

STUDIES ON RECYCLING CAVITIES OPTICAL DESIGN

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STARTING POINT

- We have preliminary designs for both HF and LF
- The designs are very different since the criticalities of both interferometers are very different

COMMON CHARACTERISTICS

- Telescope inside the recycling cavities: allows to accumulate enough Gouy phase -> better HOM rejection and alignment sensing
- Folded cavities: allow for longer recycling cavities, and so telescope requirements are less stringent for the same beam parameters / Gouy phase

STARTING POINT

CRITICAL POINTS

- Length of the SRC: when the build-up time of the SRC is of the same order of the arm cavities we start to see a loss of sensitivity at high frequencies
 - Less important for LF because the sensitivity at kHz is not relevant anymore
 - For HF the safe range is 80-120 m
- Thermal lensing: in the HF detector, the power density is very high so we would like to avoid to have the waist on the BS (priority, no compensation) or the PR
 - A lower limit has been calculated at 26mm
 - Since the beam size is fixed at the ITMs, the waist should be between BS and PR/SR or outside the cavity

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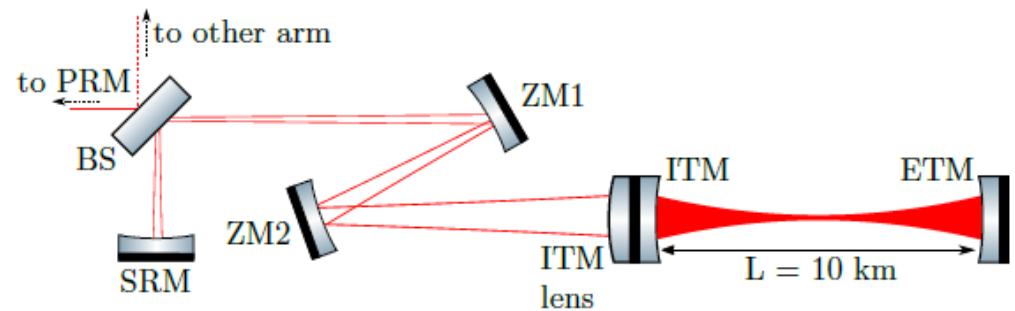
CRITICAL POINTS

- Thermorefractive noise in the BS: it depends on the T and the mirror material
 - For SiO₂ @ 290K it becomes limiting for the LF, the estimated lower limit around 2.2mm

- With this initial “constraints” it is easier to understand the present proposals

LOW FREQUENCY CONFIGURATION

- For the LF detector we propose a telescope between the ITM and the BS since we don't have to worry about the beam size on the BS (except for the thermorefractive noise!)¹
- Total length 183m
- Total Gouy phase 52deg

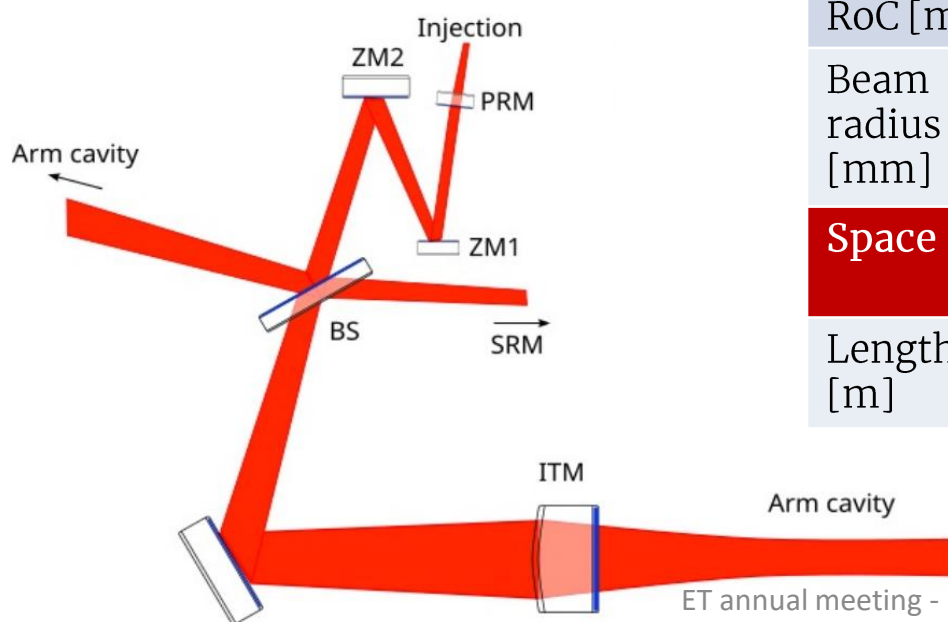


Optic	SRM	BS	ZM1	ZM2
RoC [m]	-9410	inf	-50	-82.5
Beam radius [mm]	6.1	6.2	8.9	30
Space	SRM-BS	BS-ZM1	ZM1-ZM2	ZM2-ITM
Length [m]	10	70	50	52.5
Gouy phase [deg]	7.5	39	5.3	0.6



HIGH FREQUENCY CONFIGURATION

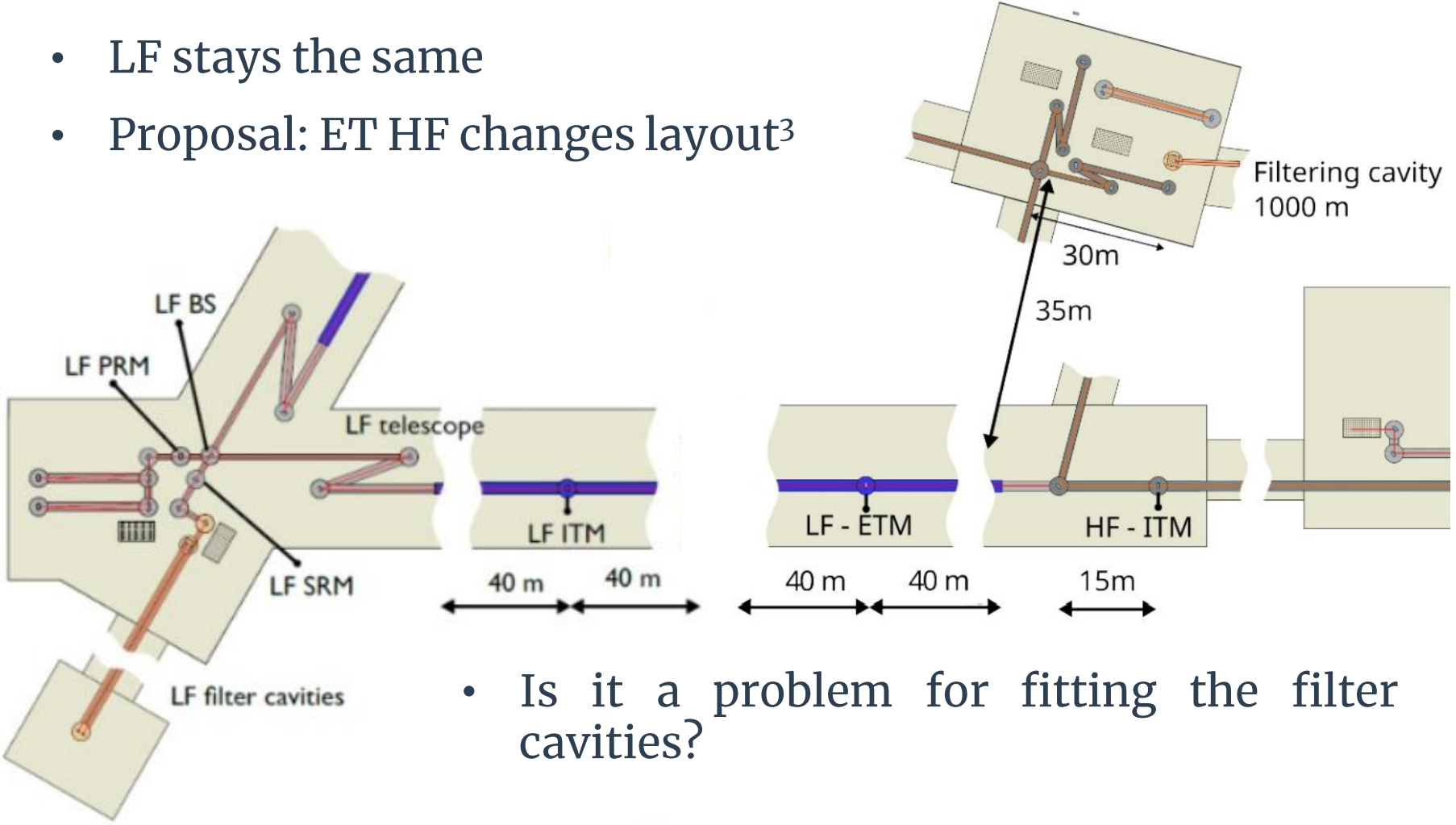
- For the HF detector we propose a telescope between the BS and the RM, with one flat element and one focusing element²
- Total length 100m
- Total Gouy phase 18deg



Optic	SRM	ZM1	ZM2	BS
RoC [m]	-41	inf	-4	inf
Beam radius [mm]	35	13	5	31
Space	PRM-ZM1	ZM1-ZM2	ZM2-BS	BS-ITM
Length [m]	25	10	15	50

INFRASTRUCTURE PREVIEW

- LF stays the same
- Proposal: ET HF changes layout³



- Is it a problem for fitting the filter cavities?

FUTURE WORK

- We have put together a series of studies that need to be completed / started in order to validate completely both proposals:⁴

For the HF this might mean to modify the telescope (ZM2 not flat!)

LF TELESCOPE + HF TELESCOPE

- A telescope off-axis will introduce aberrations, can we optimize the design (focal lenses vs AoI) to minimize these losses (targeting 0)?
- Which would be the impact of a residual movement (longitudinal or angular - also translation) on the telescope mirrors in terms of aberrations? Important for understanding the requirements for the suspensions
- Free form optics: How well do we realistically expect we could do with current polishing capabilities? How well centred would the beam need to be on such an optic?



Do we need Etalon?

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Closed! Summarize it
into a small document

BS CONSIDERATIONS

- How heavy can the BS be?
- HF: Angle of incidence, which is best if thermal lensing is present from a small spot? [4.1?]
- HF: What is an acceptable BS thermal lensing amount? [Wavefront sensing]
- HF: Can we do BS thermal actuation? [Wavefront sensing]
- Estimate the thermorefractive noise at the BS as a function of the BS, when it becomes limiting [6]
- A collimated beam is preferred through the BS, limit on divergence?

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LONGITUDINAL SENSING



- Which frequencies will be resonant in both recycling cavities as a function of the Schnupp asymmetry? Is there any combination of modulation frequencies and Schnupp that can be used as a starting point? [16]
- For a given length of the recycling cavities and for a given PR reflectivity, how much transmission towards the SRC and back-scattering towards the PRC there will be as a function of the Schnupp asymmetry?
- Do we want LIGO-like, slightly asymmetric recycling cavities, or Virgo-like symmetric recycling cavities?

SIGNAL RECYCLING IN LF

- Detuned vs tuned SRC? As a starting point can we study both and establish residual movement requirements for reaching the target sensitivity?

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ANGULAR SENSING

- For a given Gouy phase of the SRC, and a Schnupp asymmetry, can we find modulation frequencies that could build a good SR alignment signal?

ROBUSTNESS TO HOMs

- What is the HOMs separation on the PRC and the SRC? How do they couple to the recycling cavities?
- How do this change as a function of the RT Gouy phase and the Finesse of the recycling cavities?
- How do the sidebands HOMs couple into the interferometer and how do they affect the longitudinal error signals? Do we need to worry about mode hopping?
- How the RT Gouy phase of the SRC affects the squeezing, does it get reduced?

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SIGNAL EXTRACTION

- Where do we need to extract beams in order to produce error signals? Do the beam geometry/AOI allow to do this and where would we need optical benches?
- Balanced Homodyne Detection, where it is better to take the pick-off?

Can we identify a priority path that allows us to validate the present designs?