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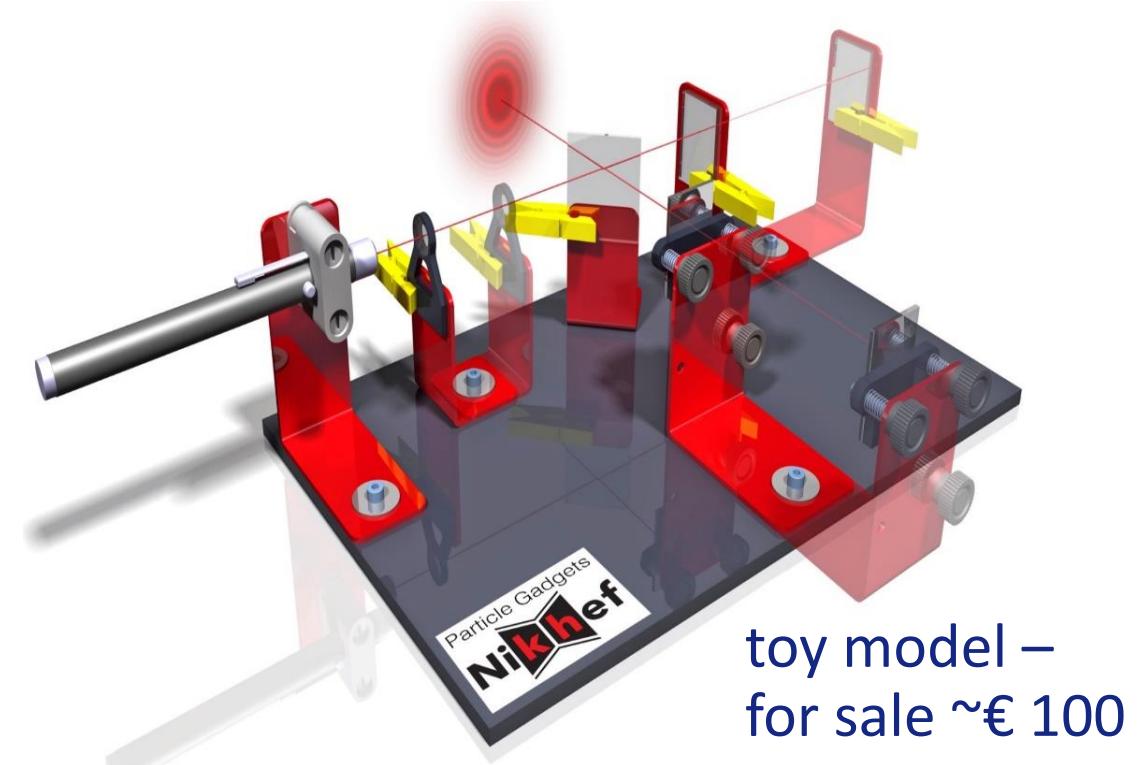
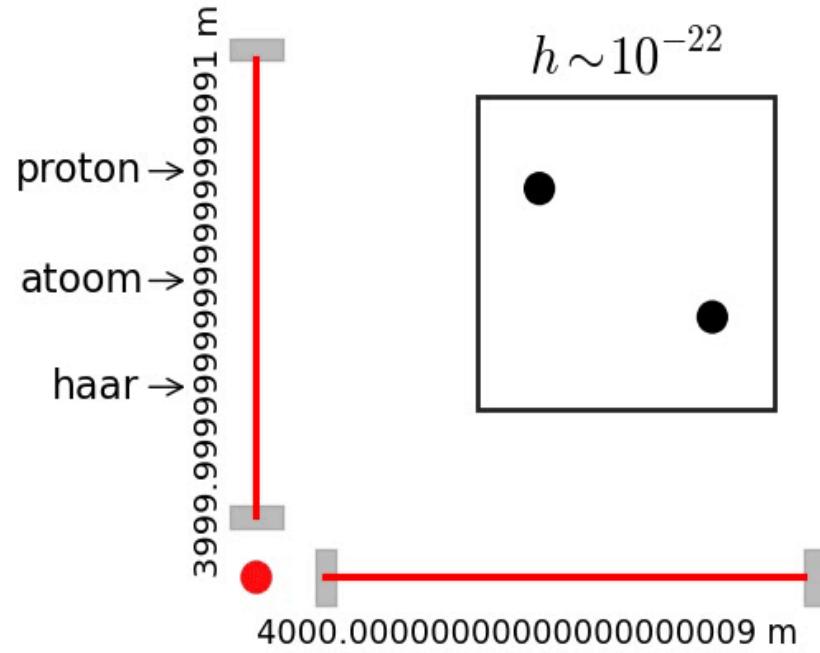


Gravitational waves

The new window into the Universe

effect on a few kilometer length:
0.000 000 000 000 000 1 meter

Detection principle: Laser interferometer

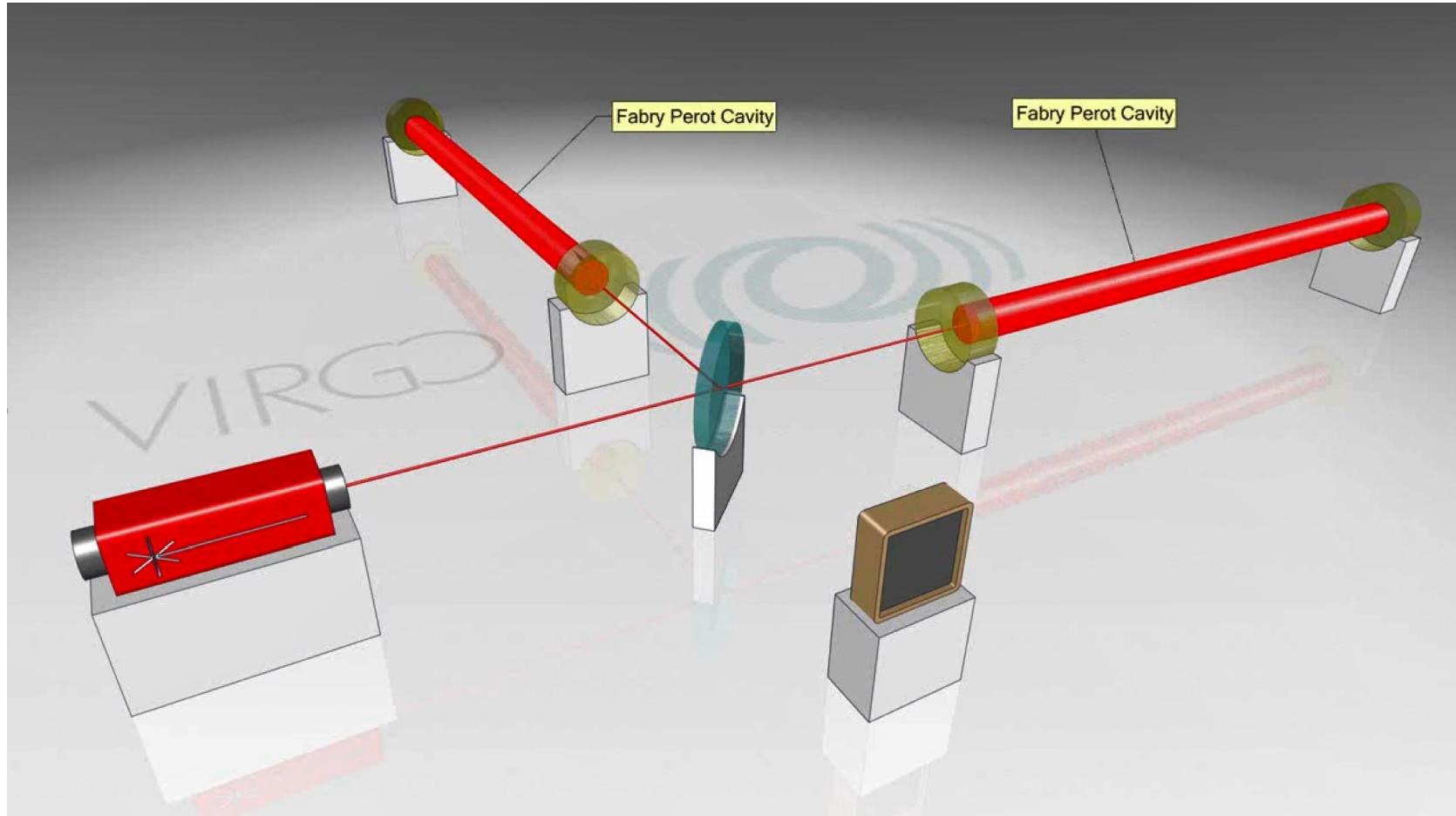


Reality: continuous fight against noise:

laser (in)stability, imperfect mirrors, seismic and thermal noise, light scattering, imperfect vacuum, imperfect aligning, quantum noise, etc.



Detection principle: Laser interferometer [2]

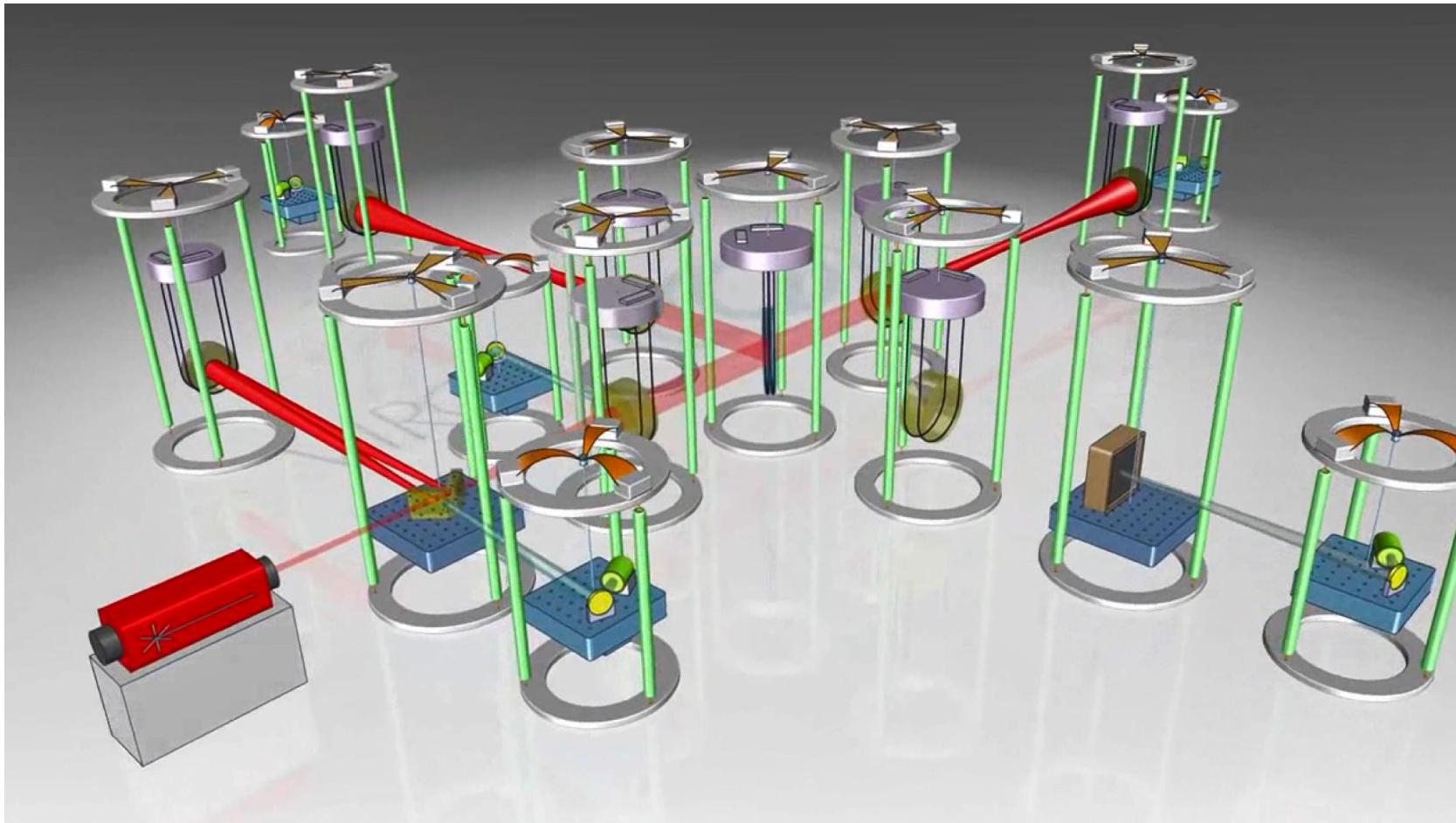


Basic Fabry Perot
Interferometer set-up;

Challenge:
Everything is vibrating
with the ground



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Added:

- diagnostics and beam improvement equipment
- Vibration isolation instruments:
 - Marionette
 - Super Attenuator
- Vacuum surrounding





Developed since 1990

Current observatories: *few km long arms
on surface
at room temperature
in USA, Europa & Japan*

$\mathcal{O}(100)$ detections/year

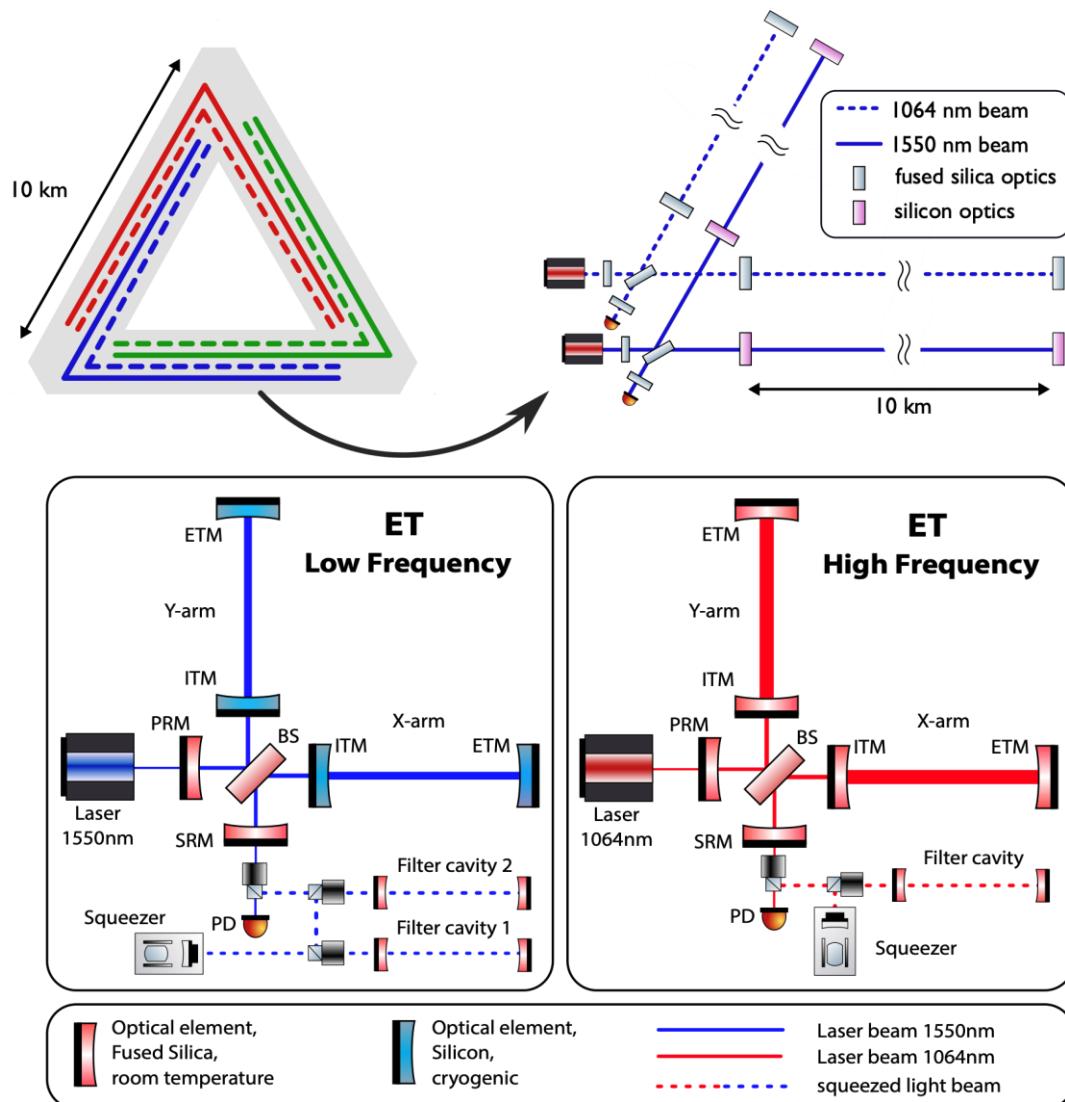
Global network of detectors

- LIGO Livingston, Louisiana, USA
- LIGO Hanford, Washington, USA
- Virgo, Cascina/Pisa, Italy
- Kagra, Toyama/Kamioka mine, Japan

Michelson laser interferometers with
km-scale arms, power
enhancement with optical
resonators
Joint observation runs and data-
sharing



Next generation GW detectors



ET goal: 1000 x better
= ~1/week → ~100/day detections

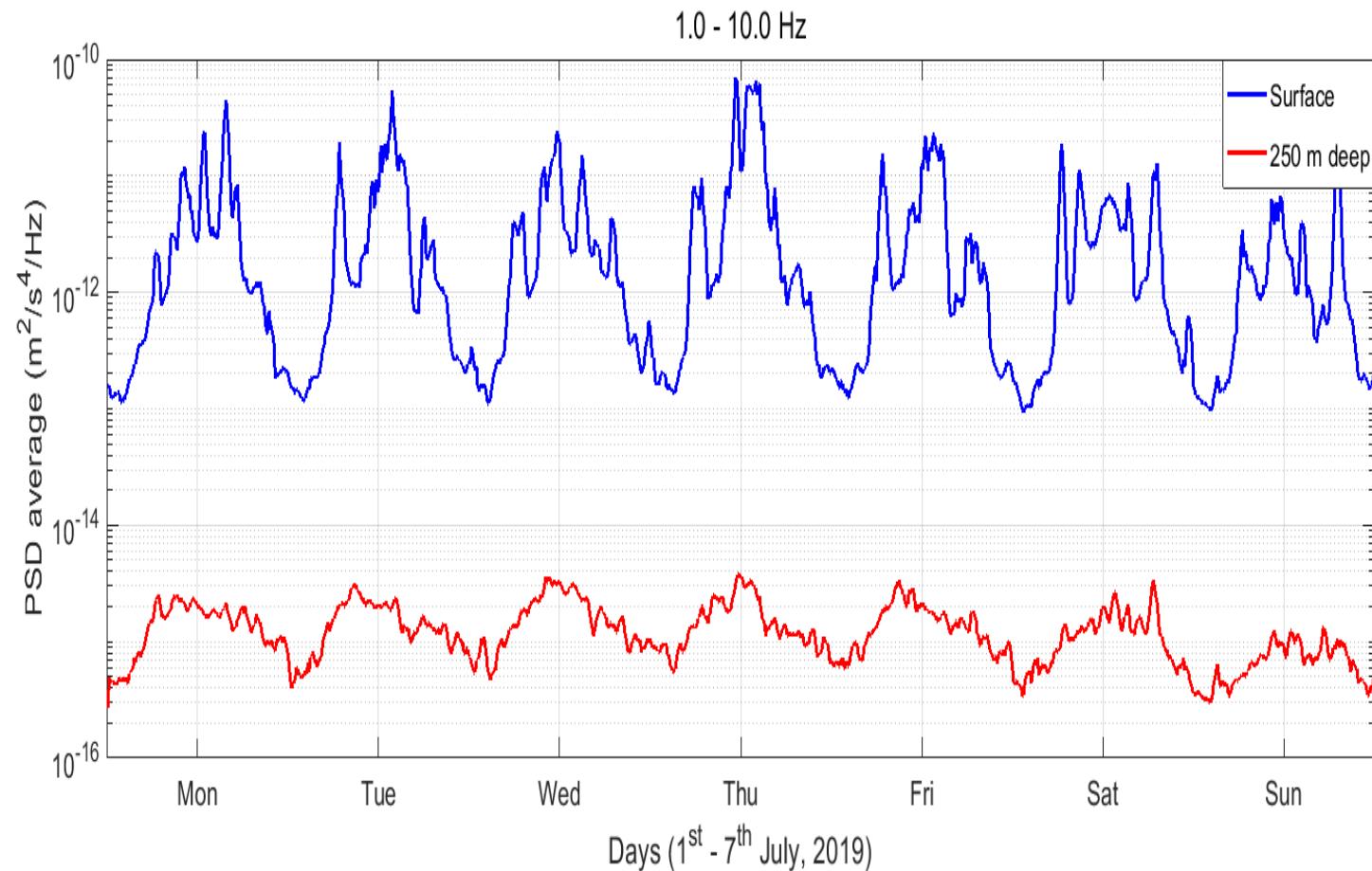
Improvements:

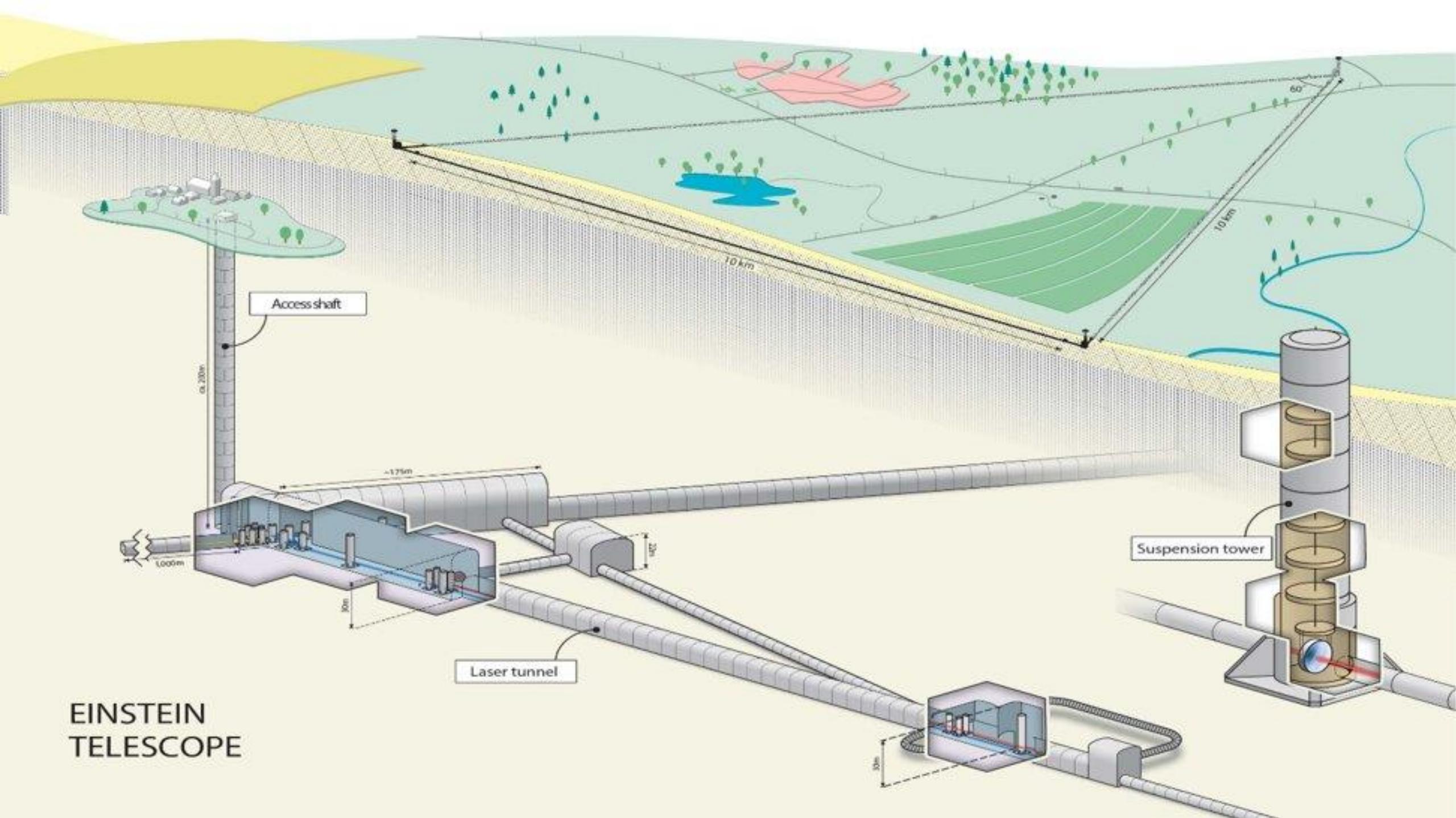
- Longer arms = 10 km
- Reduce noise better:
 - underground,
 - vibration reduction
 - cooled mirror (20 K)
- New mirrors, laser
- Better sensors

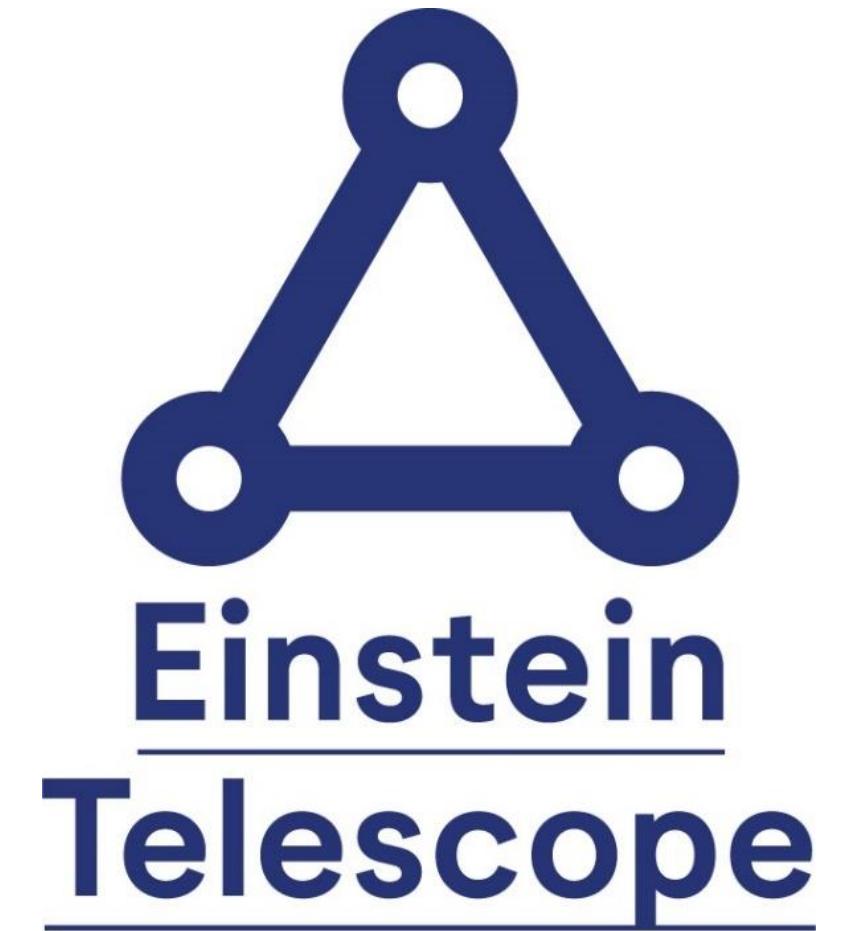


Under(-)ground

- Considerable noise reduction shown in boreholes in Limburg



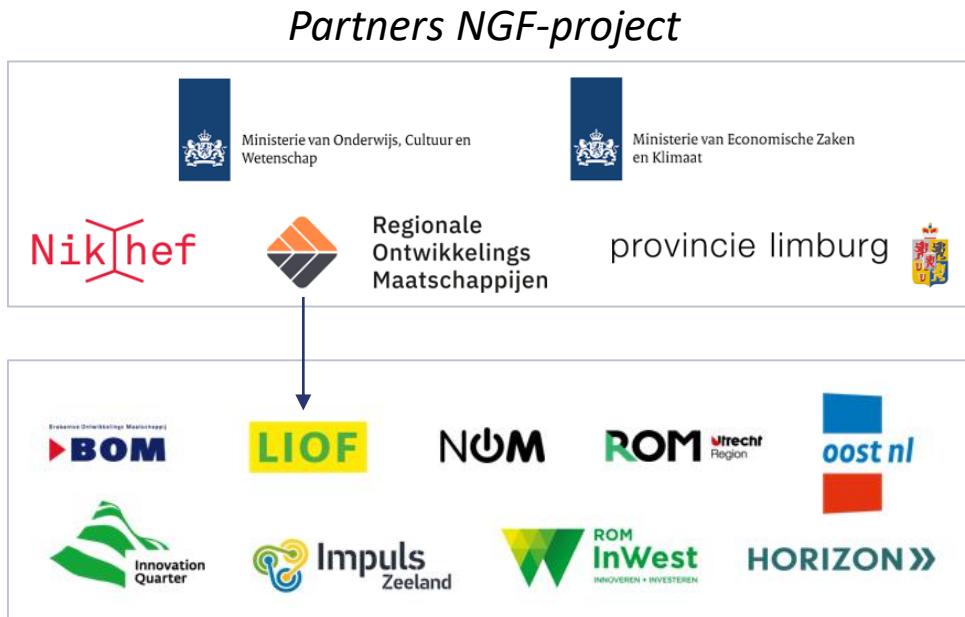




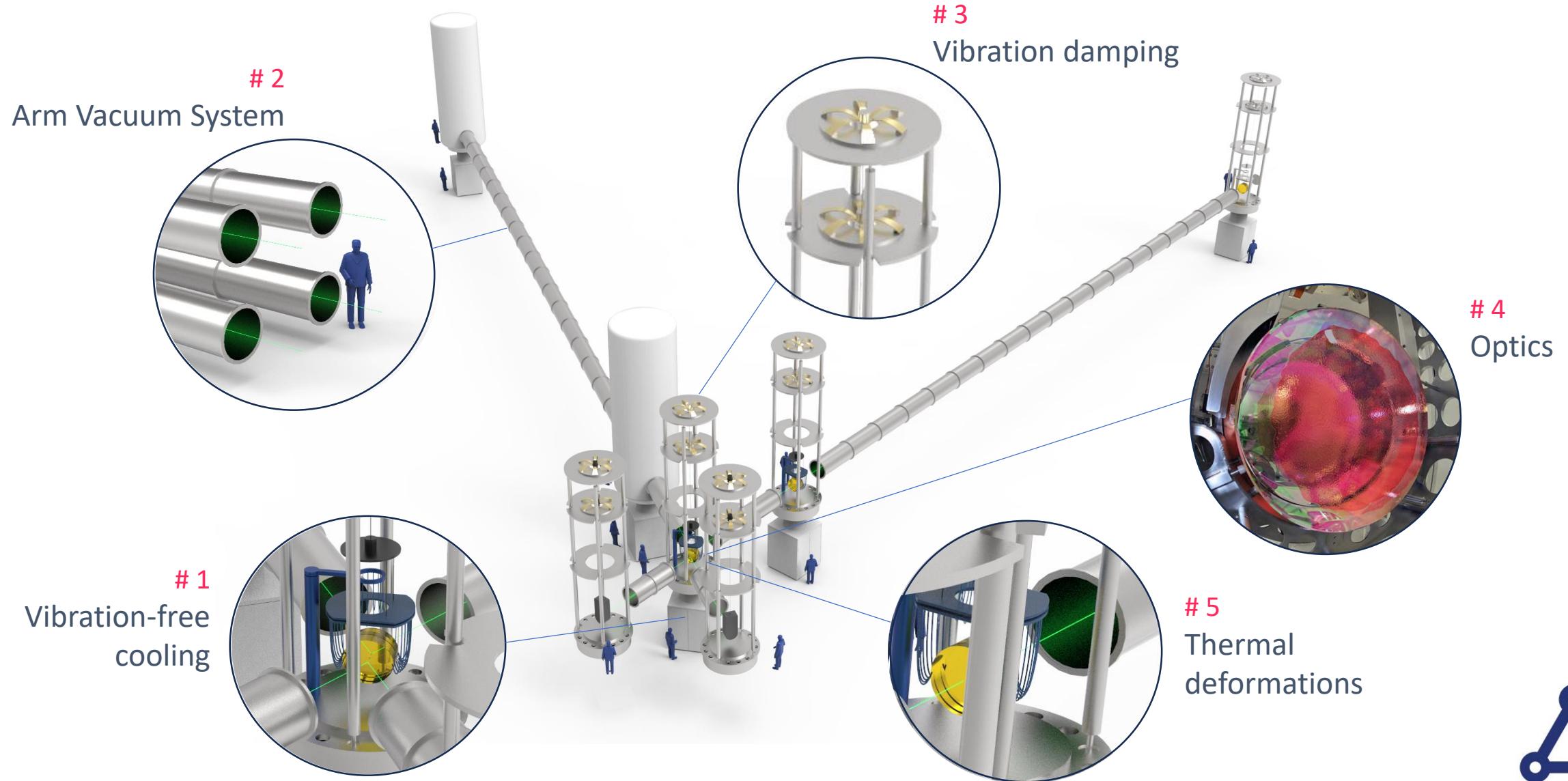
Nationaal Groeifonds (NGF)

Decision in June 2022

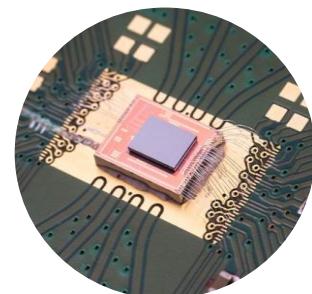
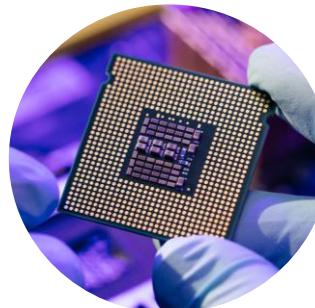
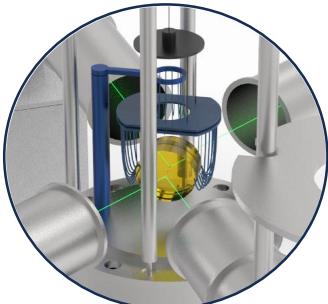
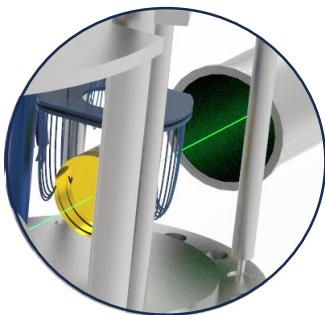
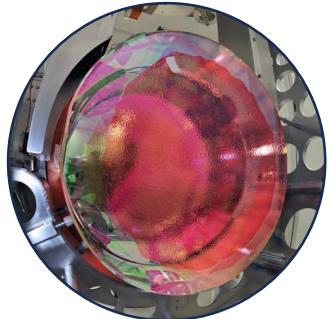
- € 42M preparation
 - € 870M reservation
- € 19M – Valorisation
 € 18M – Geology
 € 5M – Project office



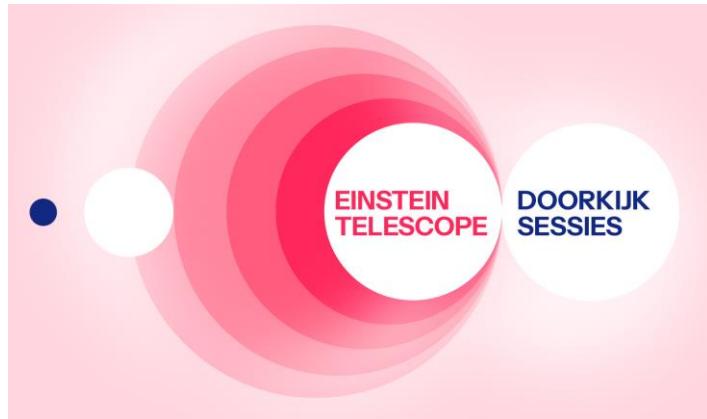
Visual representation of the five technology domains



Valorisation: technology to market



ET-NGF R&D calls



Domain	Status	Call
1: Vibration free cryo cooling	Started January 2024	
2: Vacuüm	Call tekst defined	October - November
3: Trillingsdemping	Started summer 2024	April 8 – May 31
4: Optics	Decision October	June 24 – September 12
5: Thermal deformations	Decision November	September 2 – October 17



Support needed?



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