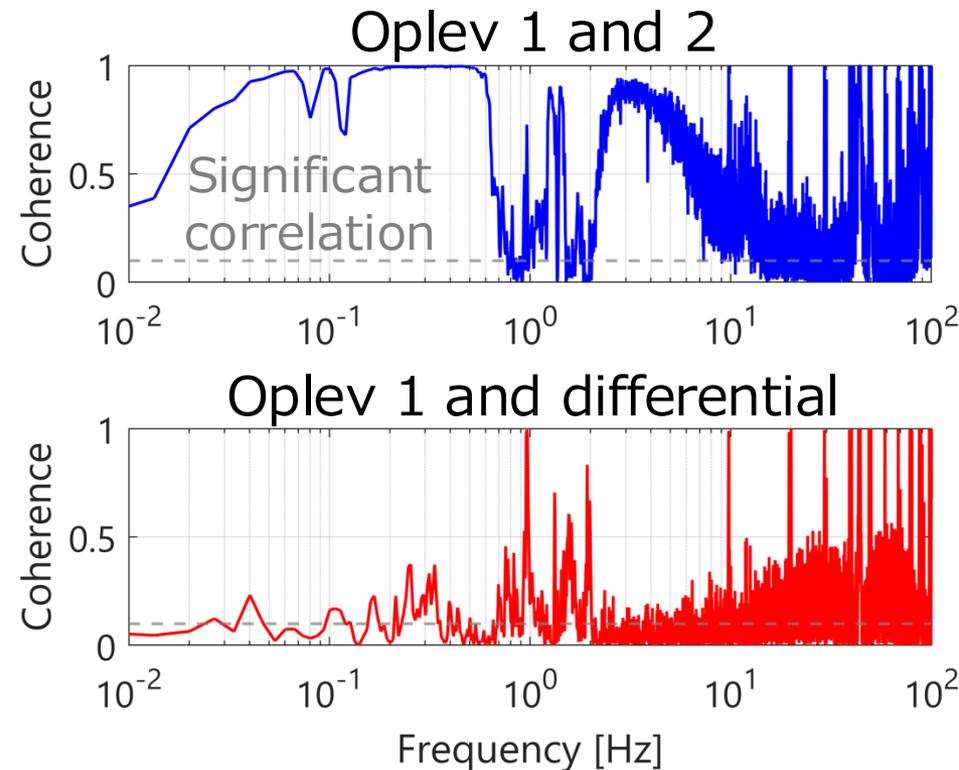
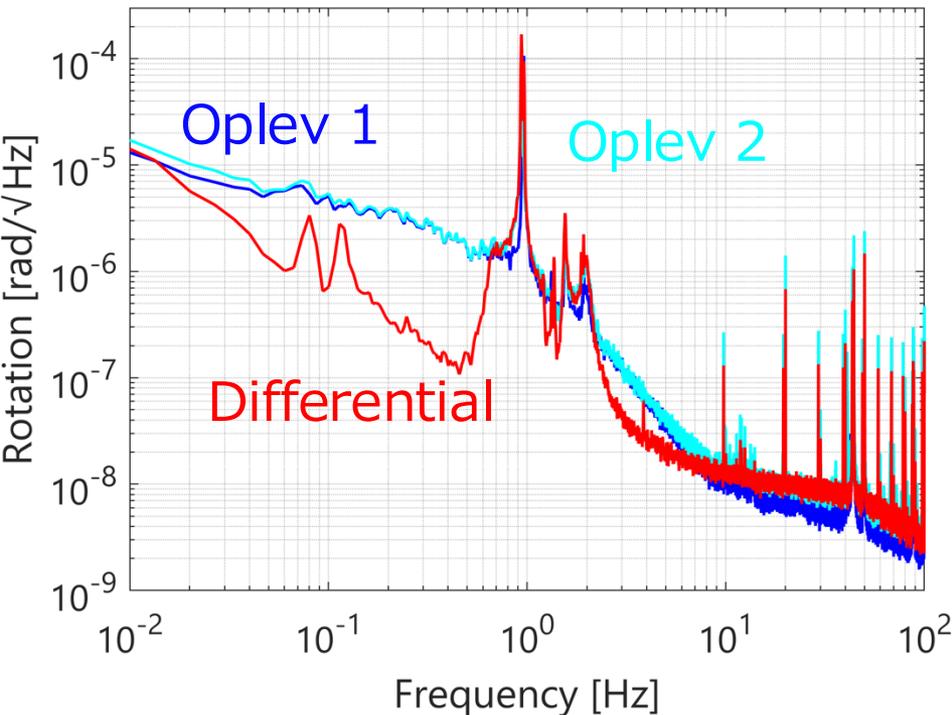


	Design	Test mass 1	Test mass 2
Torsional resonant freq. [mHz]	28.7	117.9±0.1 (10 <sup>5</sup> Pa)	117.9±0.1 (10 <sup>5</sup> Pa)
		117.1±0.1 (3.5 Pa)	117.3±0.1 (3.5 Pa)
Q factor	1000	55.2±0.4 (10 <sup>5</sup> Pa)	39.8±0.2 (10 <sup>5</sup> Pa)
		66.8±1.5 (3.5 Pa)	46.5±0.3 (3.5 Pa)

- Due to the increased restoring force by wires of coils  
→ Use of thinner wire / non-contact current supply / cavity control without coil-coil actuators

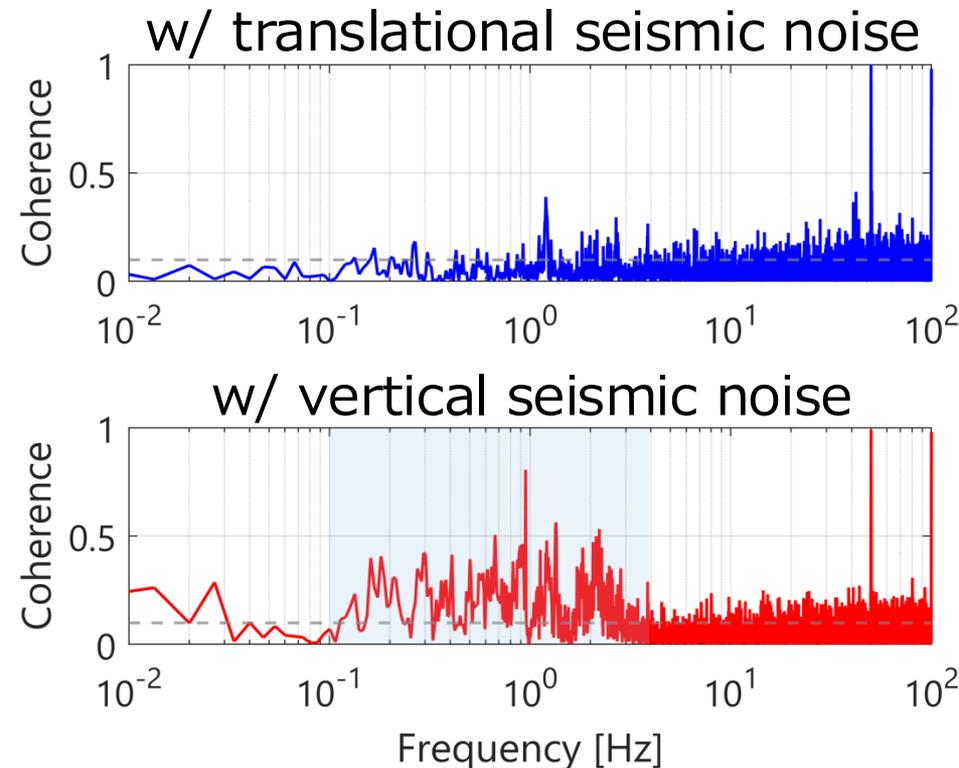
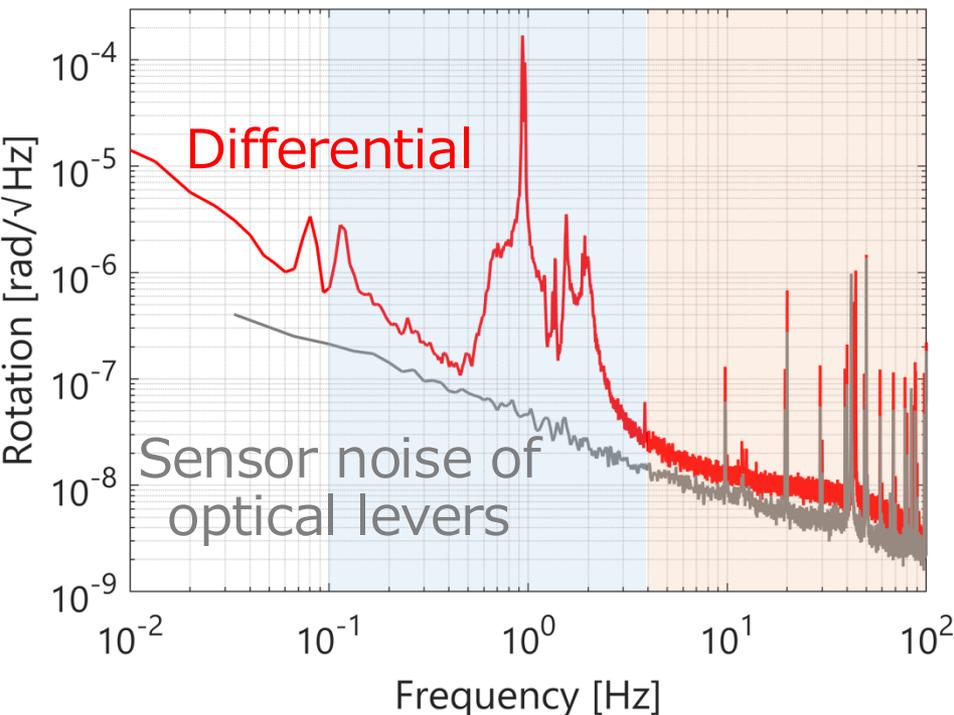
# Result: sensitivity of optical levers

- Torsional rotation was measured with optical levers
- Common mode rejection between two test masses
- $1.1 \times 10^{-7}$  rad/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  at 0.4 Hz



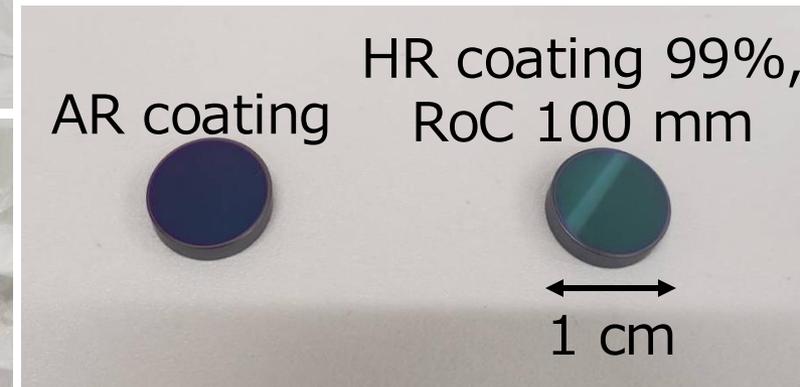
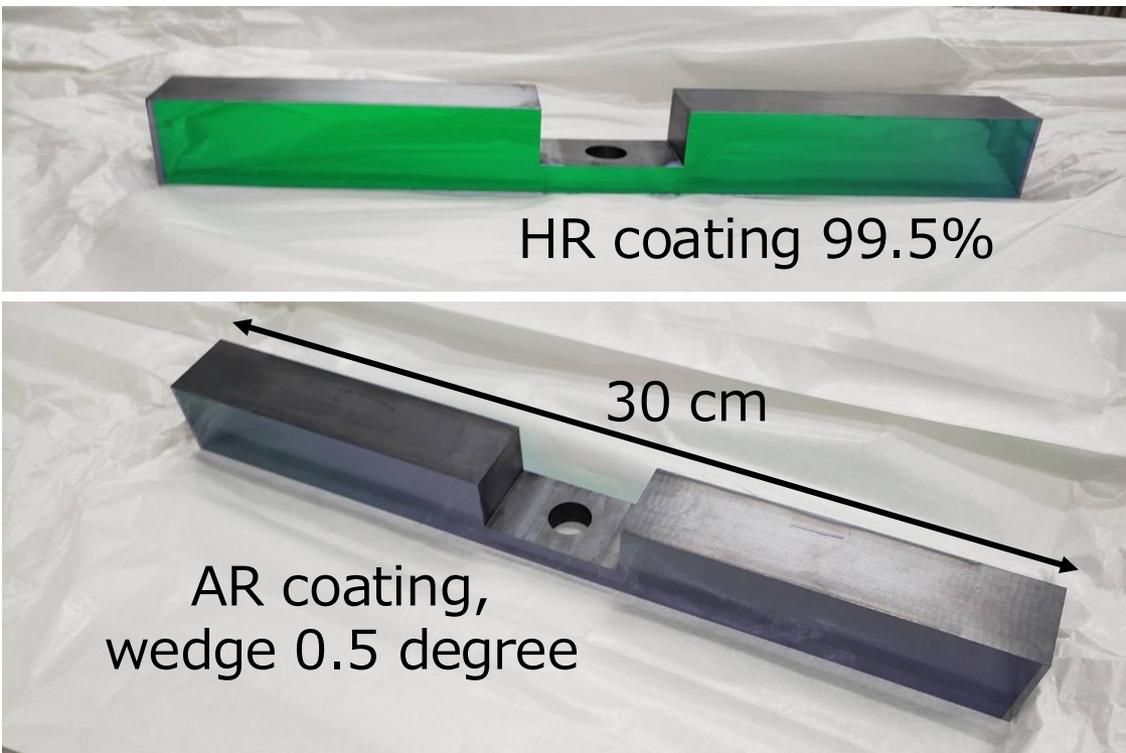
# Discussion of noise sources

- Above 4 Hz, sensor noise is dominant  
→ Sensitivity can be improved  
by replacing cavities for detection
- Significant correlation with vertical seismic noise in 0.1-4 Hz  
→ Reduction of test mass tilt /  
lower resonant frequency of GAS filter



# Future plans

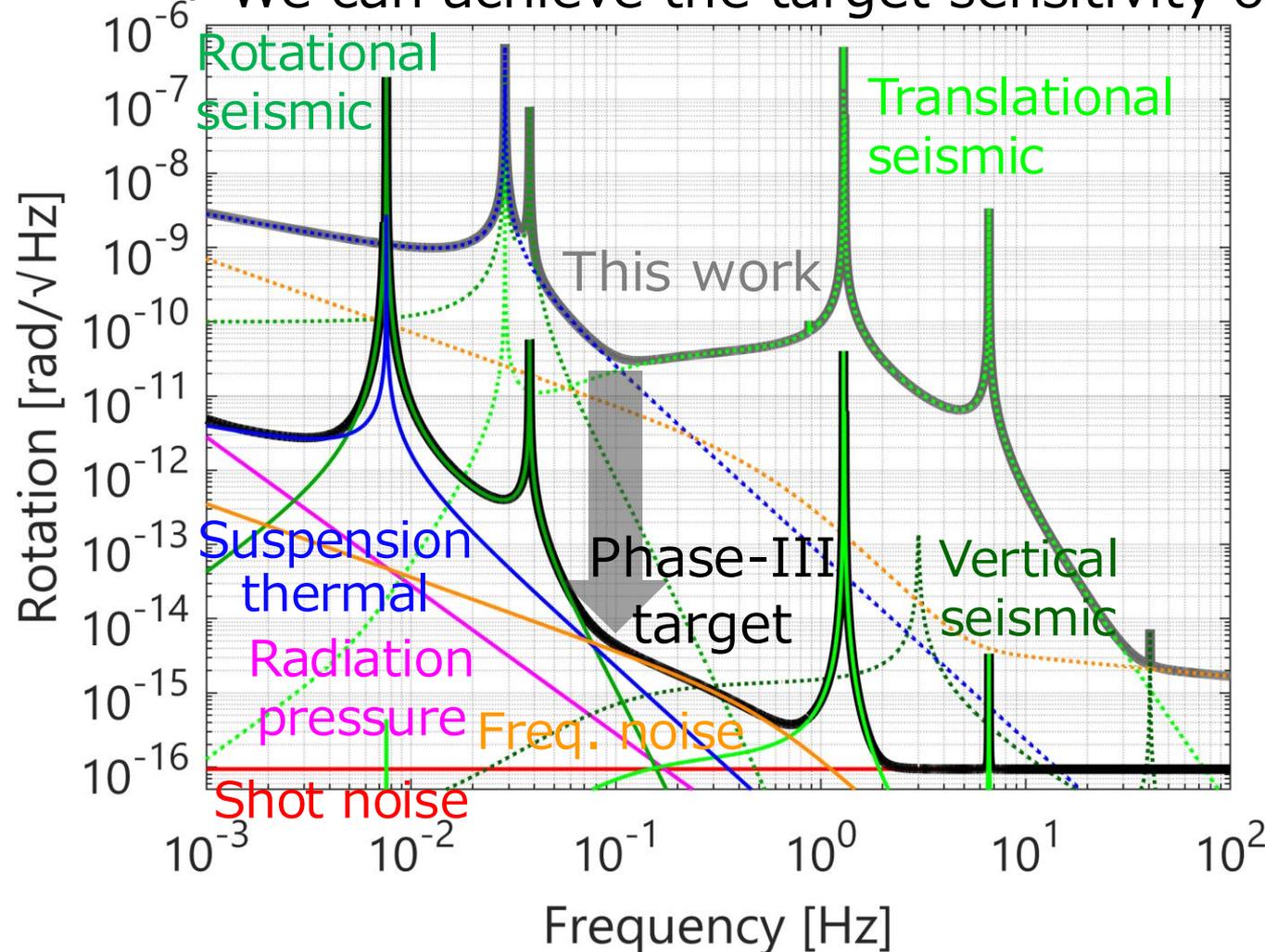
- Need to lock the cavities to measure torsional rotation
- We will replace test masses made of silicon and cool
  - Test masses with HR coating were already purchased
- I will graduate in March and Tatsuya takes over the exp.



# Future plans

- Need to reduce suspension thermal noise, seismic noise, and laser freq. noise

→ We can achieve the target sensitivity of Phase-III TOBA



## ● Thermal noise

- Temp.: 300 K → 4 K
- Beryllium copper → silicon
- Q factor:  $10^3$  →  $10^8$

## ● Seismic noise

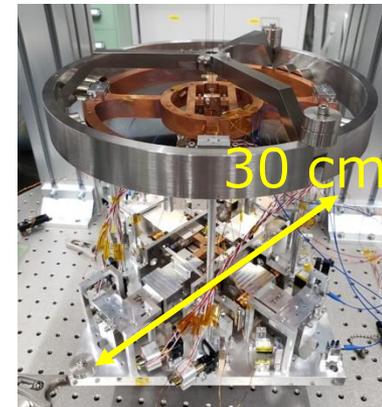
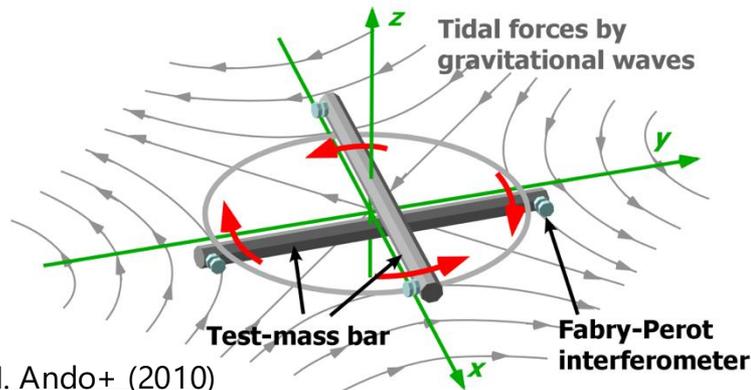
- Active isolation 1/100
- Tilt of bars:  $10^{-4}$  rad →  $10^{-8}$  rad

## ● Freq. noise

- Stabilization 1/1000

# Summary

- TOBA is a GW detector for low freq. with torsion pendulums
- Phase-III TOBA with 30 cm scale bars is under development
- Element development for Phase-III TOBA
  - Cryogenic torsion pendulum
  - High-Q suspension wire at cryogenic temp.
  - Active vibration isolation
  - Cryogenic monolithic interferometer
- We are integrating optics and suspension to realize the target sensitivity of Phase-III TOBA



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