

# History of Sensor Development at University of Birmingham

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# Abstract

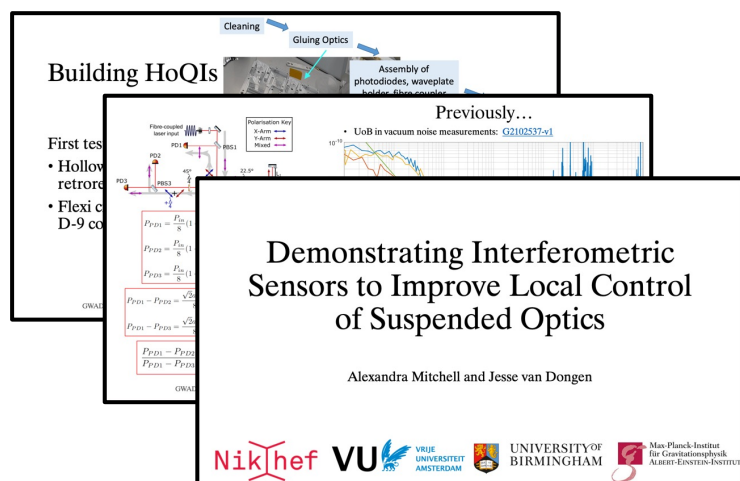
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- Birmingham group has developed many sensors
- I will compare and discuss BOSEM, EUCLID, ILIAD, and HoQI
- I also introduce QUIMETT developed by Nagano-san and HDMI developed by Takano-san
- In the summary slide, we can fill in all the blanks in the table

Name of sensors	Motivation	Design & characteristics	Sensitivity at 1 Hz	Discussion & status
BOSEM				
EUCLID				
ILIAD				
HoQI				
QUIMETT				
HDMI				

# Why did I choose this topic?

- Talk about HoQI at GWADW2022 was interesting
- Nagano-san's QUIMETT is similar to HoQI  
→ I want to understand both HoQI and QUIMETT



[HoQI - GWADW2022](#)

- I am confused about the difference between OSEM and BOSEM  
→ I want to summarize sensors developed by Birmingham group

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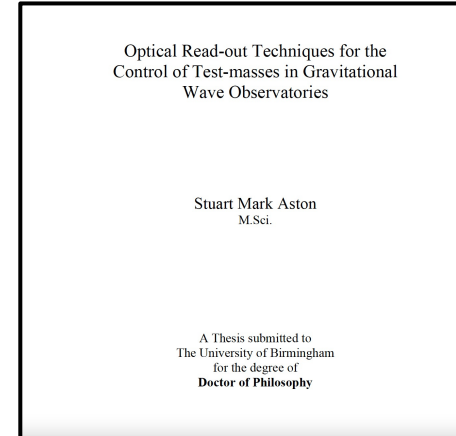
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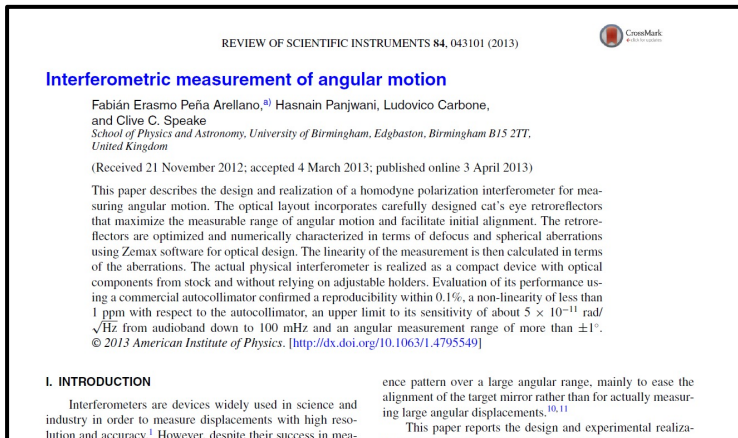
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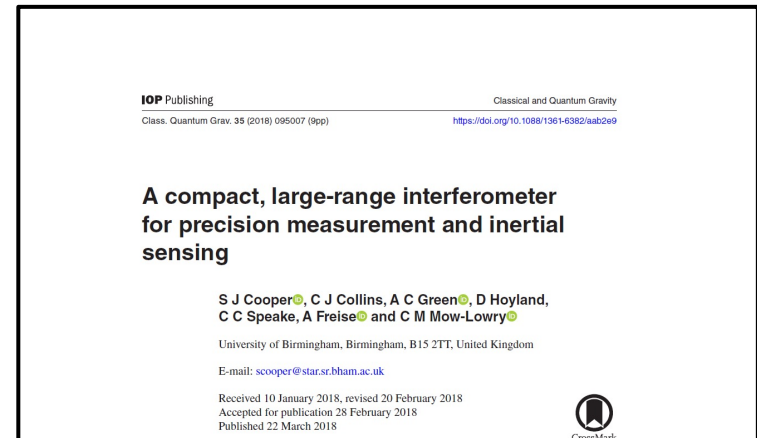
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[4] (HoQI)

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- [5] (QUIMETT) Nagano-san's slides (internal)
- [6] (HDMI) [Takano-san's midterm seminar](#)

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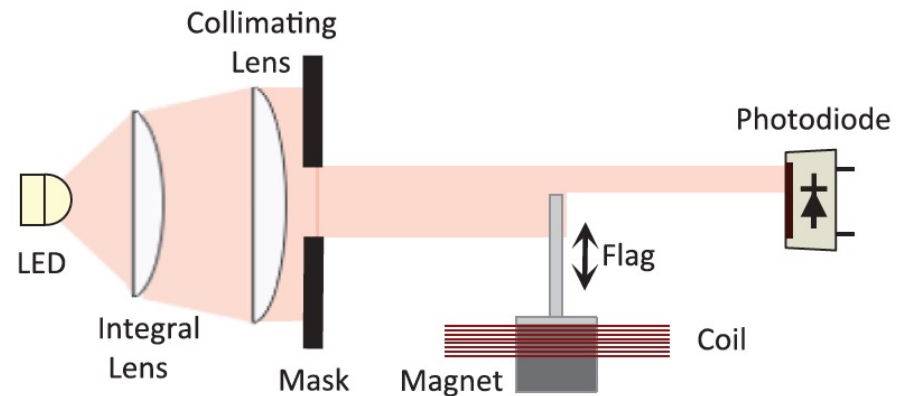
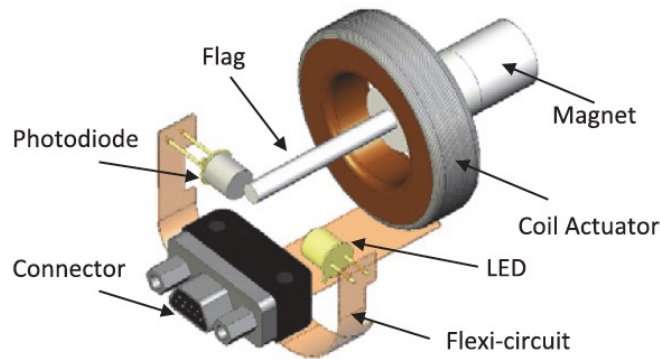
# BOSEM: overview

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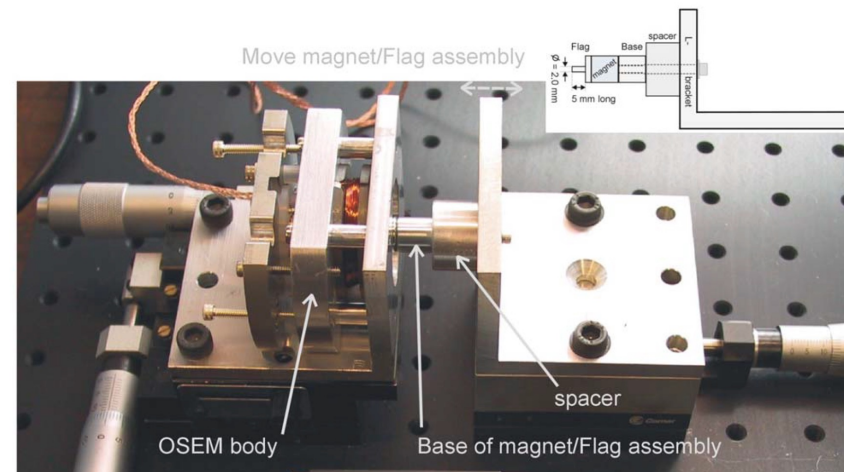
- BOSEM: Birmingham Optical Sensor and Electro-Magnetic actuator
- Developed by Birmingham group around 2010
- Motivation: suspension control for Advanced LIGO
- Requirement:  $3 \times 10^{-10}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  @1 Hz  
 $1 \times 10^{-10}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  @10 Hz
- Characteristics:
  - Sensor and actuator are combined in a single unit
  - Shadow sensor
  - Coil-magnet actuator

# BOSEM: sensor design

- Magnet and “flag” are attached to a test mass
- When a test mass moves, a flag moves in a longitudinal axis and obscures a fraction of LED light onto a single-element PD



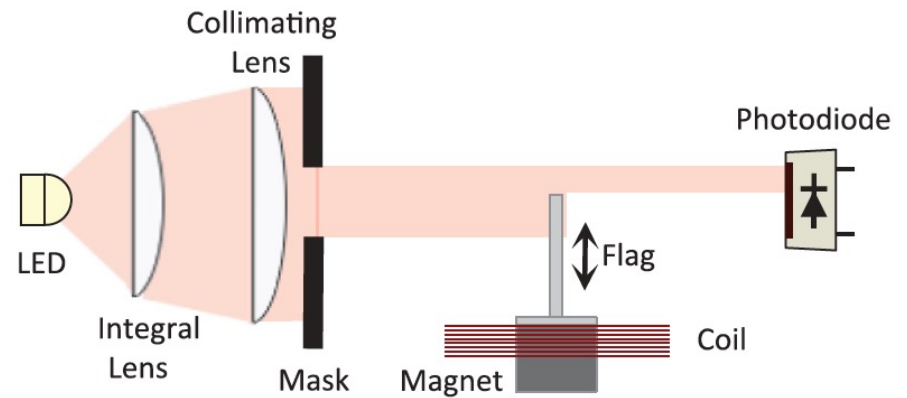
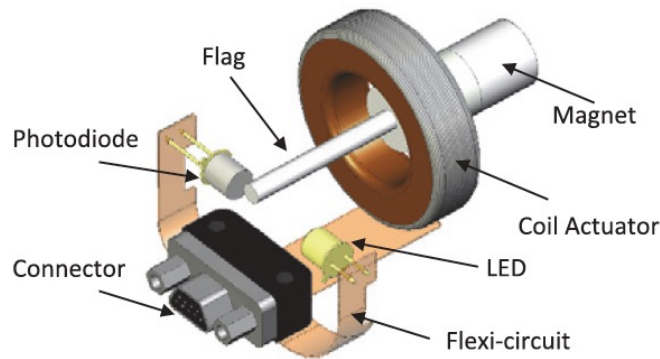
- LED: 950 nm, negligible emission at 1064 nm
- Lenses and mask: to collimate LED beam
- Flag: 25 mm × 3 mm aluminum cylinder



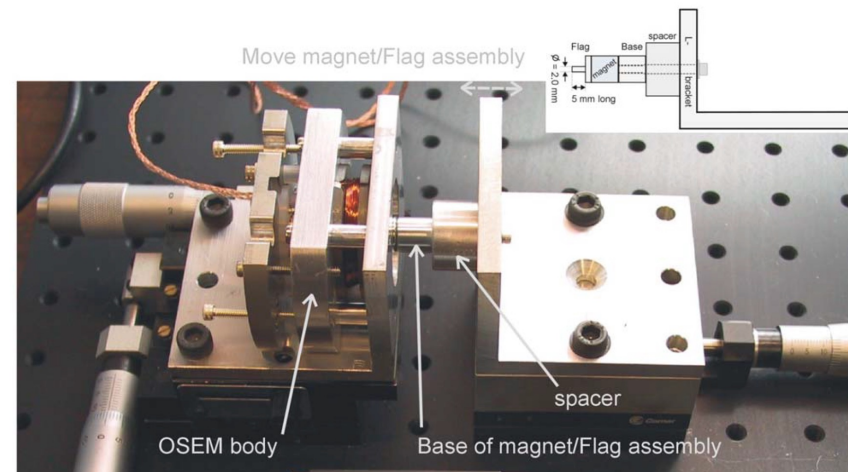


# BOSEM: actuator design

- Coil-magnet actuator
- Actuation forces up to several hundreds of mN per actuator (4 BOSEMs per test mass)  
(cf. 5 mN per my coil-magnet actuator)



- Coil: 800 turns of polyimide-coated 32-AWG wire
- Magnet: 10 mm × 10 mm Nd-B-Fe cylindrical magnets
- Mechanical parts: low magnetic susceptibility Al6082 → Residual magnetic forces below 5 mN



# BOSEM: other design

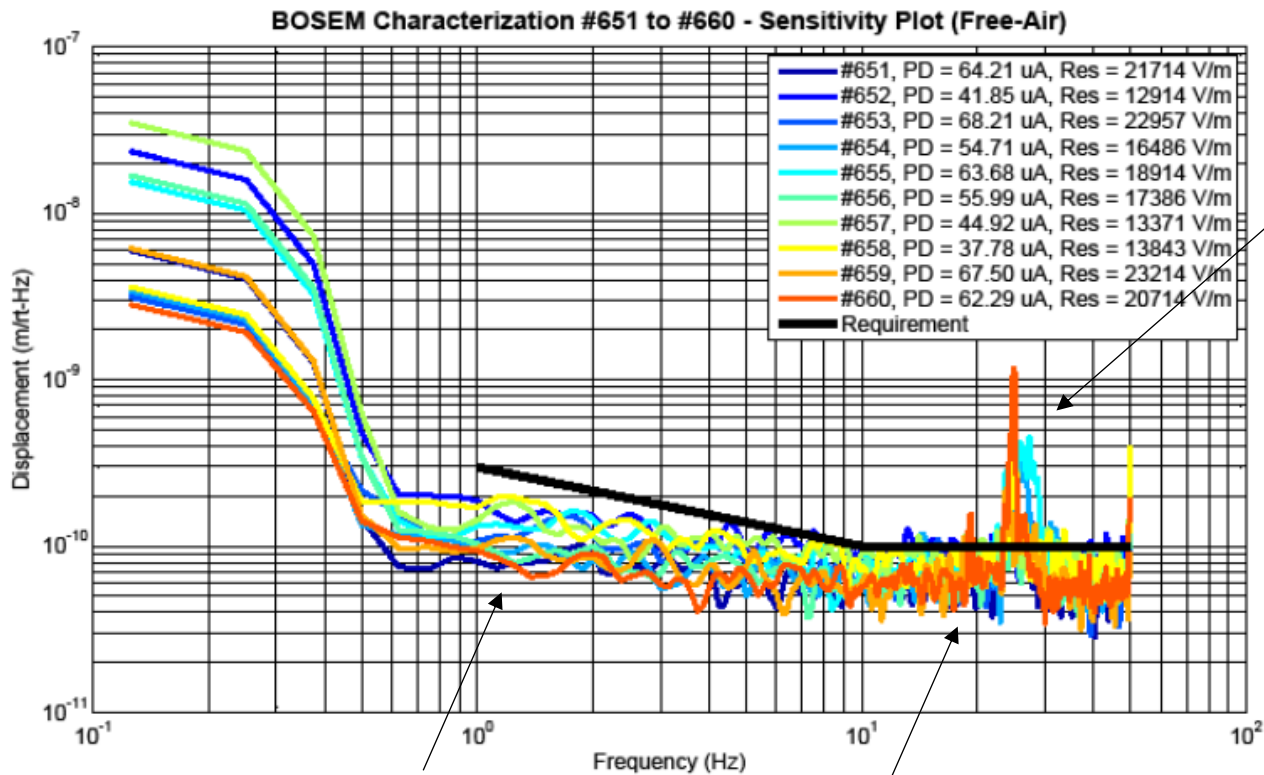
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- Compact design: less than  $40 \times 40 \times 40 \text{ mm}^3$  volume and  $\sim 170 \text{ g}$  mass
- During the installation process, we can align BOSEM 10 mm longitudinal and 1.5 mm lateral adjustments with respect to the flag position
- BOSEM can meet the requirement of the ultra-high vacuum environment
- 700 BOSEMs were delivered from Birmingham to aLIGO
  - ← BOSEM components are easy to be assembled/disassembled



# BOSEM: sensitivity

- $2 \times 10^{-10}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  @1 Hz
- $1 \times 10^{-10}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  @10 Hz
- Fulfilled the requirement



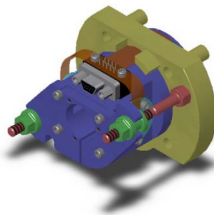
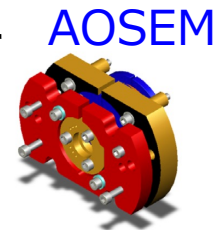
1/f photocurrent noise  
in the LED

Photocurrent shot noise in the PD:  
 $7 \times 10^{-11}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$

# OSEM, AOSEM, BOSEM

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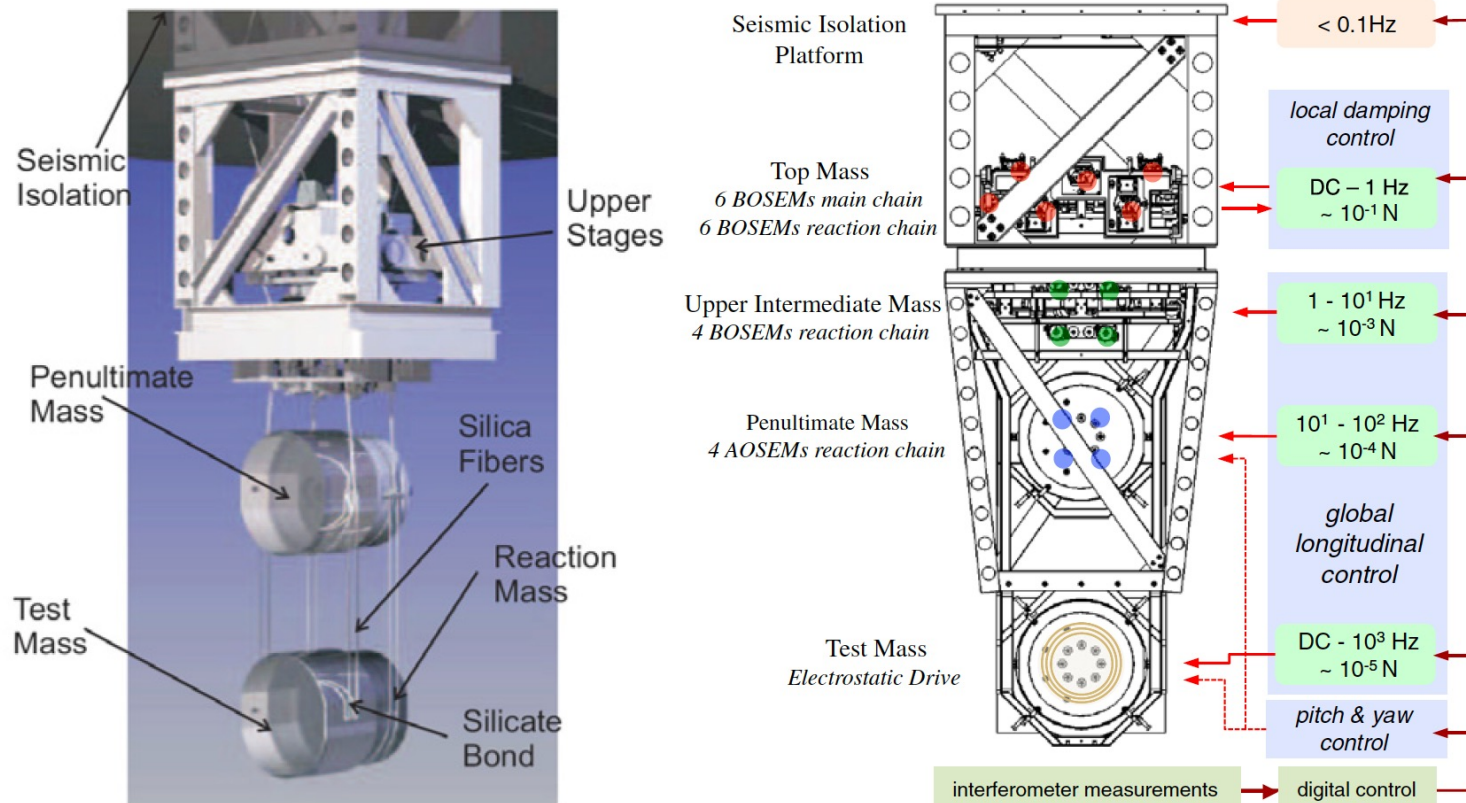
- OSEM, AOSEM, and BOSEM are very similar (shadow sensor + coil-magnet actuator) but a bit different
- OSEM: Optical Sensor and Electro-Magnetic actuator
  - Developed by Birmingham group for Initial LIGO
- AOSEM: Advanced LIGO OSEM
  - Improved by USA group for aLIGO to reduce assembly costs for mass production
  - Coil: 400 turn  $\rightarrow$  Force:  $\sim 10$  mN per actuator
- BOSEM: Birmingham OSEM
  - Developed by Birmingham group for Advanced LIGO
  - Coil: 800 turn  $\rightarrow$  Force:  $\sim 100$  mN per actuator
  - Larger and heavier than AOSEM



BOSEM

# Suspension control by AOSEM & BOSEM

- Top and upper intermediate masses are controlled by BOSEM
- Penultimate mass is controlled by AOSEM because the required force is smaller



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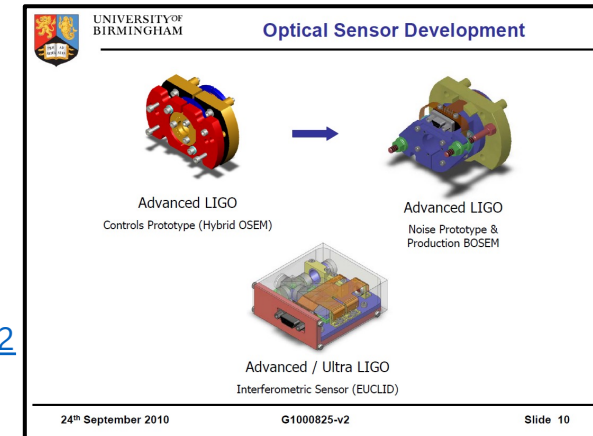
# EUCLID: overview

- EUCLID: Easy to Use Compact  
Laser Interferometric Device
- Developed by Birmingham group around 2010

- Motivation: suspension control for Advanced LIGO
- Requirement: same as BOSEM
- At first, BOSEM seemed not to meet the requirement
  - They started to develop EUCLID
  - After the success of BOSEM, the goal is to improve the sensitivity and control to lower test masses

[LIGO Document G1000825-v2](#)

- Characteristics:
  - Quadrature homodyne interferometer with polarizing optics
  - Cat's eye retroreflector to compensate for misalignment



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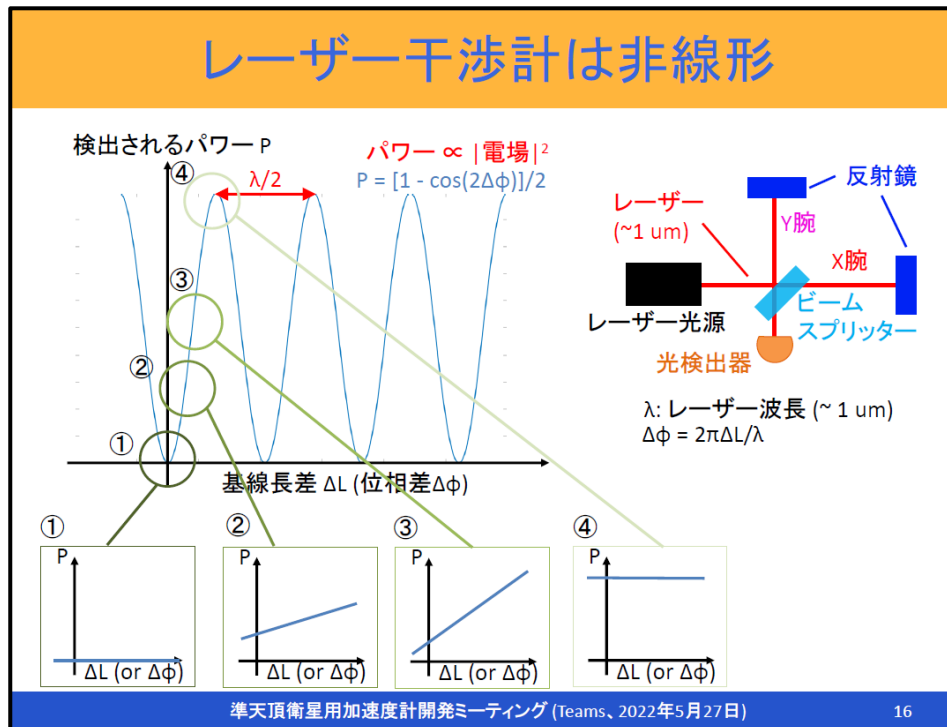
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# Michelson interferometer

- The response of MI has non-linearity → Small range
- We usually conduct feedback control to fix the operation point

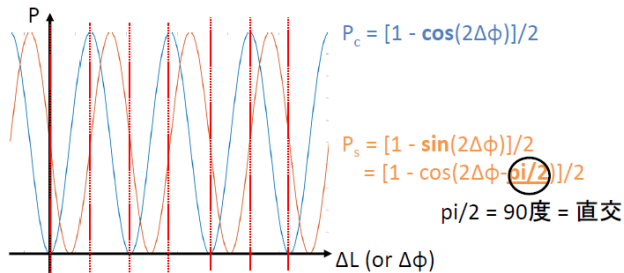


# Quadrature interferometer

- When we obtain the quadrature signals (sin and cos), the information of phase can be calculated
- Range: infinity (theoretically), >10 mm (experimentally)
- No need to FB control
- Sensitivity worse than FB control method due to ADC noise

## 直交する位相の信号を取得する利点

- 直交する位相の信号とは:
  - sinとcosを入れ替えた信号 (ただし、三角関数の1次の幂で書いたとき)
  - つまり、片方が明or暗のとき、もう一方は中くらい。



- $dP_c/d(\Delta L) = 0$  の時は、 $dP_s/d(\Delta L) \neq 0$  となる。(あるいはその逆)

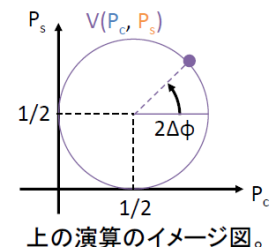
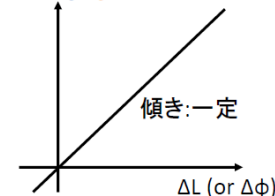
## 直交する位相の信号の使い方

- 直交する位相の信号 (直交位相信号) が取れば、例えば以下の演算をすれば、 $\Delta L$  (or  $\Delta\phi$ ) が計測できる。

$$V(P_c, P_s) := \frac{P_s - 1/2}{P_c - 1/2} = \frac{\sin(2\Delta\phi)}{\cos(2\Delta\phi)} = \tan(2\Delta\phi) \xrightarrow{\text{逆関数}} \tan^{-1}[\tan(2\Delta\phi)] = 2\Delta\phi$$

実際、 $\frac{d(\tan^{-1}[V(P_c, P_s)])}{d(\Delta\phi)} = 2$  となり較正係数は常に一定。(レンジが無限)

$$\tan^{-1}[V(P_c, P_s)]$$



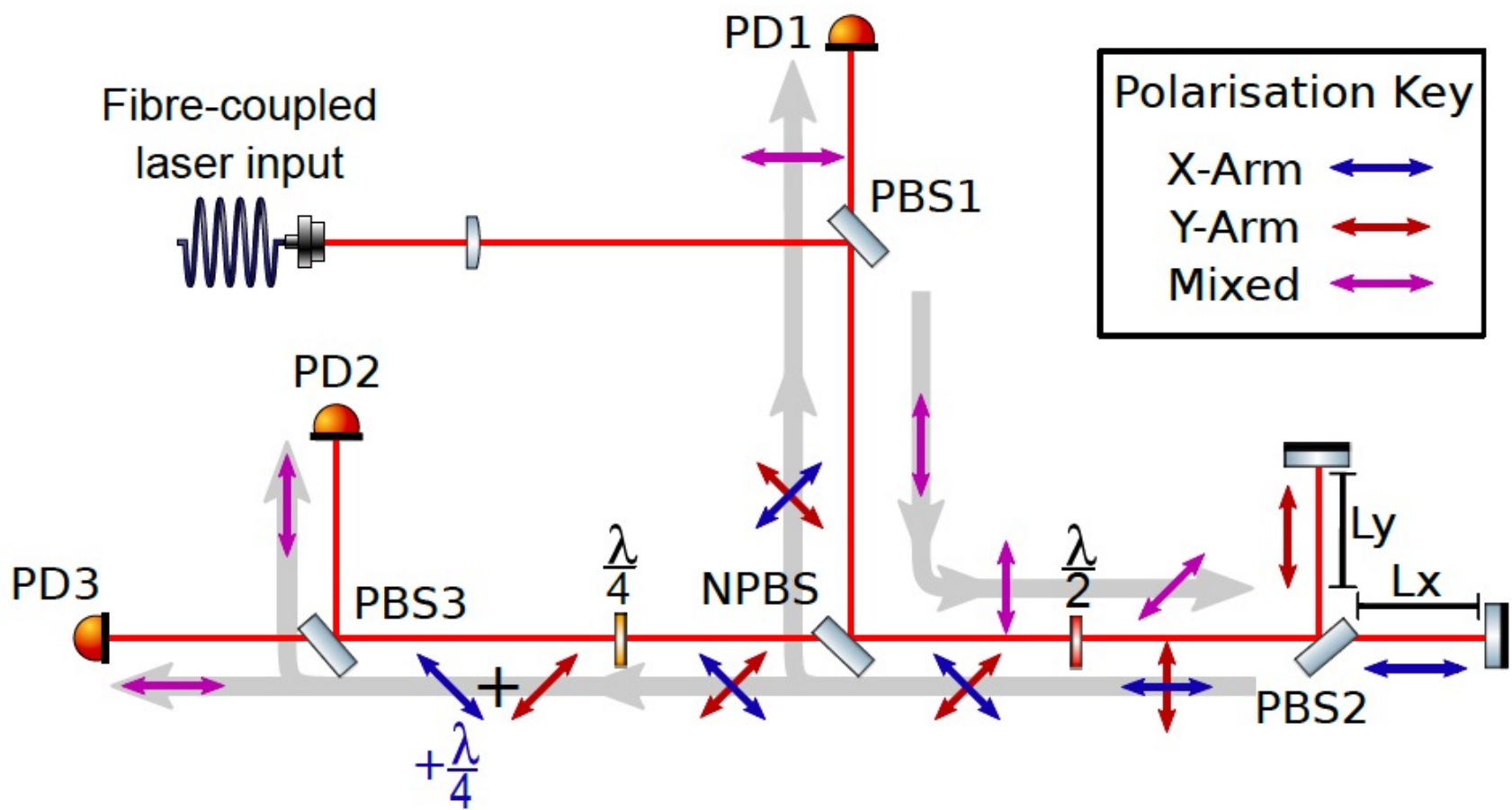
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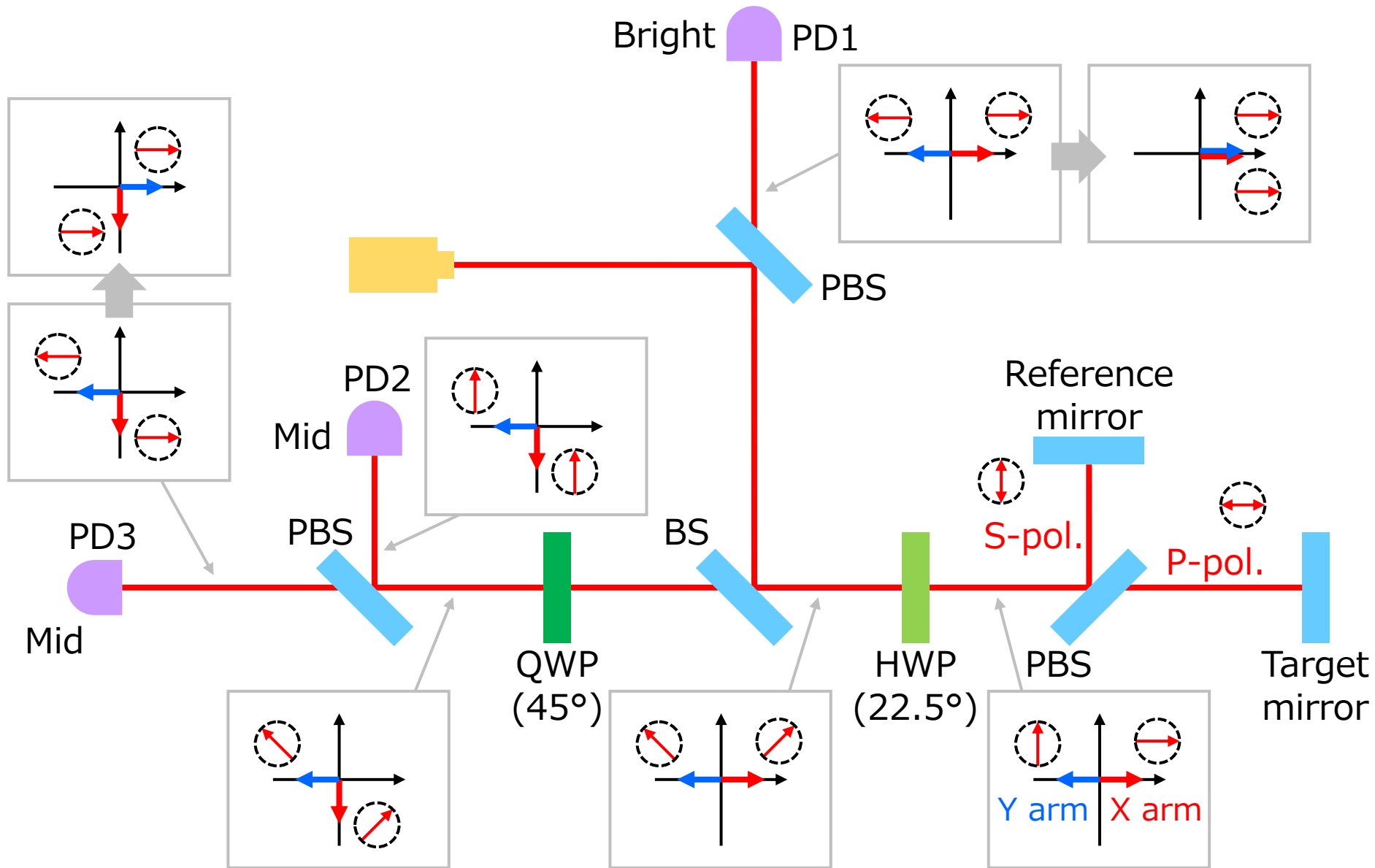
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# Design of HoQI

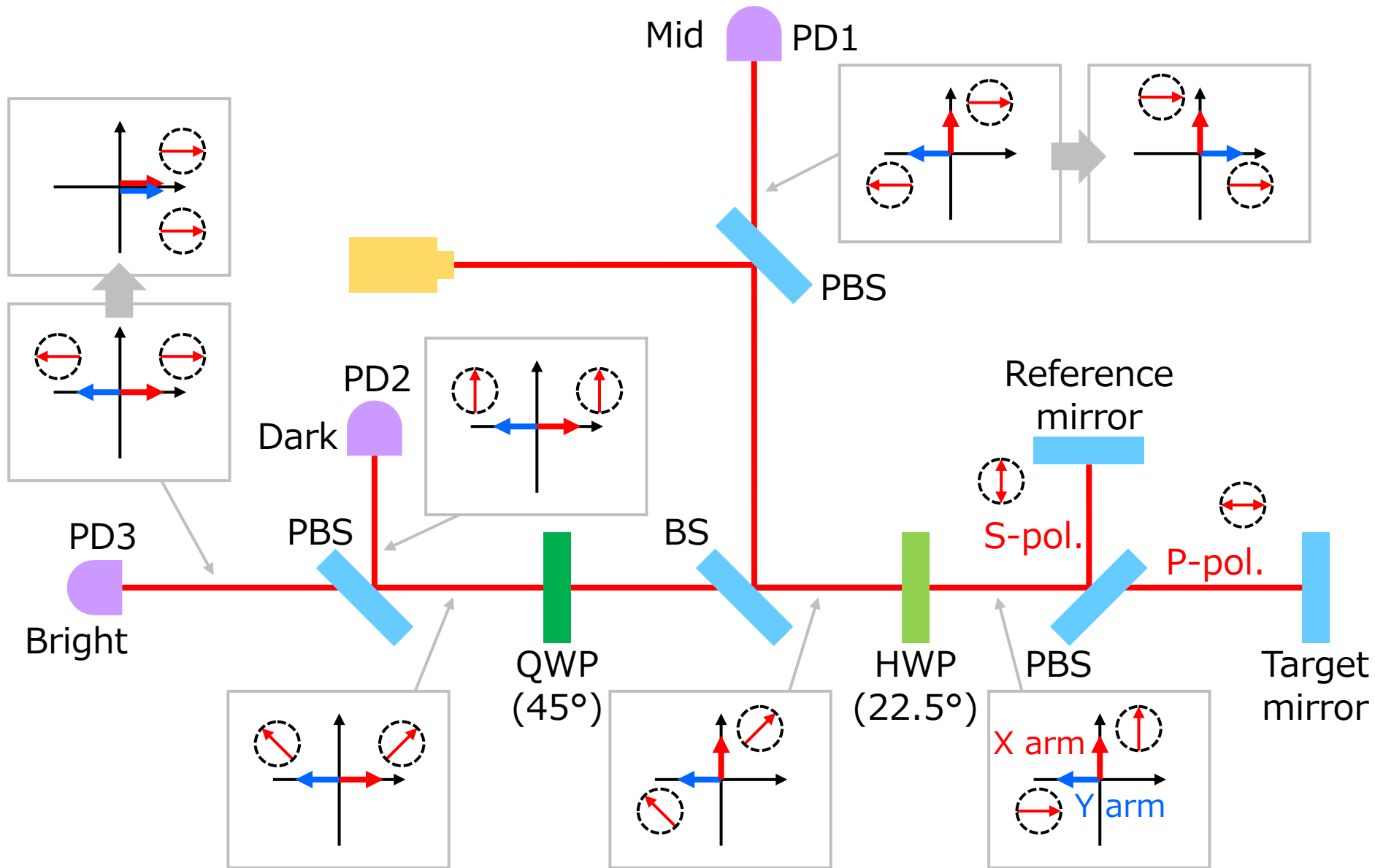
- HoQI is much simpler than EUCLID, so firstly I will explain the principle of HoQI



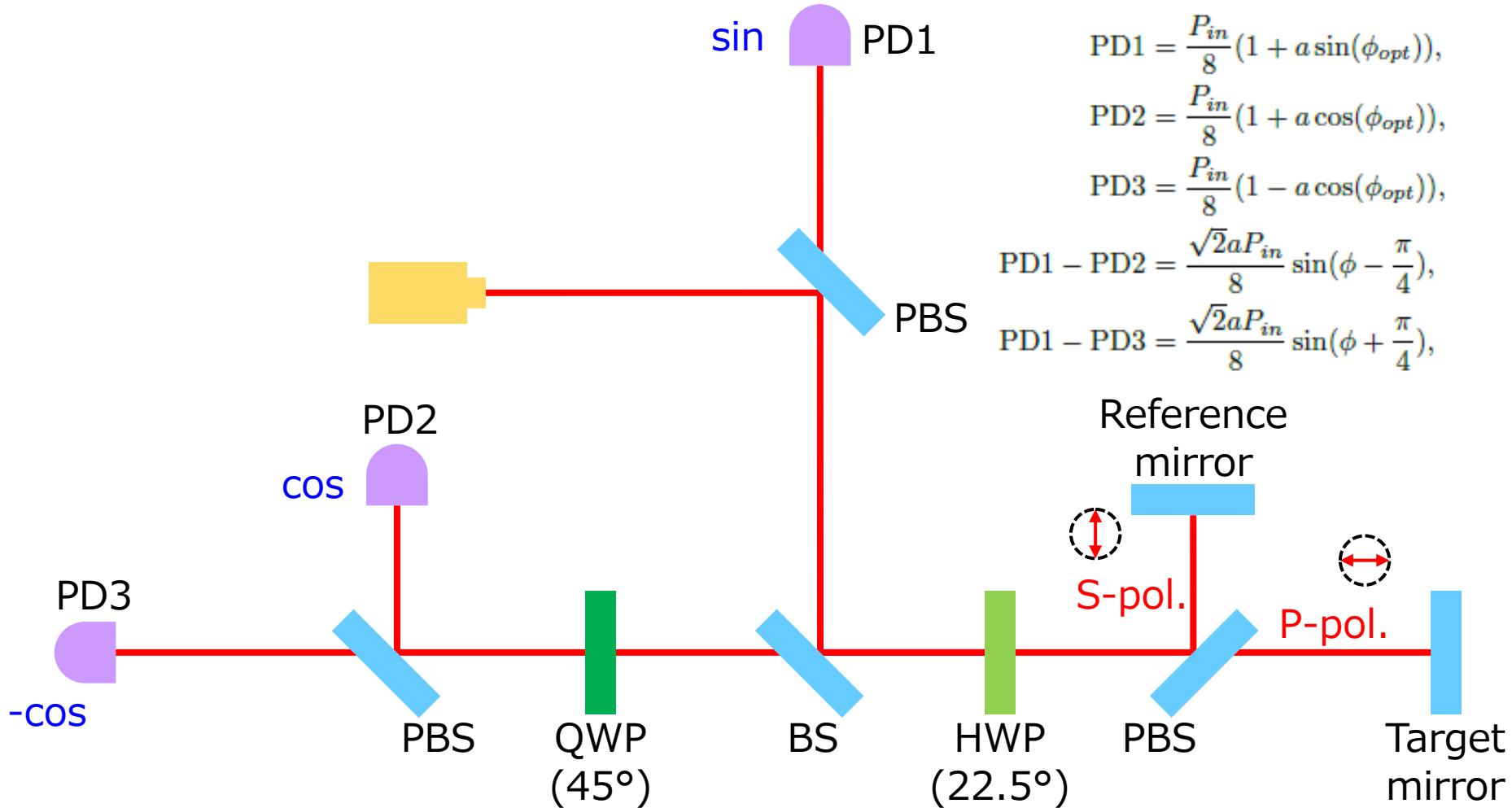
# Interference condition (1)



# Interference condition (2)



# Response of HoQI



- Common-mode rejection of laser intensity noise

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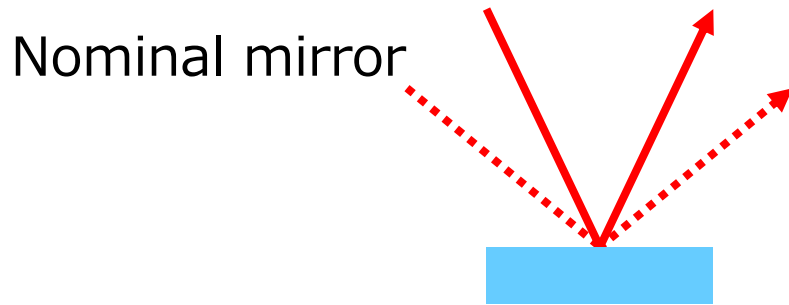
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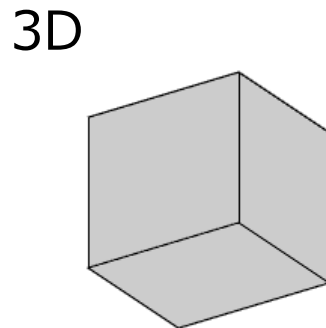
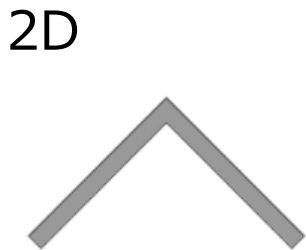
# Retroreflector

- Retroreflector (再帰反射材) is used to compensate for misalignment

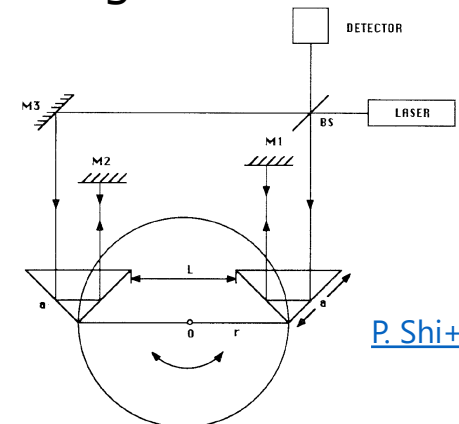


- Most famous retroreflector is the cube-corner retroreflector
- This method cannot be used for a flat target mirror or with polarizing optics

Michelson interferometer for rotation angle measurement

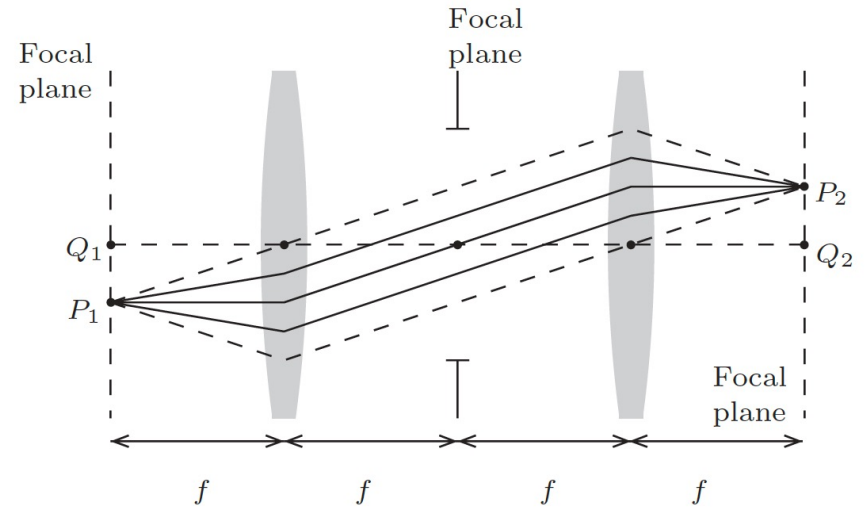
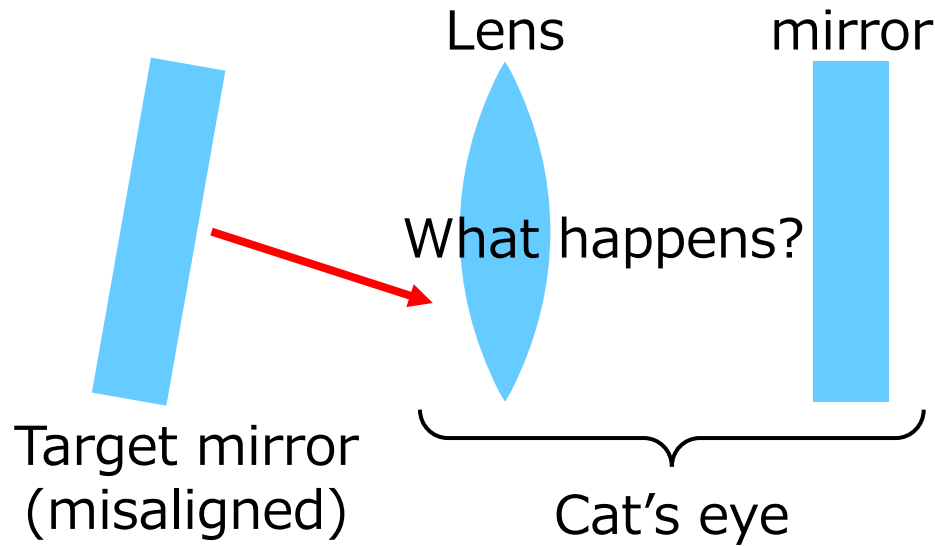


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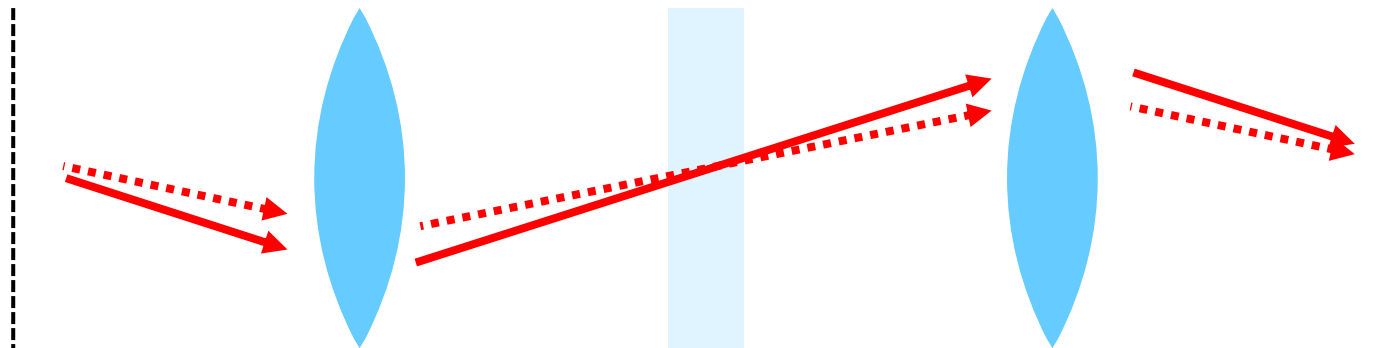


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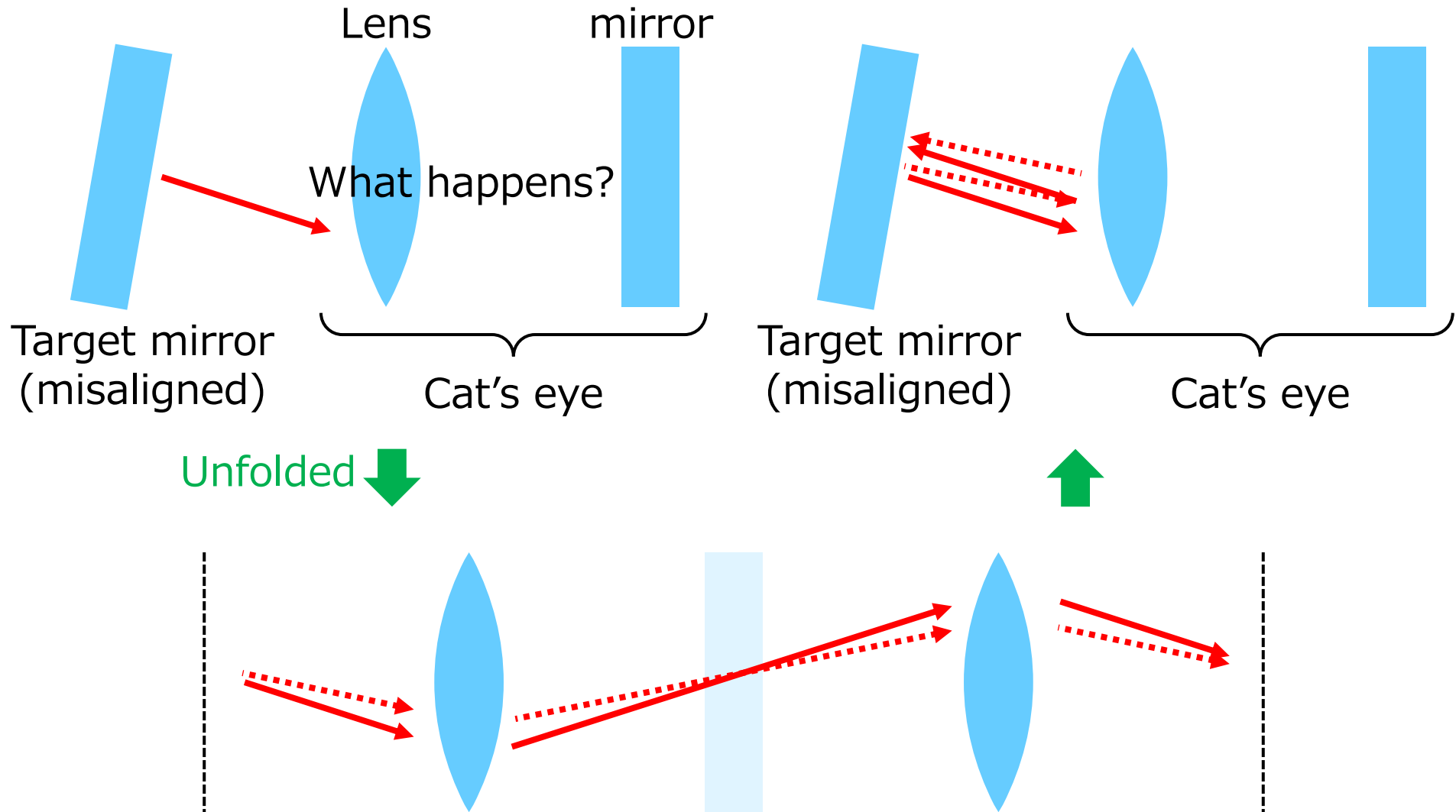
# Cat's eye retroreflector



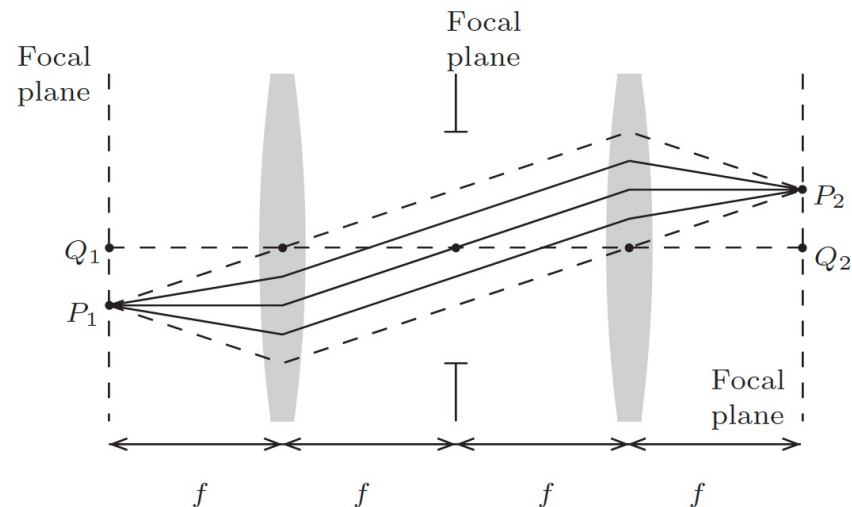
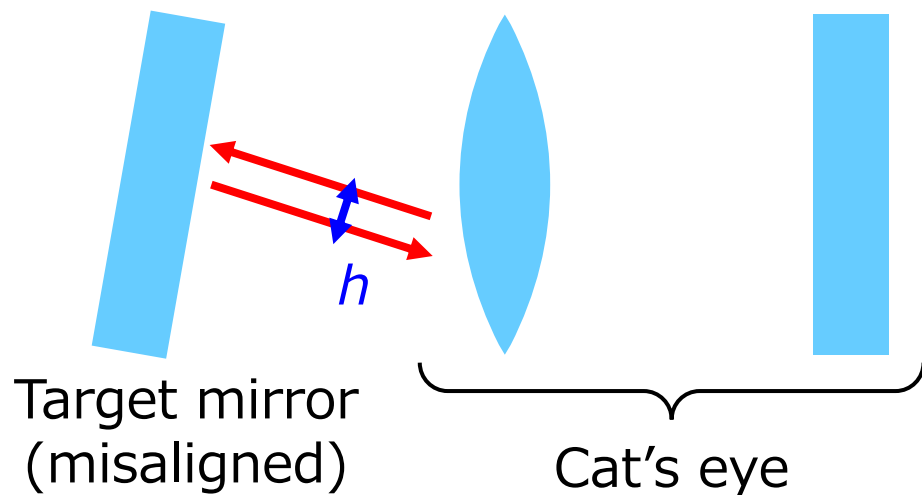
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# Cat's eye retroreflector



# Complete immunity for mirror tilt

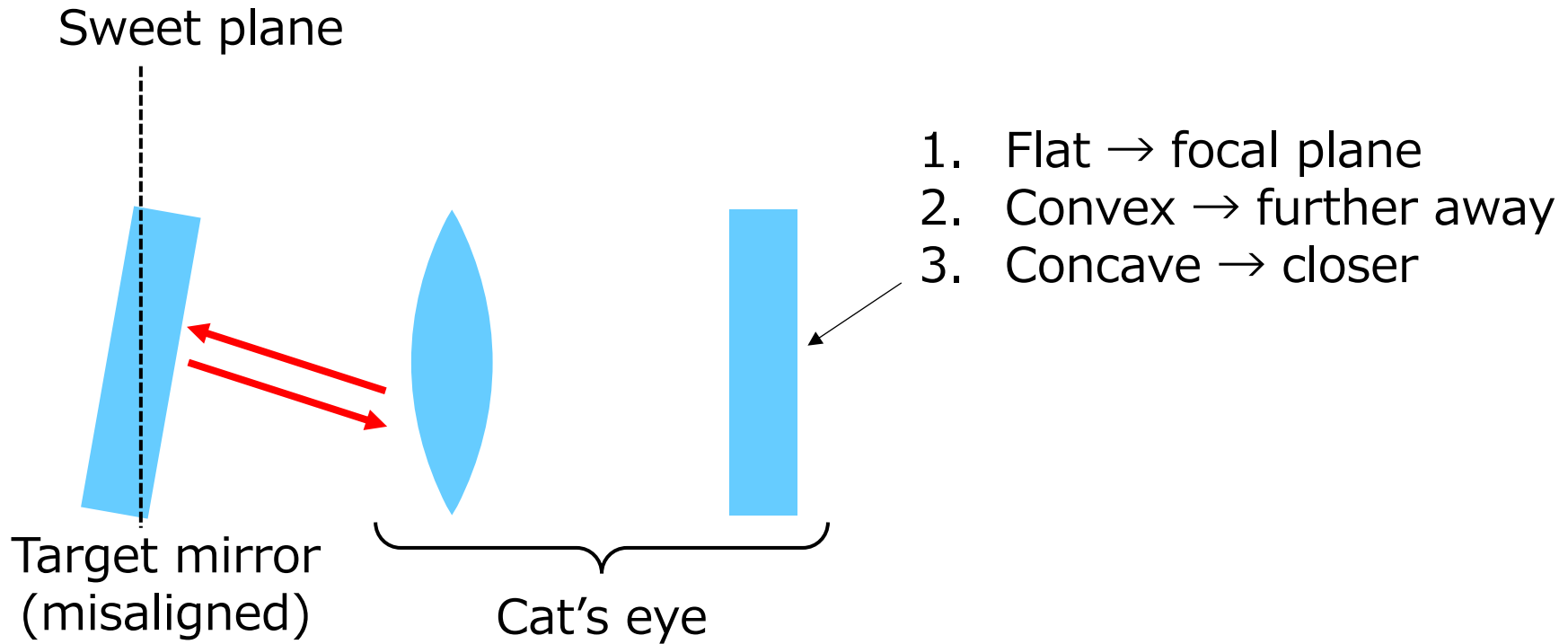


- In general,  $h$  is changed depending on the mirror tilt
- In the case of the cat's eye,  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are conjugate points, and the optical path length is constant  
→ We can choose the parameters of the components to make  $h$  always equal to zero

# Sweet plane

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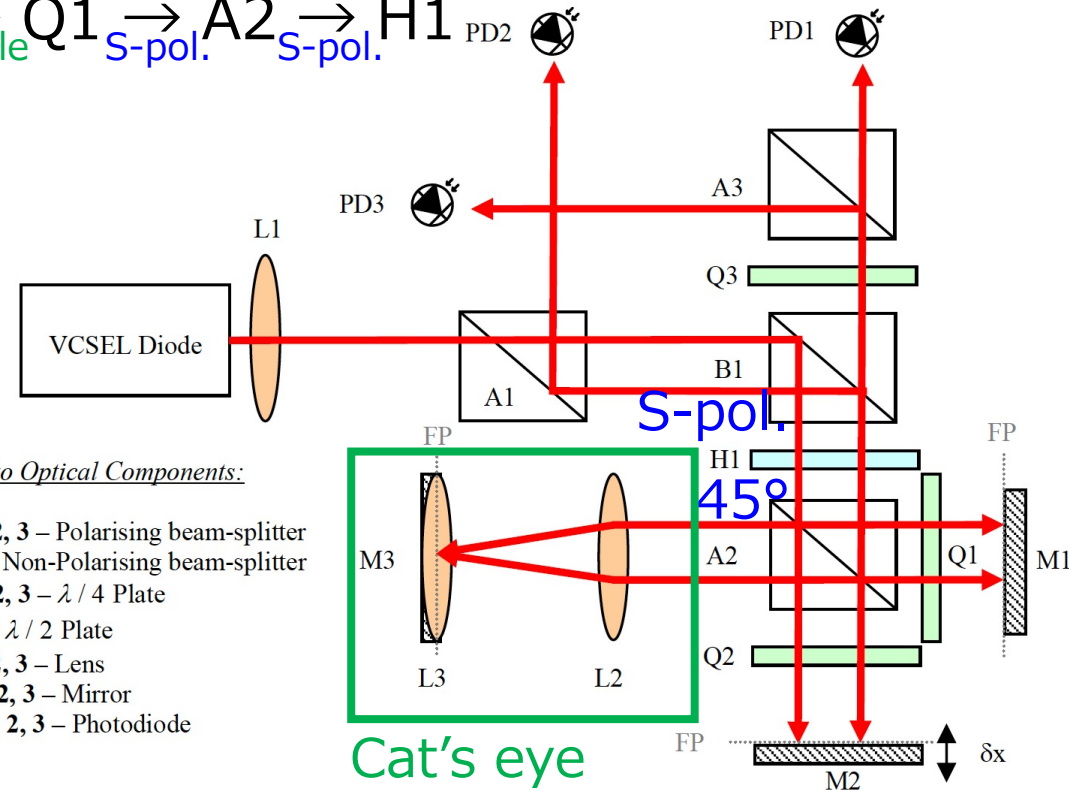
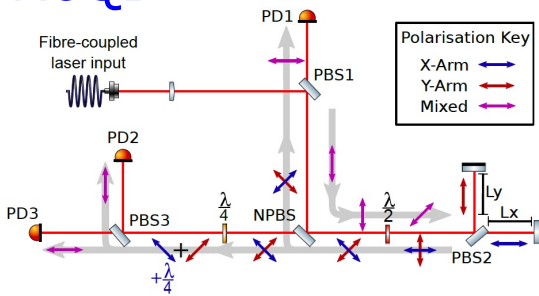
- The effect of compensation of mirror tilt only happen when target mirror is located at a particular plane (sweet plane)



# Cat's eye part of EUCLID

- $H1 \xrightarrow{P\text{-pol.}} A2 \xrightarrow{P\text{-pol.}} Q2 \xrightarrow{\text{Circle}} M2 \xrightarrow{\text{Circle}} Q2 \xrightarrow{S\text{-pol.}} A2 \xrightarrow{S\text{-pol.}}$  cat's eye  
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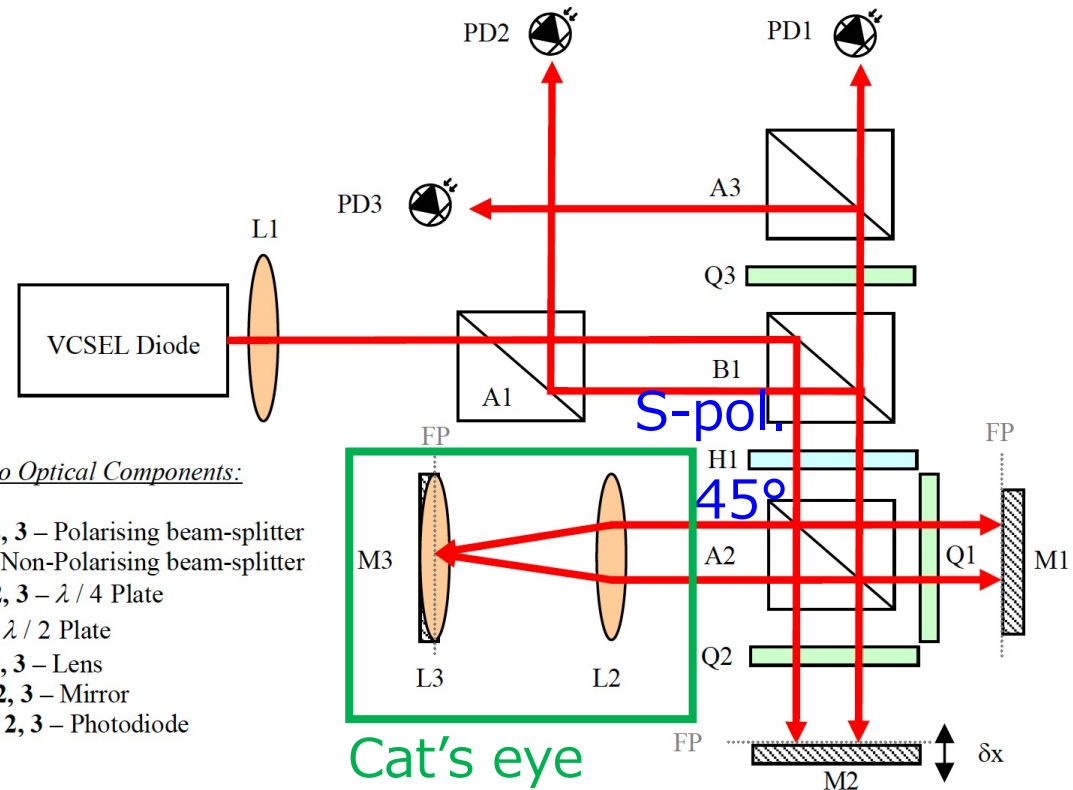
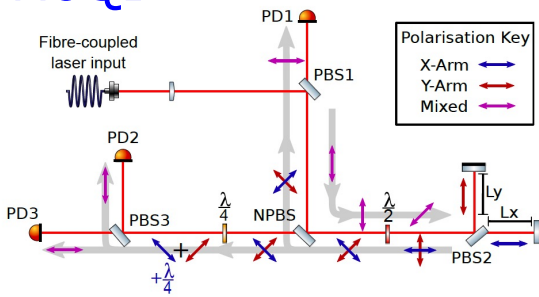
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- A1, 2, 3 – Polarising beam-splitter
- B1 – Non-Polarising beam-splitter
- Q1, 2, 3 –  $\lambda/4$  Plate
- H1 –  $\lambda/2$  Plate
- L1, 2, 3 – Lens
- M1, 2, 3 – Mirror
- PD1, 2, 3 – Photodiode

# Cat's eye part of EUCLID

- QWPs (Q1, Q2) force the beams in each arm to be reflected from the cat's eye and their respective mirrors twice
- Cat's eye can cancel the tilt of mirrors (M1, M2)

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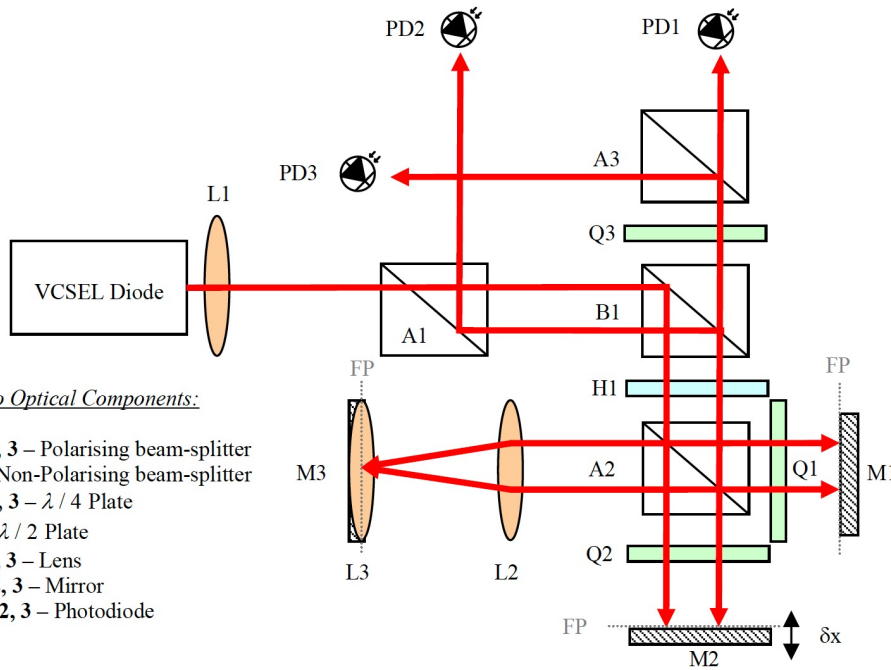
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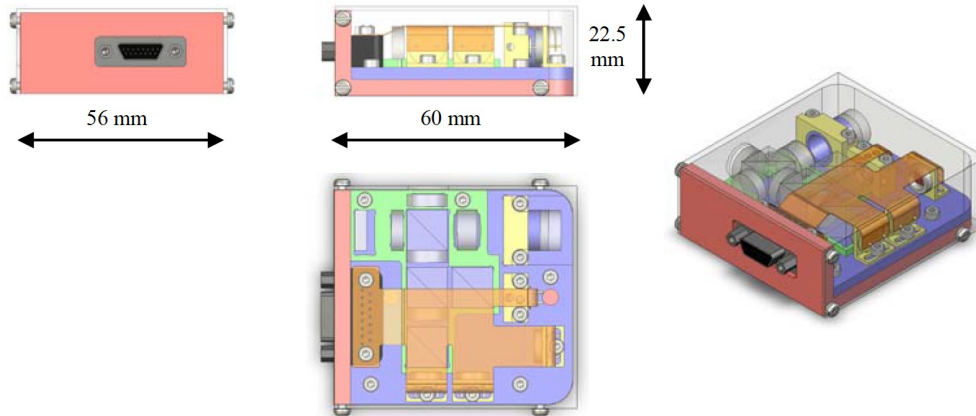
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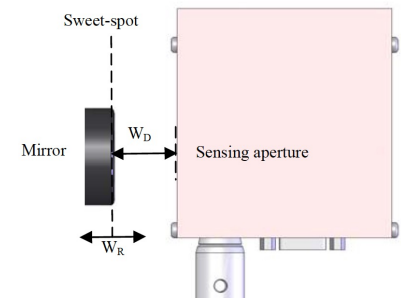
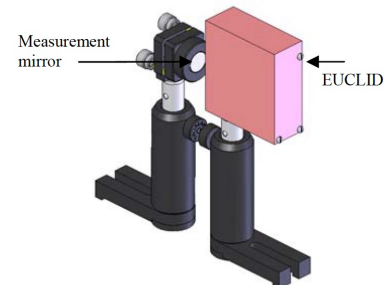
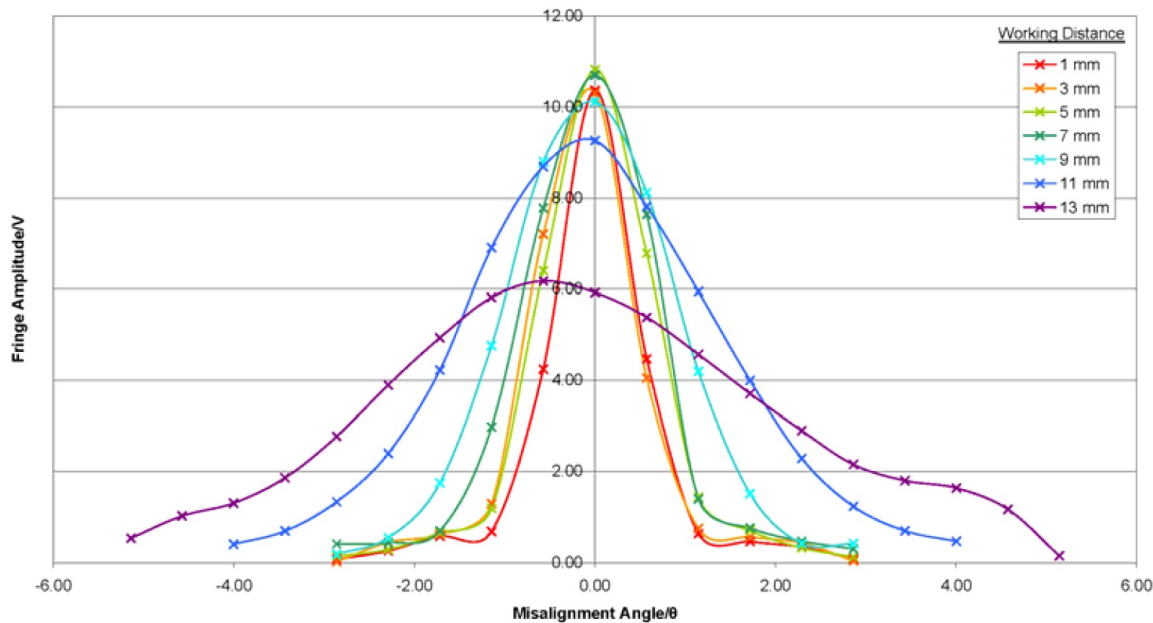


Combination of HoQI and cat's eye



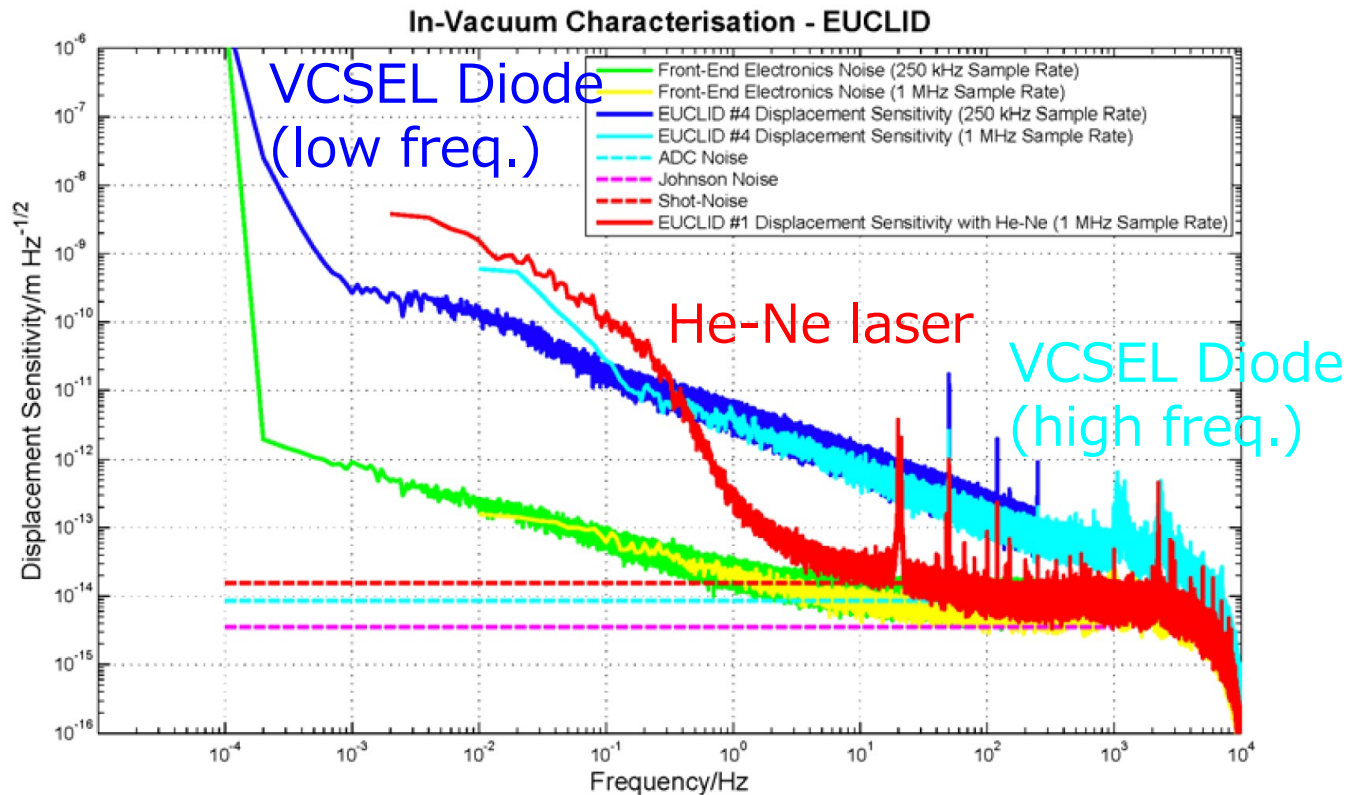
# EUCLID: mirror tilt immunity

- EUCLID worked well for misalignment angles up to 1 deg
- EUCLID worked well even when the target mirror was 10 mm away from the sweet plane



# EUCLID: sensitivity

- $2 \times 10^{-11}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  @0.1 Hz
- $1 \times 10^{-12}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  @10 Hz
- Better than BOSEM
- Sensitivity was changed when VCSEL Diode was changed to He-Ne laser



# EUCLID: discussion

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- Sensitivity was changed when VCSEL Diode was changed to He-Ne laser
  - Better to use high quality laser
  - Mephisto laser is used for HoQI
- Cat's eye
  - Laser light passed through the arm twice
  - Large arm-length mismatch
  - Large freq. noise
  - No cat's eye for HoQI
- Too many polarization optics
  - difficult to assembly and expensive
  - Not suitable for mass production
  - No cat's eye and QWPs in the arms for HoQI

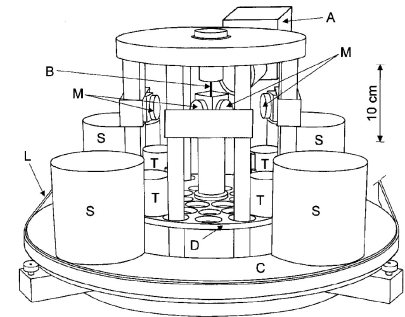
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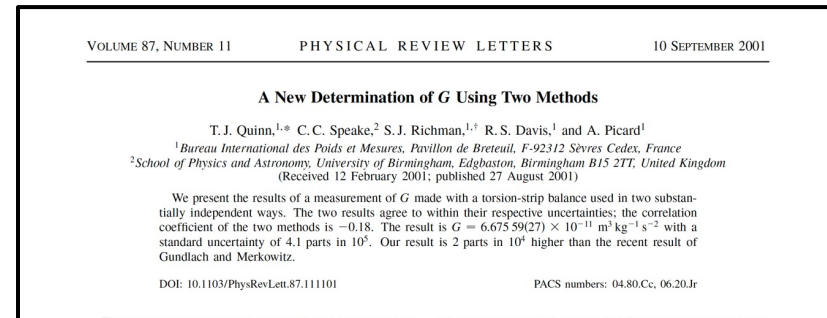
# ILIAD: overview

- ILIAD: Innovative Laser Interferometric Angular Device
- Developed by Birmingham group around 2012
- Motivation:  
Newtonian Gravitational constant  $G$  measurement with a torsion pendulum
- After all, ILIAD was not installed for  $G$  measurement



[T. J. Quinn+ \(2001\)](#)

- Characteristics:
- Principle same as EUCLID
- Angular measurement with a non-planar interferometer



# ILIAD: design

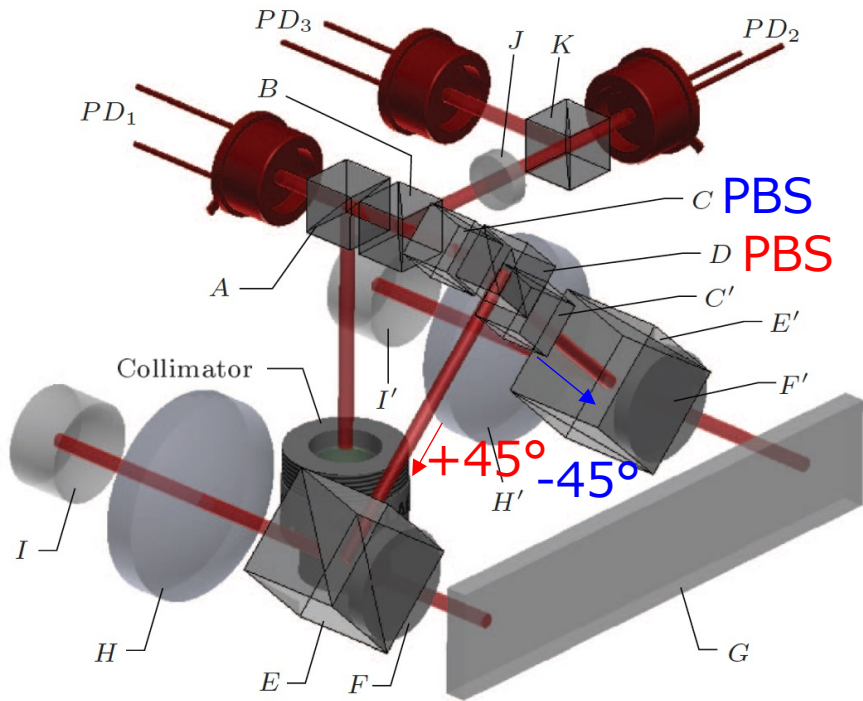


FIG. 3. Optical layout of the interferometer. A, C, D, E, E', K, polarizing beam splitters; B, beam splitter; C', compensation glass cube; F, F', J, quarter-wave plates; H, H', aspheric lenses; I, I', convex mirrors; G, target mirror; PD<sub>1</sub>, PD<sub>2</sub>, PD<sub>3</sub>, photodiodes.

$$I_1 = b_1 + a_1 \sin \phi, \quad \tan \phi = \frac{(a_2 b_3 + a_3 b_2) I_1 - b_1 (a_2 I_3 + a_3 I_2)}{a_1 (b_3 I_2 - b_2 I_3)},$$

$$I_2 = b_2 + a_2 \cos \phi, \quad \theta = \left( \frac{\lambda}{8\pi l_s} \right) \arctan \phi.$$

$$I_3 = b_3 - a_3 \cos \phi,$$

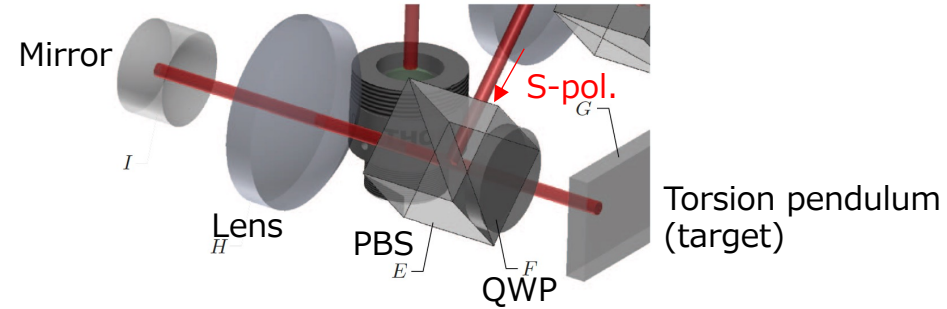
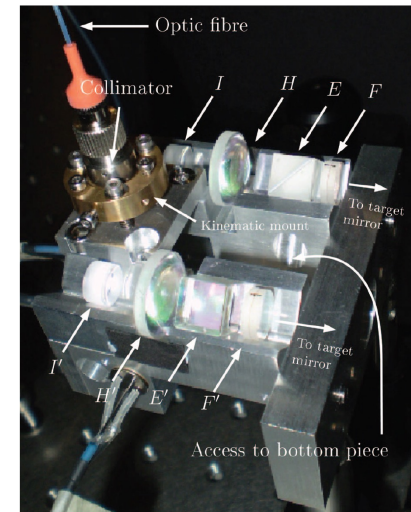
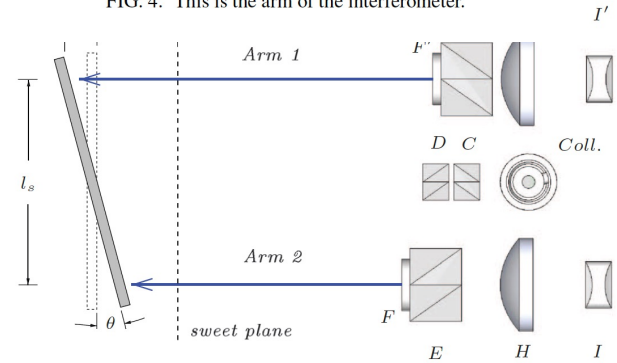
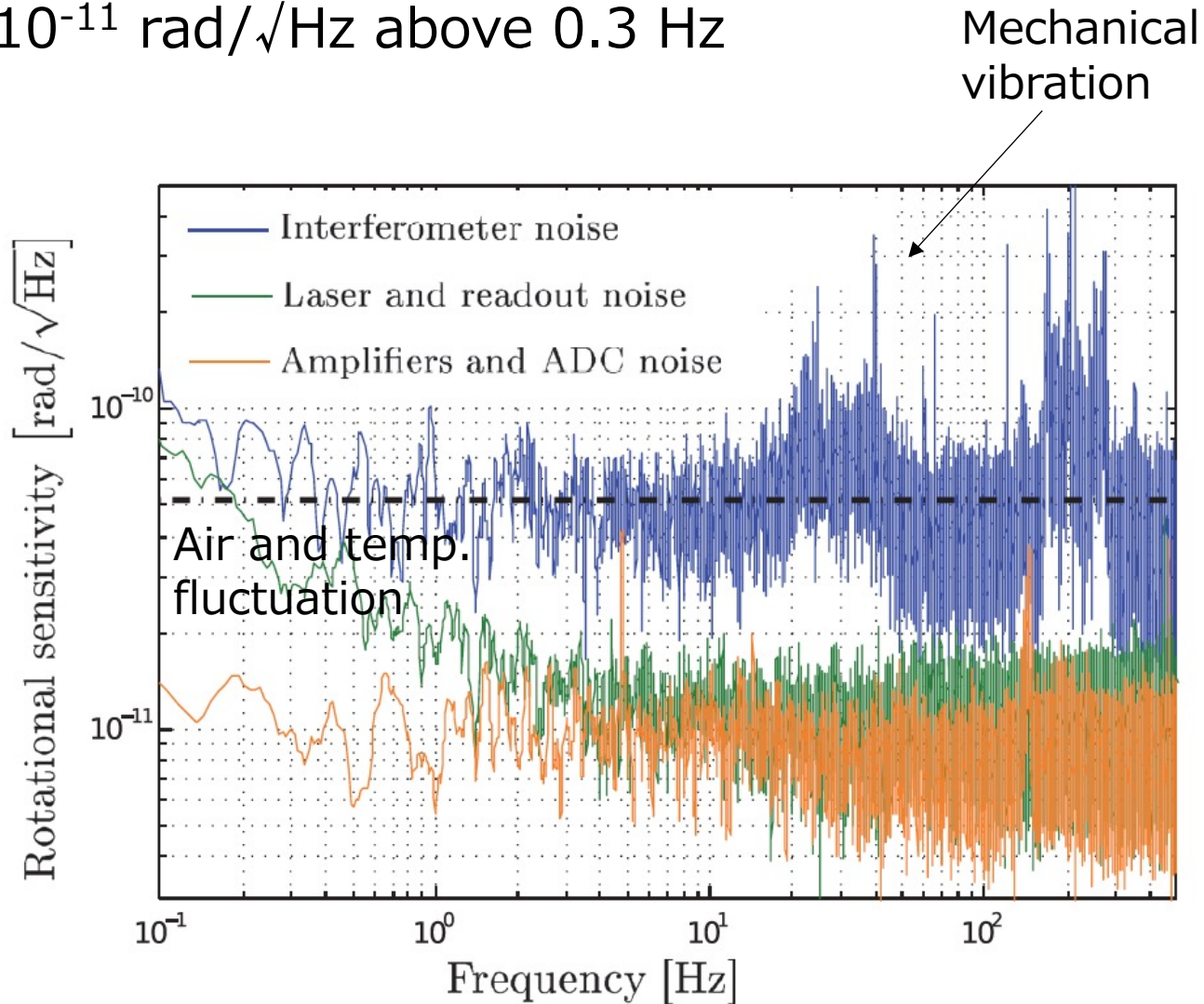


FIG. 4. This is the arm of the interferometer.



# ILIAD: sensitivity

- $5 \times 10^{-11}$  rad/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  above 0.3 Hz





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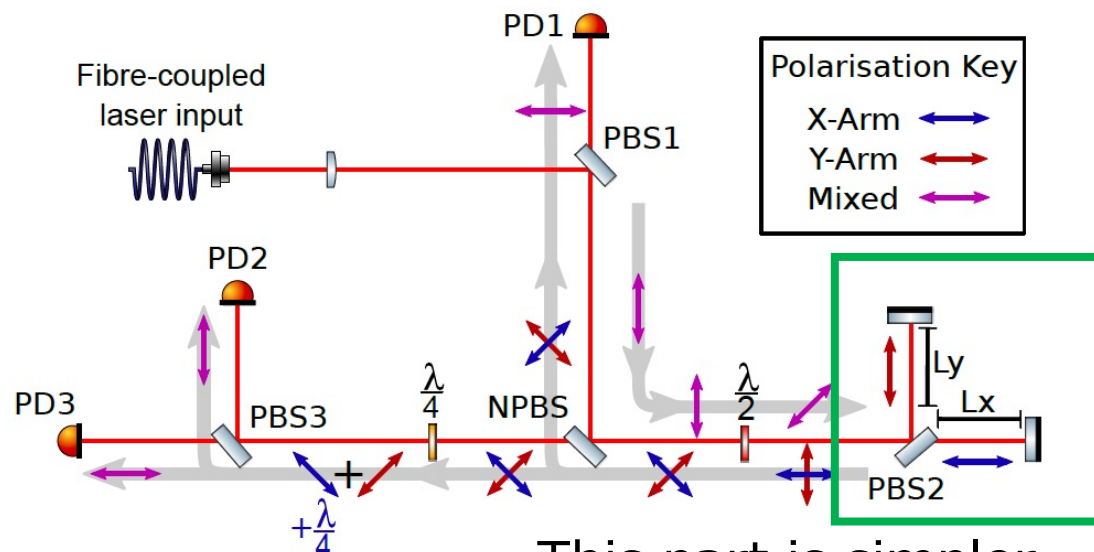
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# HoQI: overview

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- HoQI: Homodyne Quadrature Interferometer
- Developed by Birmingham group around 2018
  
- Motivation: suspension control for Advanced LIGO
  - Improve the sensitivity
  - Replace BOSEM
  - Control to lower test masses
  
- Characteristics:
  - Improved based on reflections of EUCLID and ILIAD
  - Mephisto laser
  - Simple design to improve the sensitivity and to assemble easily for mass production

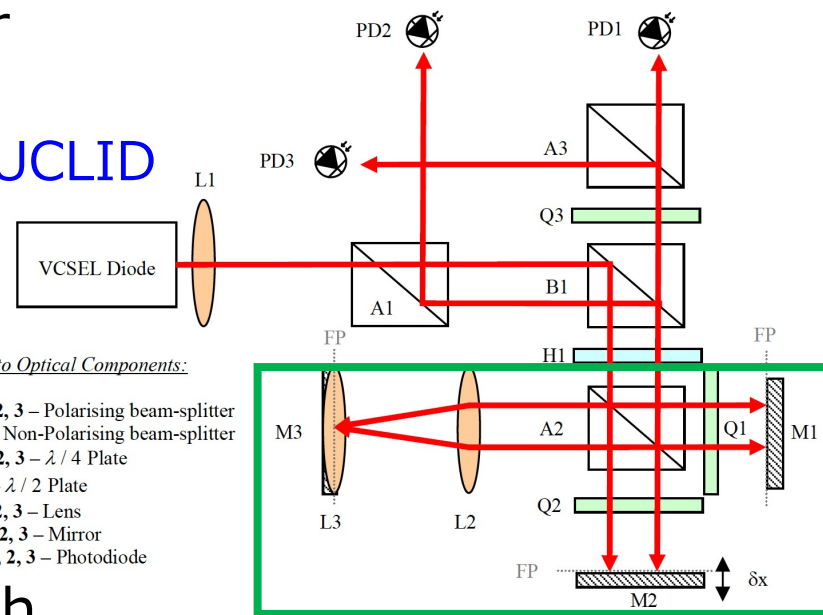
# HoQI: design



This part is simpler than EUCLID

- Mephisto 500NE laser
- Simple optics
- Less birefringent optics
- No QWPs in arms
- No cat's eye
- Small arm-length mismatch

## EUCLID

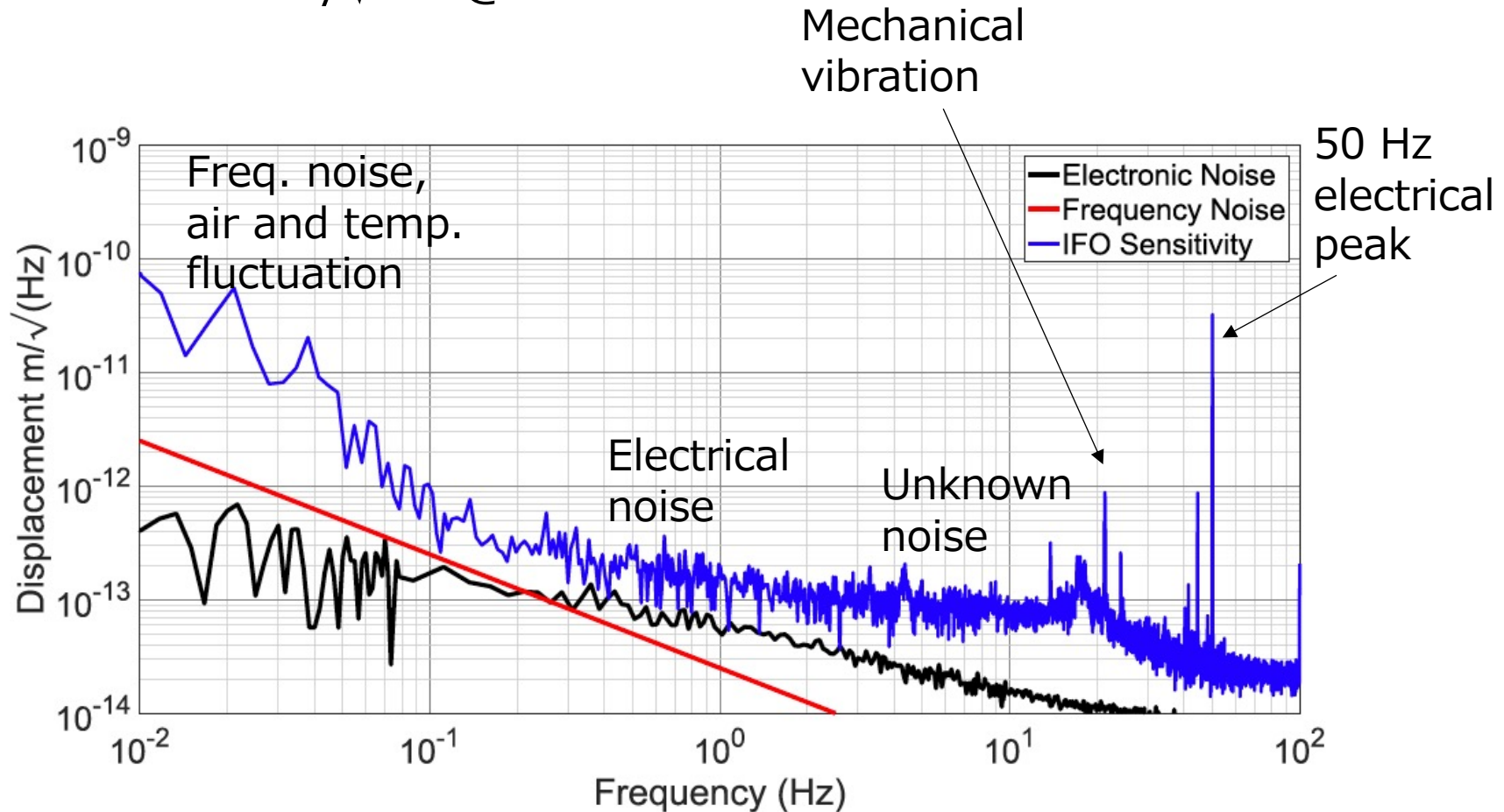


*Key to Optical Components:*

- A1, 2, 3 – Polarising beam-splitter
- B1 – Non-Polarising beam-splitter
- Q1, 2, 3 –  $\lambda/4$  Plate
- H1 –  $\lambda/2$  Plate
- L1, 2, 3 – Lens
- M1, 2, 3 – Mirror
- PD1, 2, 3 – Photodiode

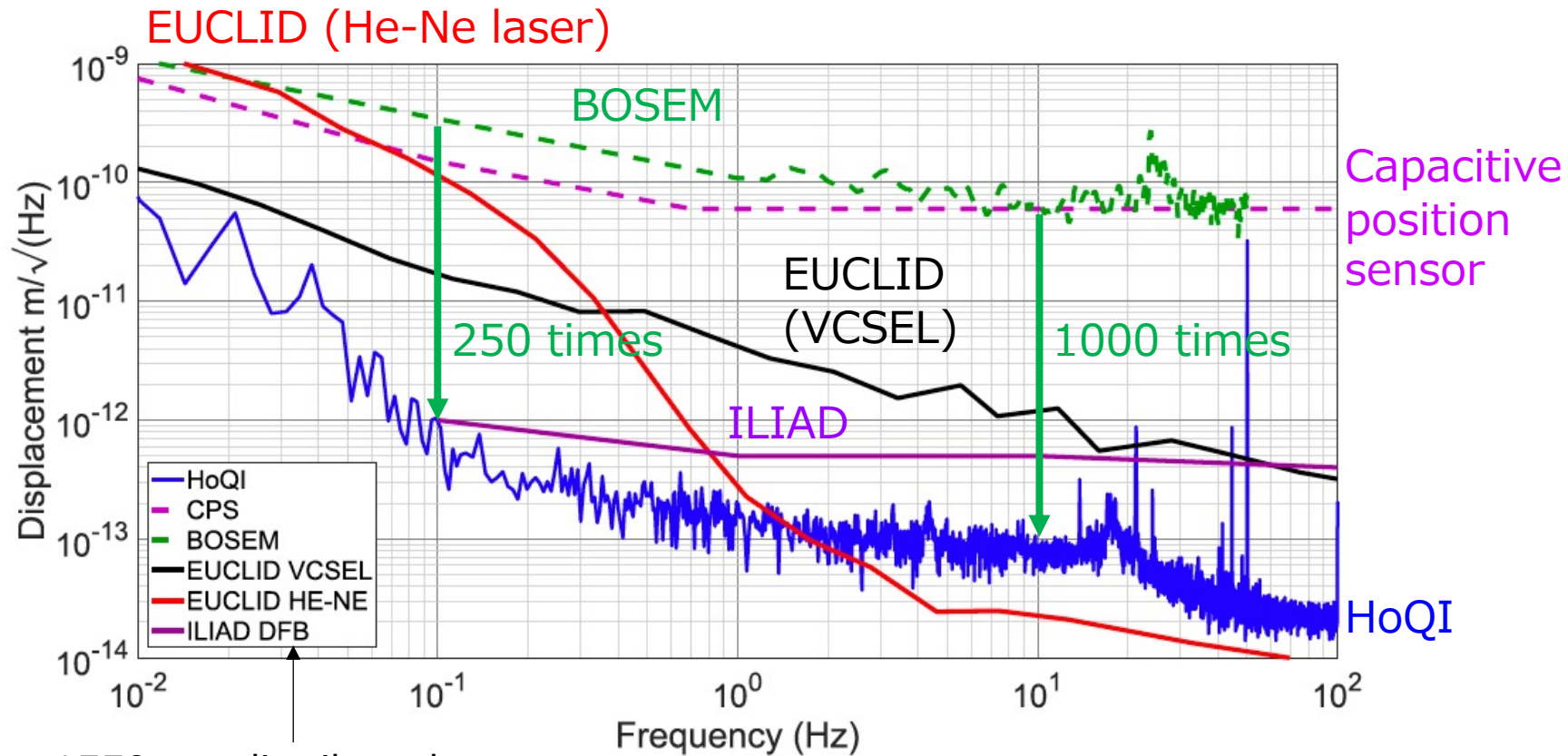
# HoQI: sensitivity

- $1 \times 10^{-12}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  @0.1 Hz
- $1 \times 10^{-13}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  @10 Hz



# HoQI: sensitivity comparison

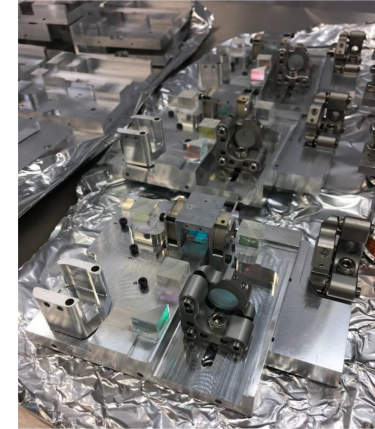
- Much better than exiting displacement sensors



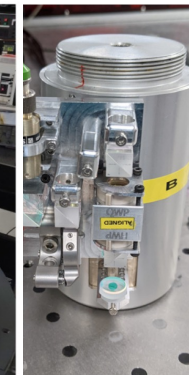
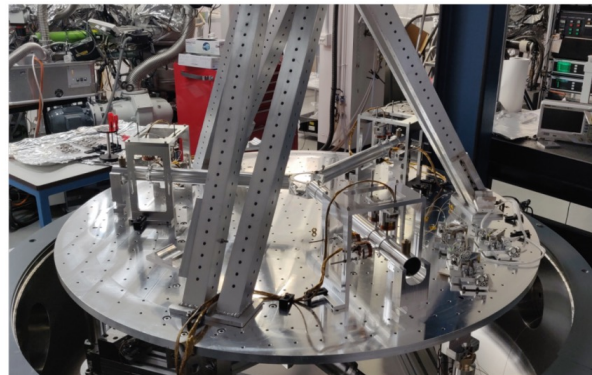
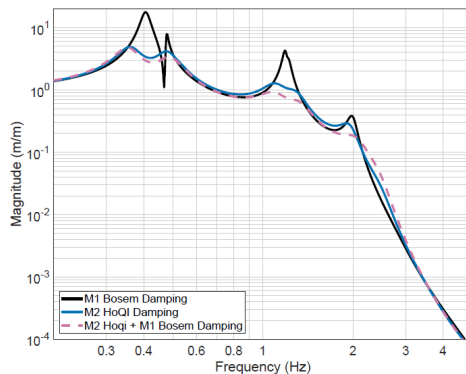
1550 nm distributed feedback (DFB) laser

# HoQI: status and application

- Mass production of HoQI started



- Simulation to aLIGO suspension (Journal club this week by Ono-kun) [arxiv:2205.01434](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.01434)
- Six DoF seismometer [S. J. Cooper+ \(2022\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.10417) [arxiv:2207.10417](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.10417)
- Modified commercial L4-C geophone [A. S. Ubhi+ \(2022\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.10417)



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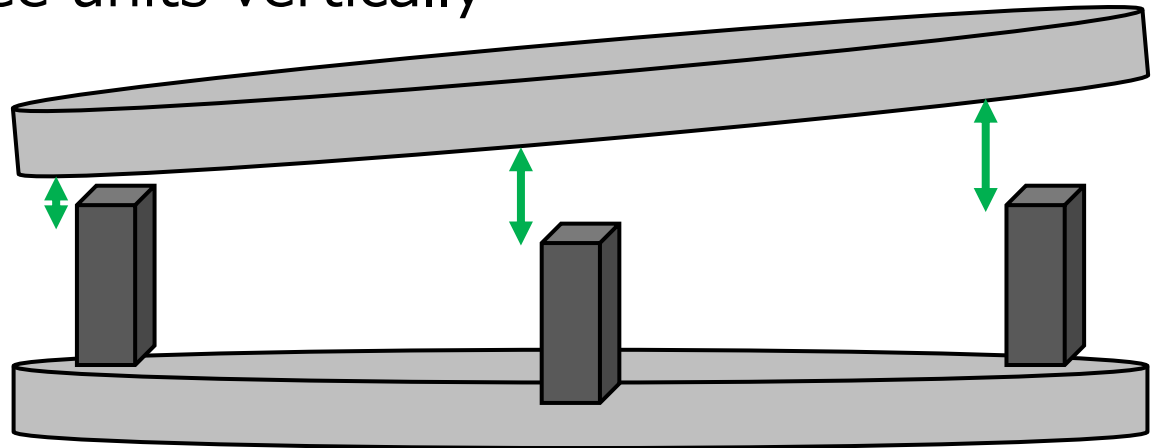
# HDMI: overview

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- HDMI: Homodyne Dithered Michelson Interferometer
- Developed by Takano-san at Ando Lab around June 2020

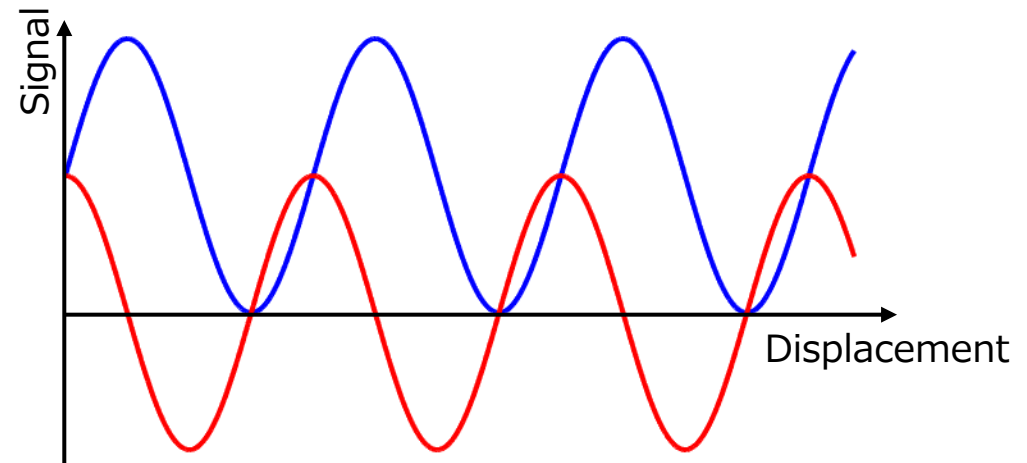
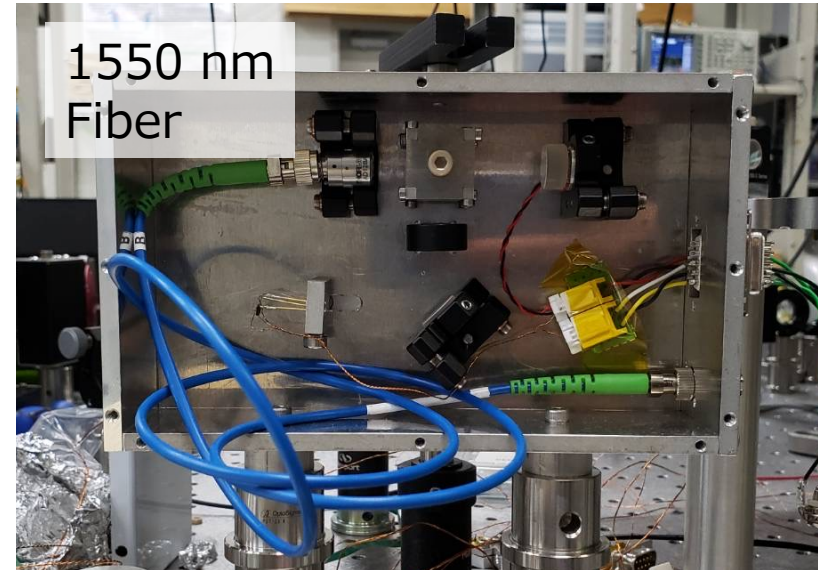
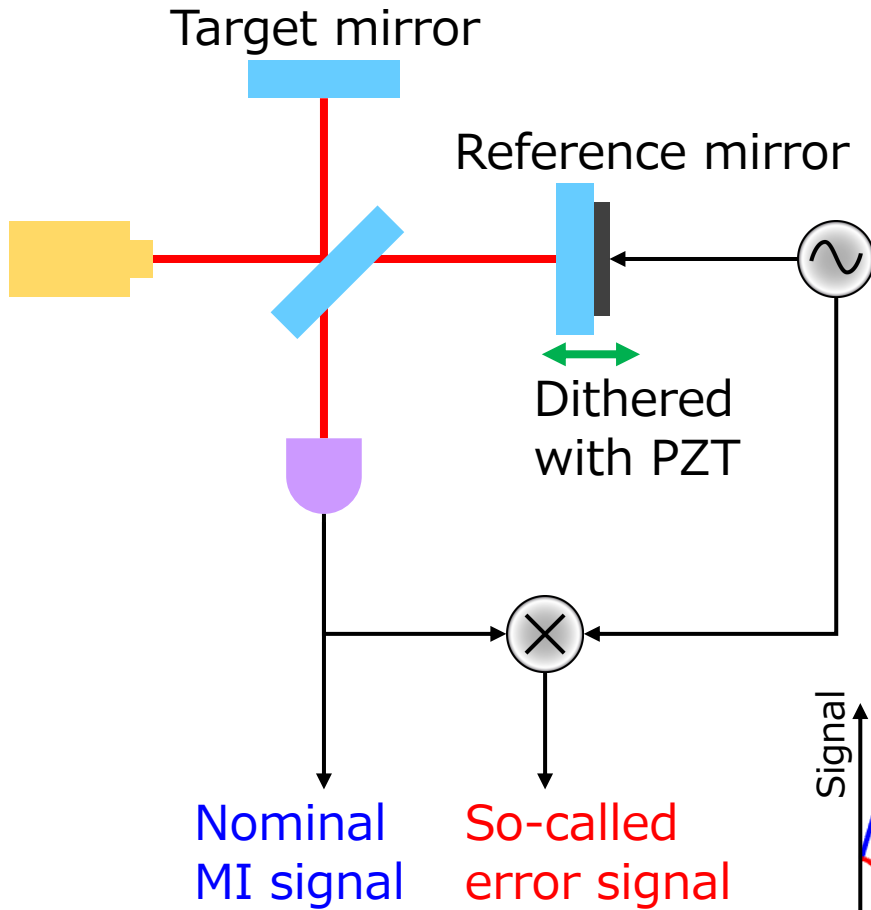
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- Motivation: to measure the inclination for TOBA AVIT by placing three units vertically



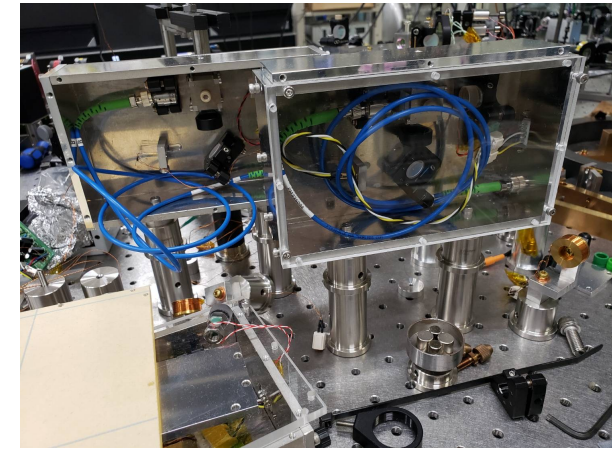
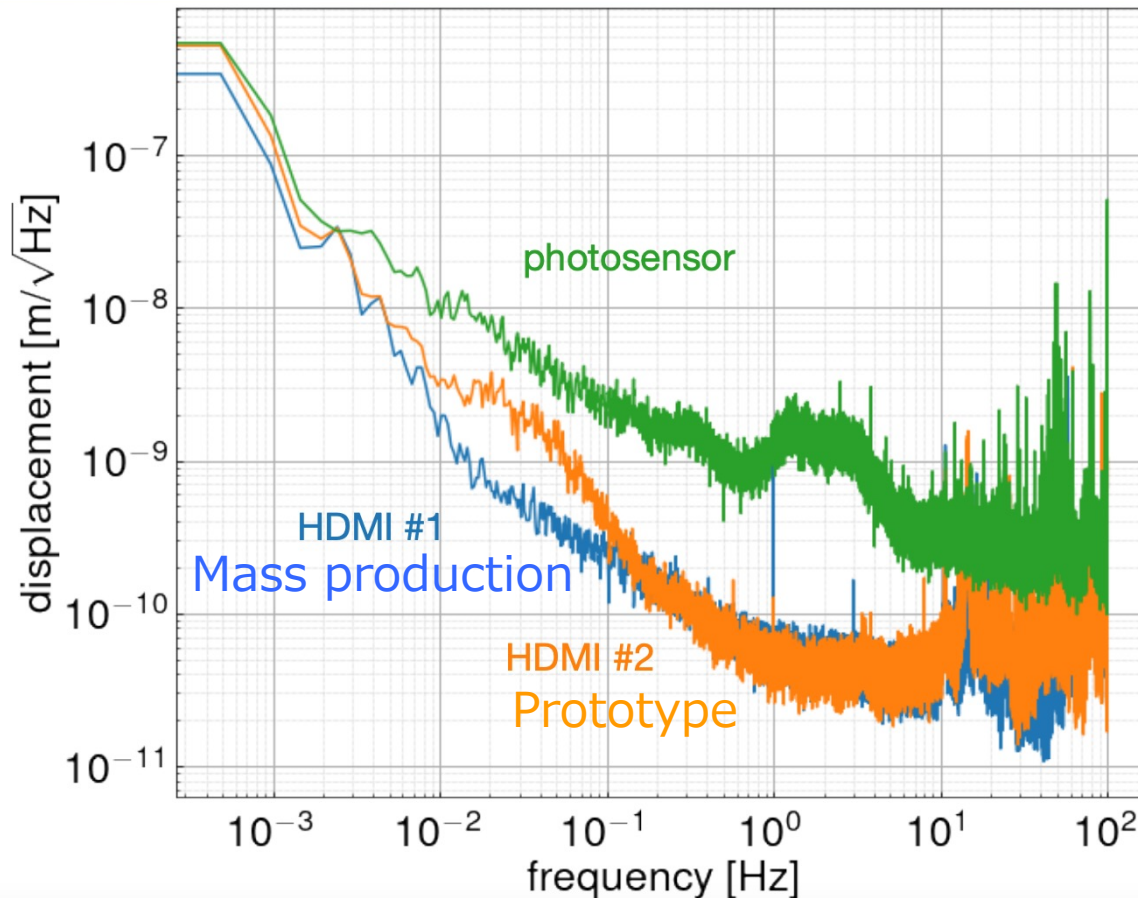
- Characteristics:
  - No polarization optics
  - Reference mirror is dithered to obtain quadrature signal

# HDMI: design



# HDMI: sensitivity

- $3 \times 10^{-10}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  @0.1 Hz
- $5 \times 10^{-11}$  m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$  @10 Hz



Mass-produced, but not installed in AVIT yet

# Summary

Sensors & references	Motivation	Design & characteristics	Sensitivity at 1 Hz	Discussion & status
BOSEM <a href="#">L. Carbone+ (2012)</a>	Suspension control for aLIGO	Shadow sensor, coil-magnet actuator	$2 \times 10^{-10}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	Currently used
EUCLID <a href="#">S. M. Aston (2011)</a>	Suspension control for aLIGO	Quadrature homodyne interferometer, polarizing optics, cat's eye retroreflector	$4 \times 10^{-12}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	Improved to HoQI
ILIAD <a href="#">F. E. P. Arellano+ (2013)</a>	G measurement with torsion pendulum	Same as EUCLID, Non-planar for angular measurement	$5 \times 10^{-13}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	Not used for G measurement
HoQI <a href="#">S. J. Cooper+ (2018)</a>	Suspension control for aLIGO	Simpler than EUCLID	$2 \times 10^{-13}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	Replace BOSEM in the future
QUIMETT				
HDMI <a href="#">Slides</a>	AVIT for TOBA	No polarizing optics, dither	$5 \times 10^{-11}$ m/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$	Mass-produced, not installed to AVIT