

# Bimorph mirrors: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly

Can these “wild outlaws” be tamed?



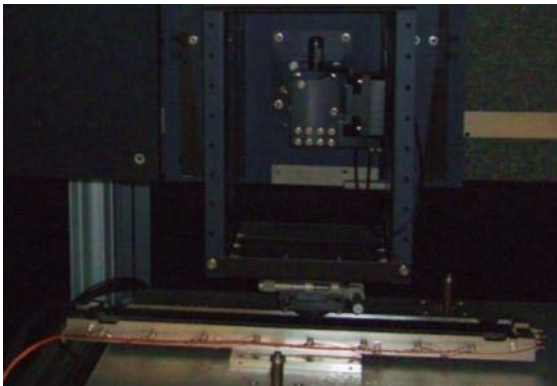
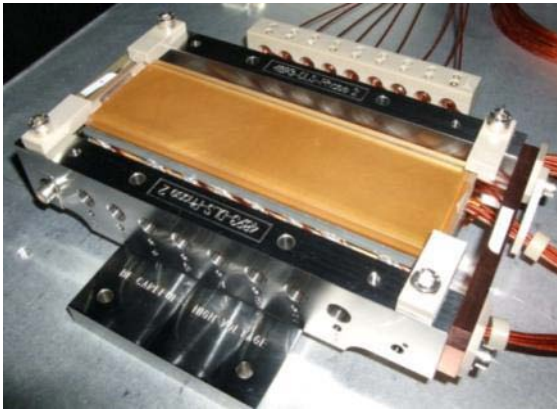
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# Overview

- ☀ Introduction to bimorph mirrors
- ☀ The Good
- ☀ The Bad
- ☀ The Ugly ...& “beauty treatments”?
- ☀ The Future
- ☀ Conclusions



# Introduction

☀ Mirror performance limited by figure errors (mm's  $\rightarrow$  L):

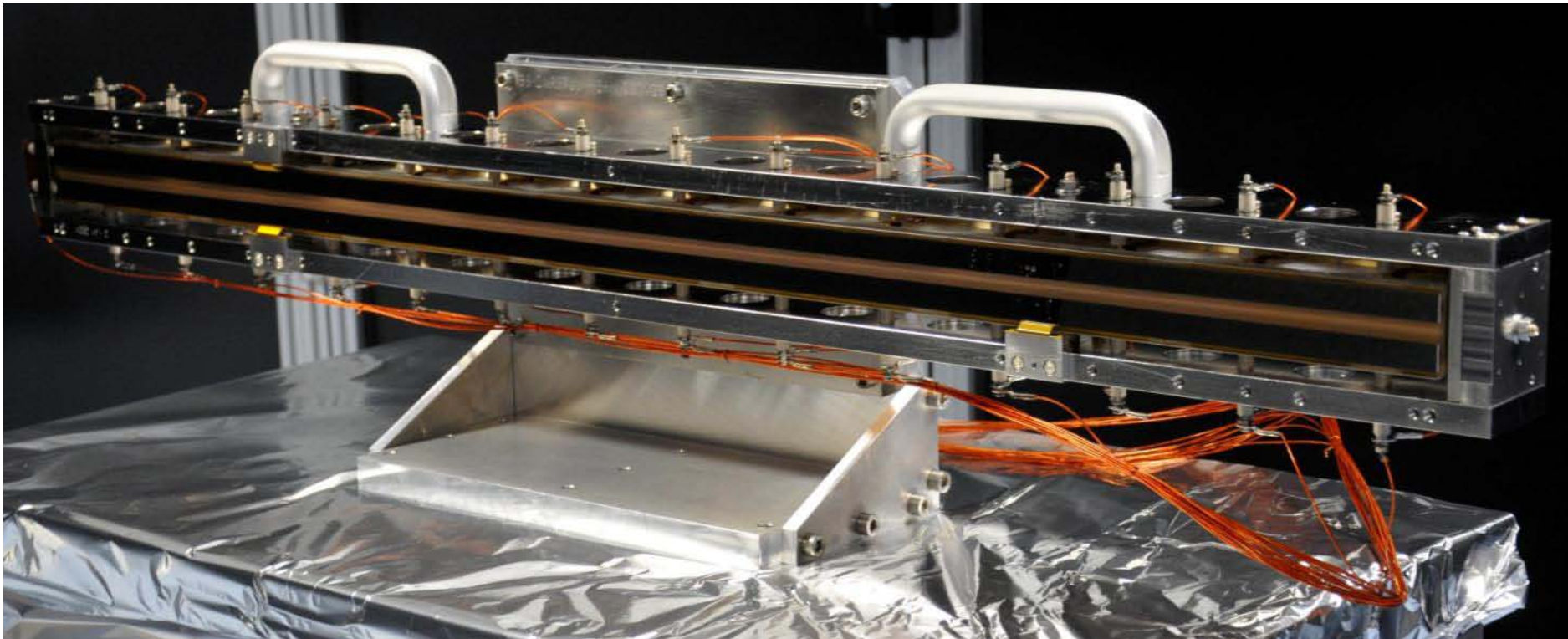
- Polishing defects
- Gravitational sag
- Mounting strains
- Thermal bumps induced by high powered photon beams

☀ How can figure errors be reduced? Use bimorph technology!



# HFM3 (MX beamlines)

1050mm long, 14 piezos, 2 coating stripes





# Piezo power!

- ☀ By applying appropriate voltages to the bimorph piezos, **global figure** & **localised figure errors** are dynamically corrected to create a well defined photon beam

*Bimorph mirrors have exceptional potential  
...but how can this be harnessed?*

- ☀ Many degrees of freedom?
- ☀ How do the piezos behave?
- ☀ Quick & easy optimisation would be nice!



# In-situ (X-ray) beamline testing at DLS

 Kawal Sawhney (SRI) et al

*Characterisation of a novel super-polished bimorph mirror*

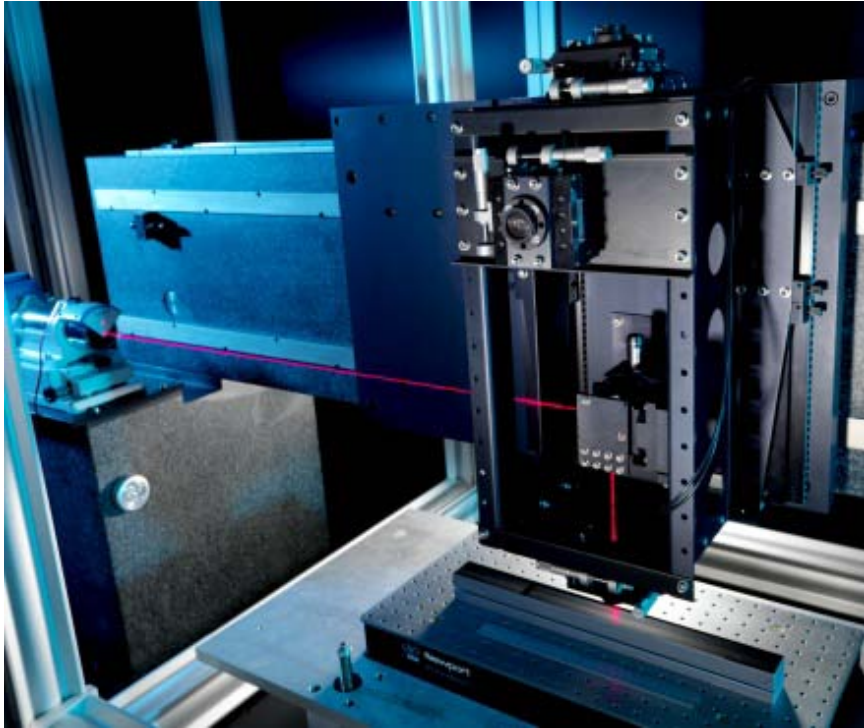
 John Sutter et al

*Measurement and analysis of X-ray mirror slope errors under beamline operating conditions*

 Hongchang Wang et al

*At-wavelength metrology using Moiré Fringe analysis method based on two dimensional grating interferometer*

# Ex-situ testing: Diamond-NOM



- ☀ Non-contact, slope measuring profiler
- ☀ Scan range: 1500mm x 300mm
- ☀ Slope errors <50nrad rms
- ☀ Sub-nm repeatability
- ☀ Upward or side facing acquisition
- ☀ Thermal stability <10m°C
- ☀ 1st replication of BESSY-NOM concept
- ☀ EPICS control (now used at NSLS-II)

*“The Diamond-NOM: a non-contact profiler capable of characterizing optical figure error with sub-nm repeatability”*

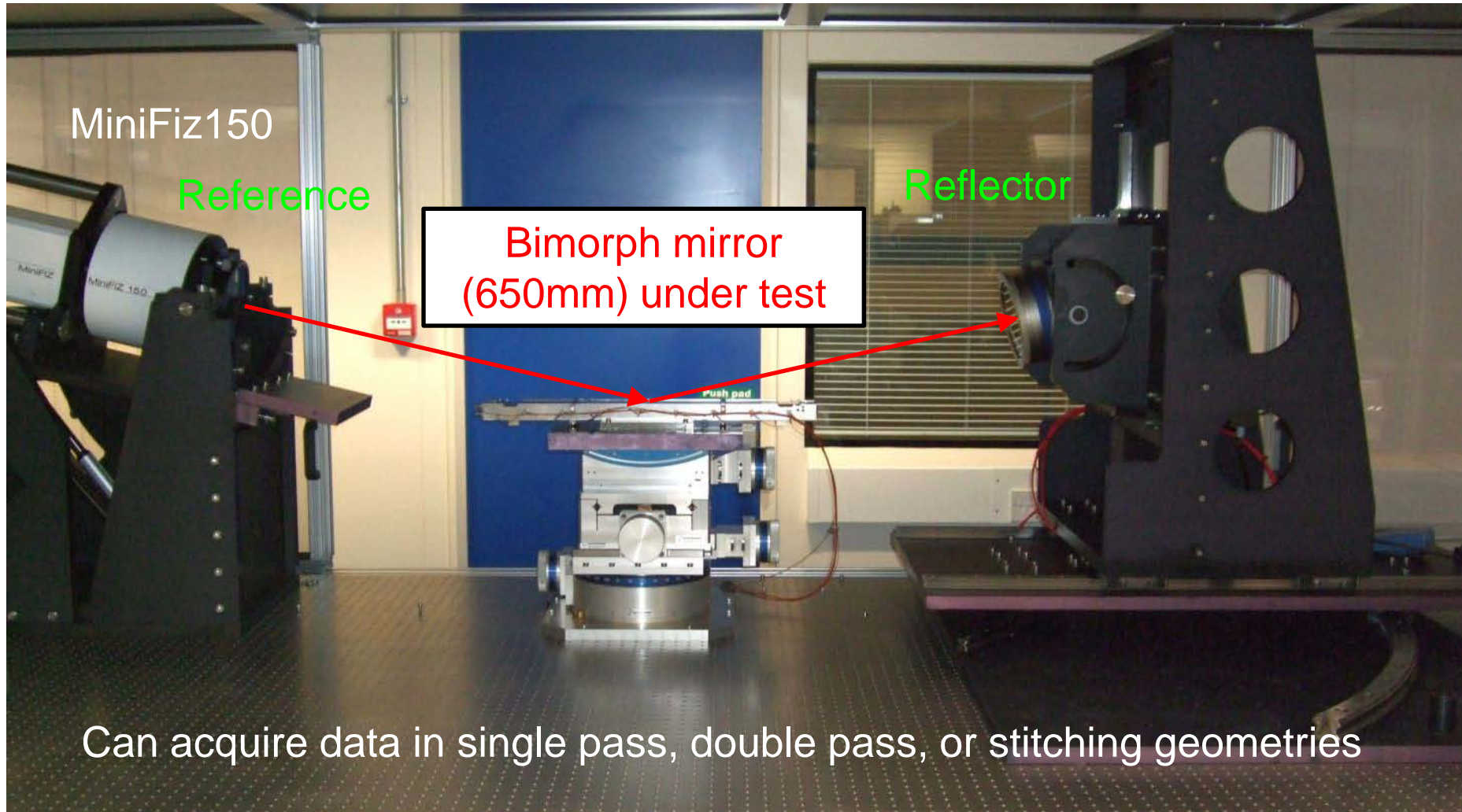
S. G. Alcock, K. J. S. Sawhney, S. Scott, U. Pedersen, R. Walton, F. Siewert, T. Zeschke, F. Senf, T. Noll, and H. Lammert.

Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A, Volume 616, Issue 2-3, p. 224-228 (2010)

# “MiniFiz” Fizeau interferometer

*“A double-pass Fizeau interferometer system for measuring the figure error of large synchrotron optics”*

G. D. Ludbrook, S. G. Alcock, S. Scott, Proc. SPIE 7801 (2010).





# MiniFiz: 2D topography

- ☀ Capture 2D topography of mirror surface in <1minute  
→ Dynamic effects & enables rapid iterations of modifications

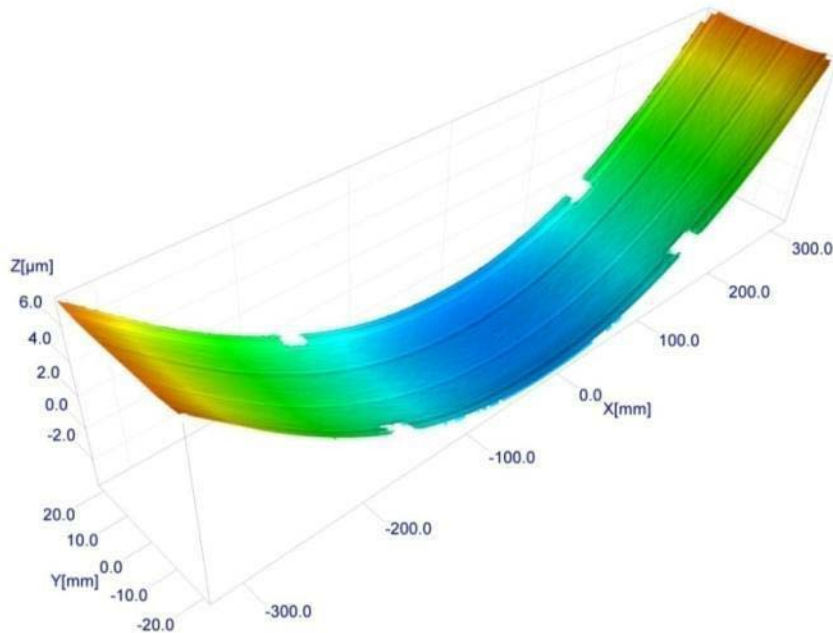


Figure of I04 VFM  
(over full surface 650mm)

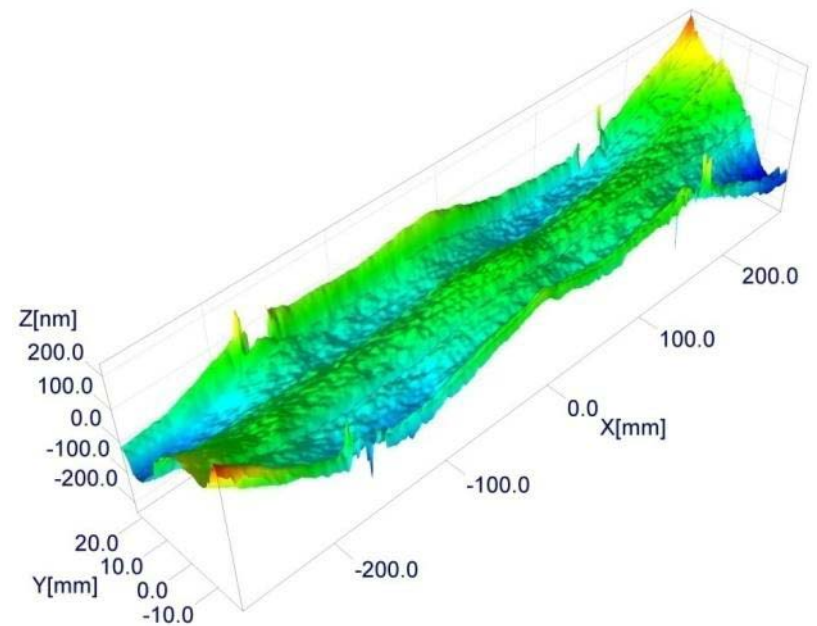


Figure error of I04 VFM  
(over active surface 550mm)

# The Good

- ☀ Correcting slope / figure errors:

- Polishing defects
- Clamping / mounting strains
- Heat-bump



- ☀ Range of elliptical (or parabolic) figures

- ☀ Highly flexible for different beam sizes / focal distances

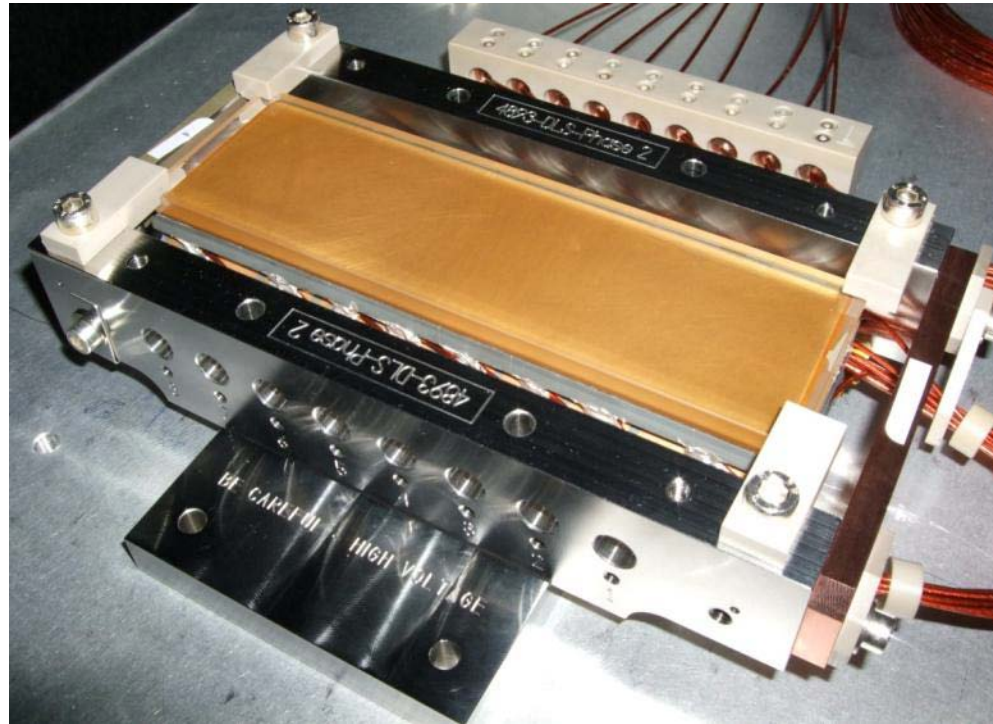
- ☀ Top-hat or defocused spot?

- ☀ Correction of upstream optical aberrations

*So much potential!*

# Super-polished (EEM) bimorph mirror

- ☀ 8 piezo bimorph (SESO), 150mm long, silica substrate
- ☀ EEM treatment (JTEC) on central ~120mm
- ☀ Elliptical pre-figure ( $p=41.5\text{m}$ ,  $q=0.4\text{m}$ ,  $\theta=3\text{mrad}$ )

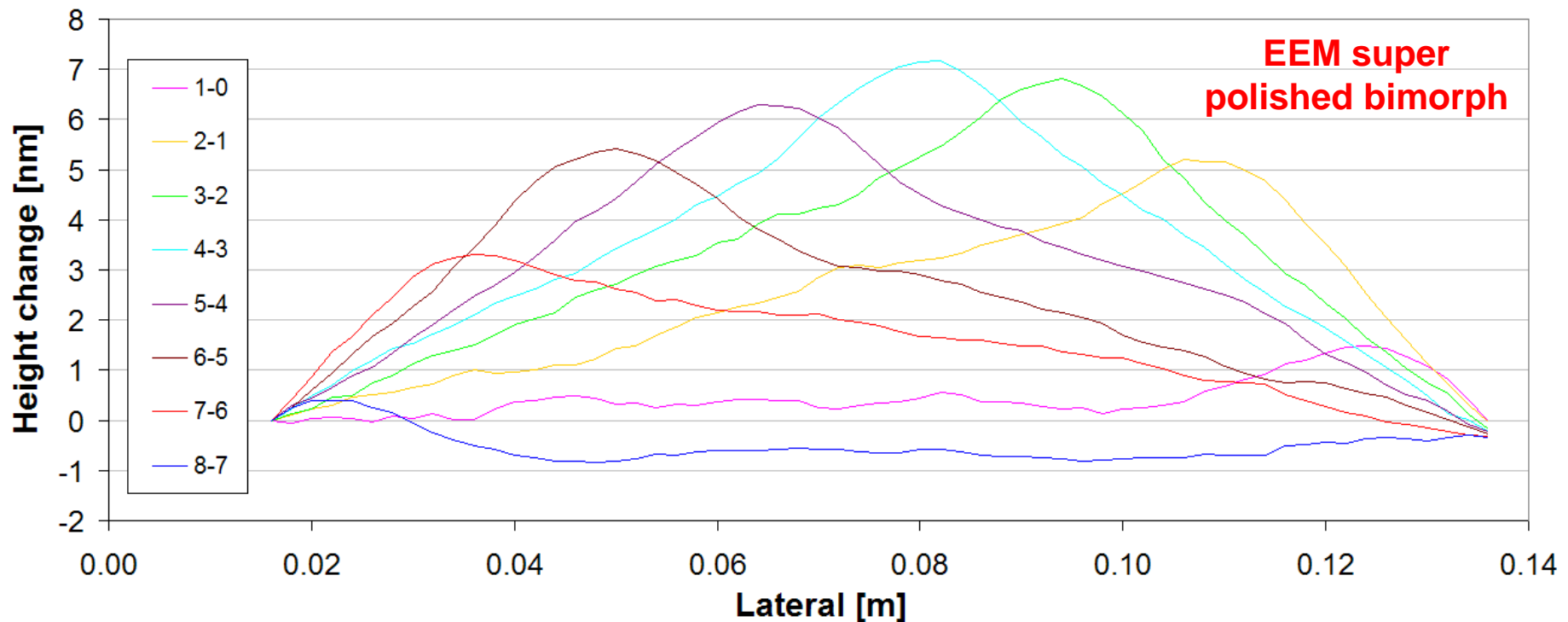


**Kawal SRI talk**

**World's 1<sup>st</sup> super-polished bimorph mirror**

# Piezo response functions

- ☀ Assess how piezos respond to applied voltage (+25V)
  - Matrix gives figure corrections & bend parameters



**Sub-nanometre figure control using Diamond-NOM**

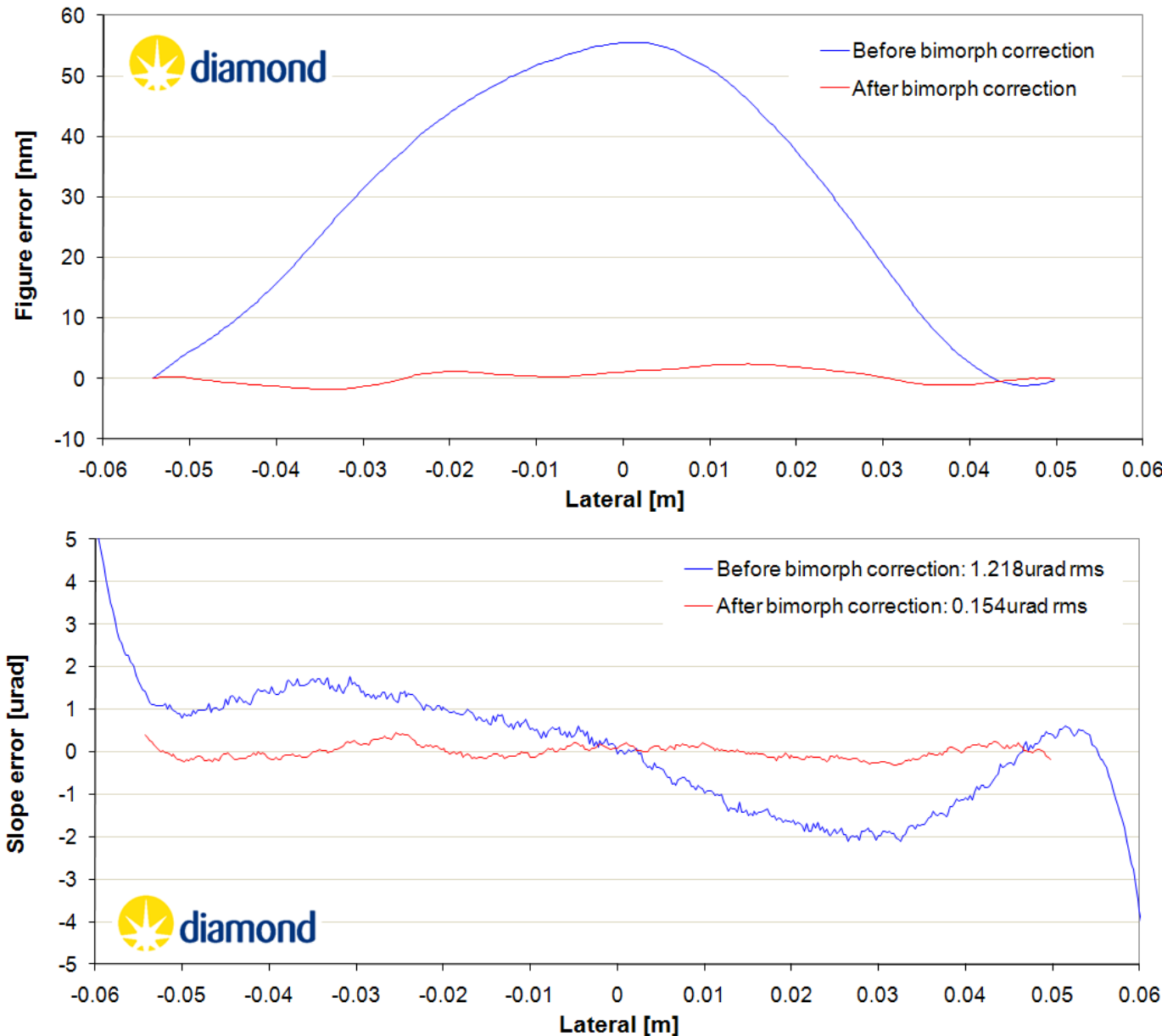


# Super-polished (EEM) bimorph mirror

Figure error  
<1nm rms

$p=41.5\text{m}$ ,  
 $q=0.4\text{m}$ ,  
 $\theta=3\text{mrad}$

Slope error  
~154nrad rms



# The Bad

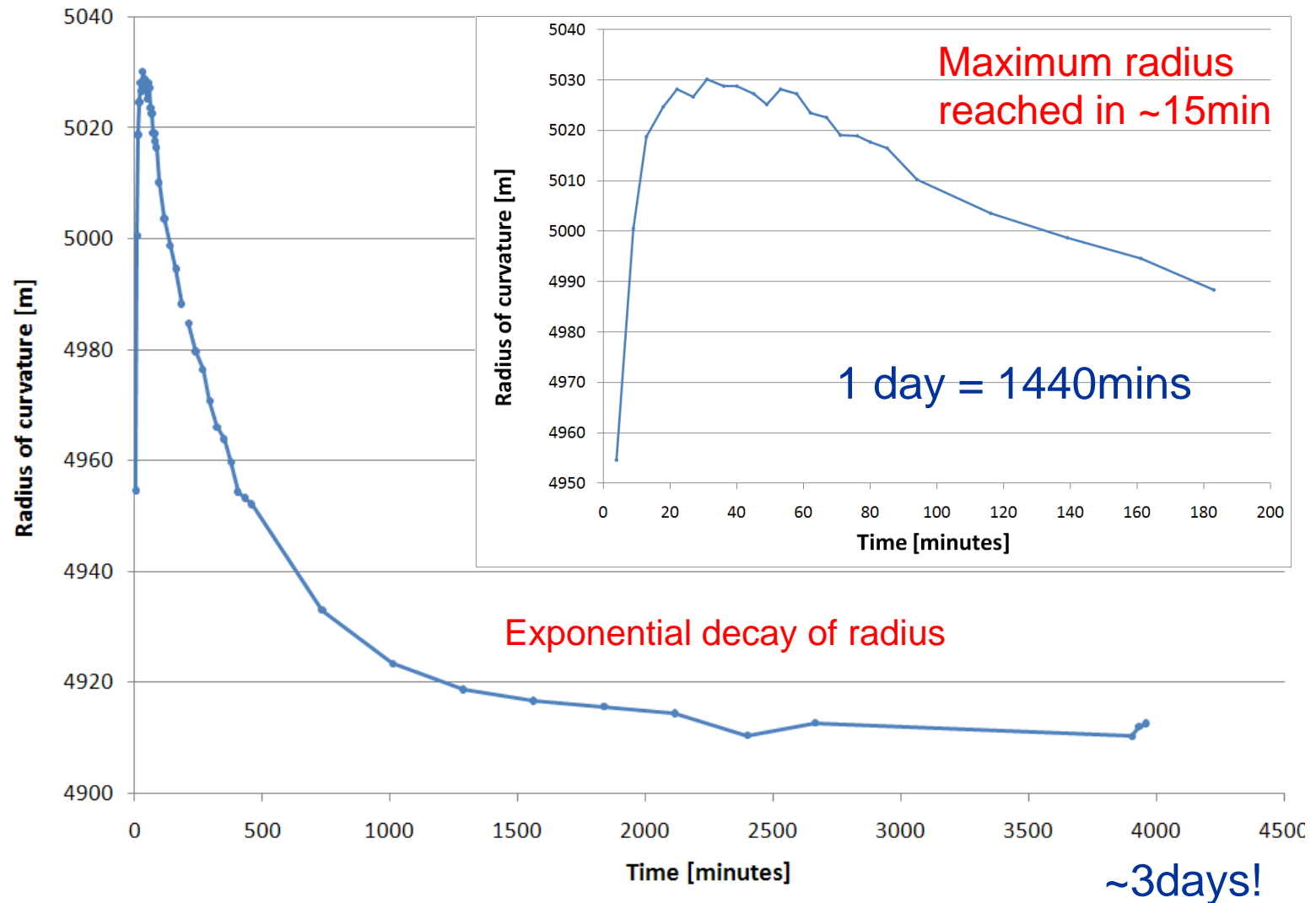
- ☀ Change of radius with time
- ☀ Expensive (+ power supply)
- ☀ Problems communicating with HV power supply?
- ☀ Expert operator required?



*Can these bad points be overcome?*

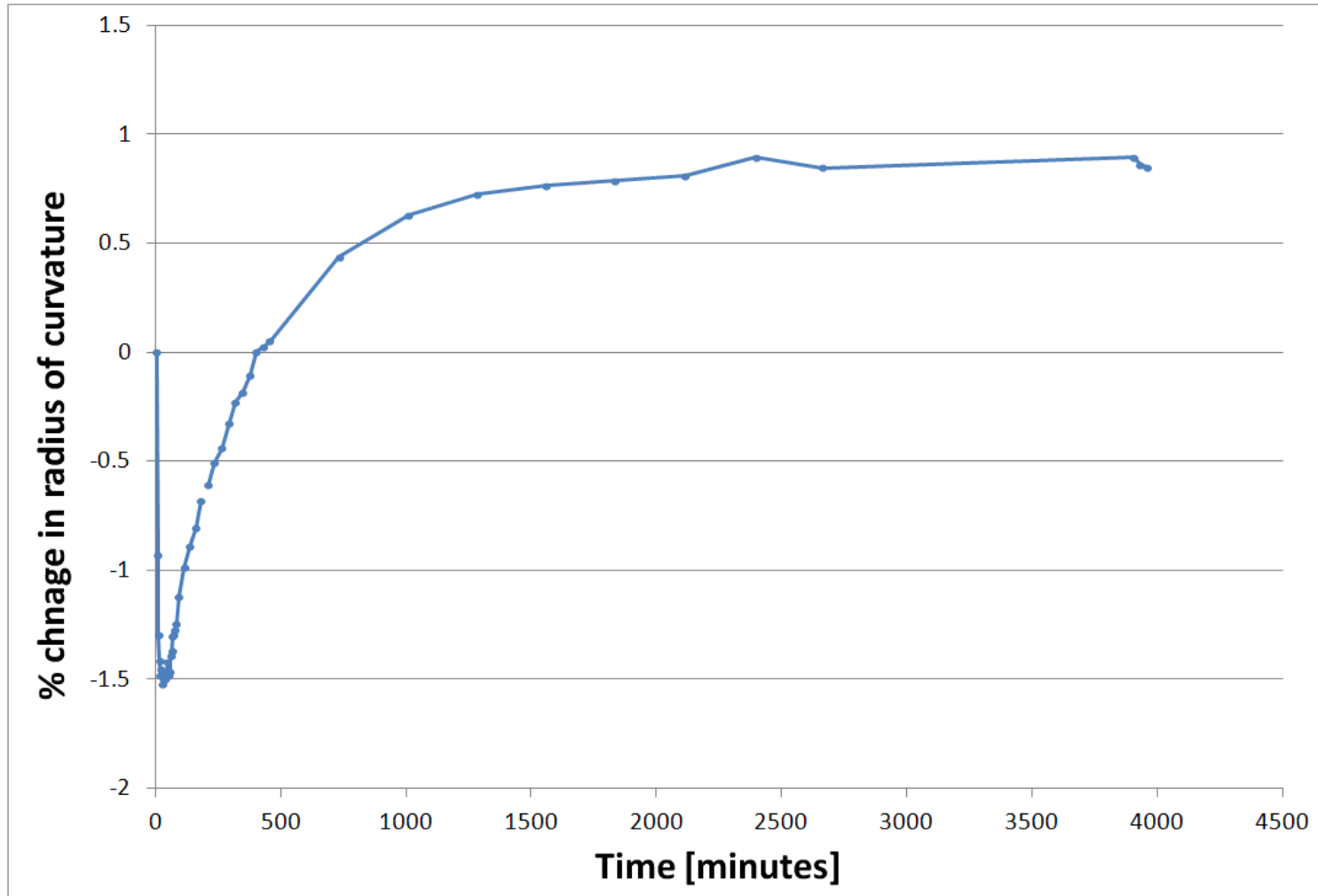
# Dynamics of 600mm VFM bimorph

☀️ Apply voltages & record curvature (4min for each Diamond-NOM scan)



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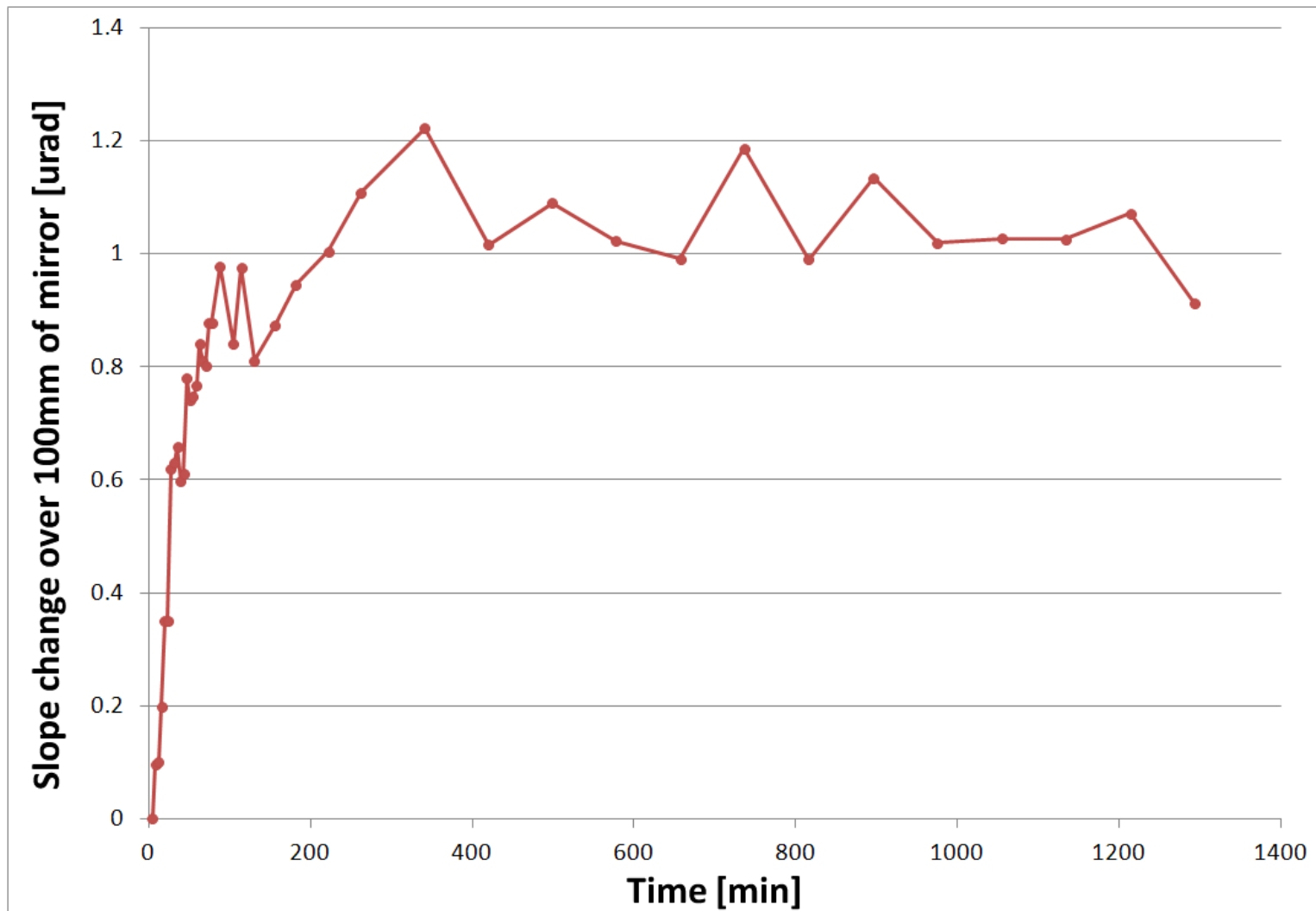
☀ Radius change by ~2% over several hours / days





# Dynamics of 150mm EEM bimorph

- ☀ Change from 400V to 500V & observe slope change (between two points on mirror 100mm apart)



# The Ugly

## ☀ Junction Effect!!!

→ larger beam spot & unwanted structure

## ☀ Mounting / clamping defects

→ holder & “stiff” electrical contacts?



*Can we apply “beauty treatments”?*

# Bimorph construction: end view

Manufactured at SESO, France (patented)

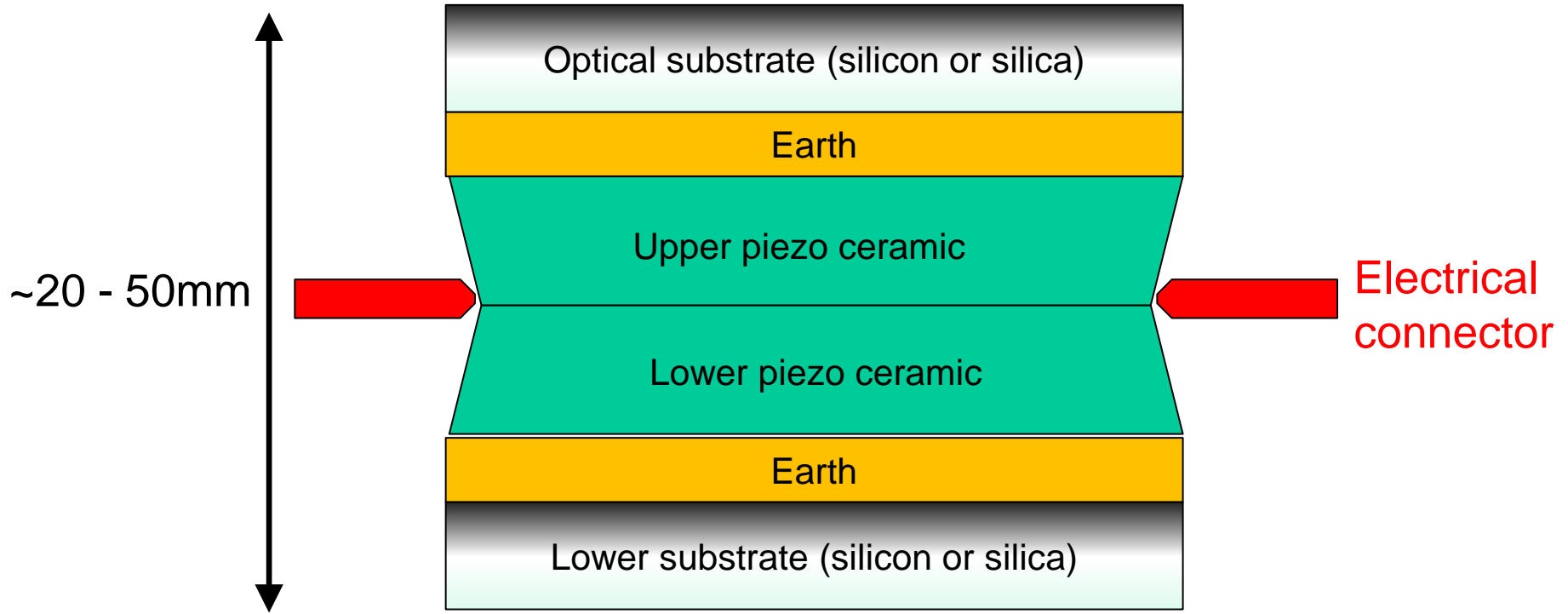
**United States Patent**  
Carre et al.

(10) Patent No.: **US 7,618,149 B2**  
(45) Date of Patent: **Nov. 17, 2009**

**BIMORPH MIRROR WITH TWO  
PIEZOELECTRIC LAYERS SEPARATED BY A  
CENTRAL CORE OF SEMIRIGID MATERIAL**

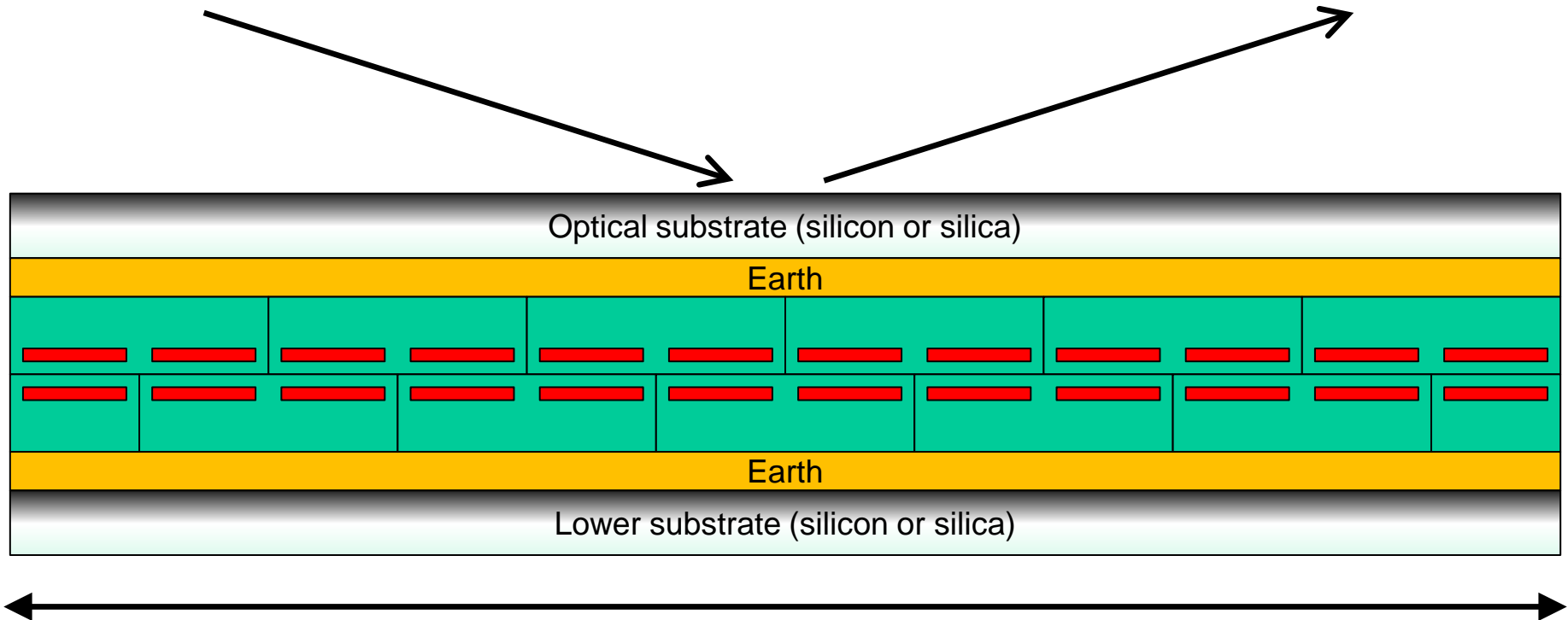
Inventors: **Jean-François Carre, Pertuis (FR);  
Jean Jacques Ferme, Velaux (FR)**

Assignee: **Societe Europeenne de Systemes  
Optiques (FR)**



# Bimorph construction: side view

X-rays ( $\theta \sim 3\text{mrad}$ )



Length  $\sim 600\text{mm}$  (VFM) or  $\sim 1050\text{mm}$  (HFM)



# Zoomed side view

1<sup>st</sup> ceramic

2<sup>nd</sup> ceramic

Electrode 1

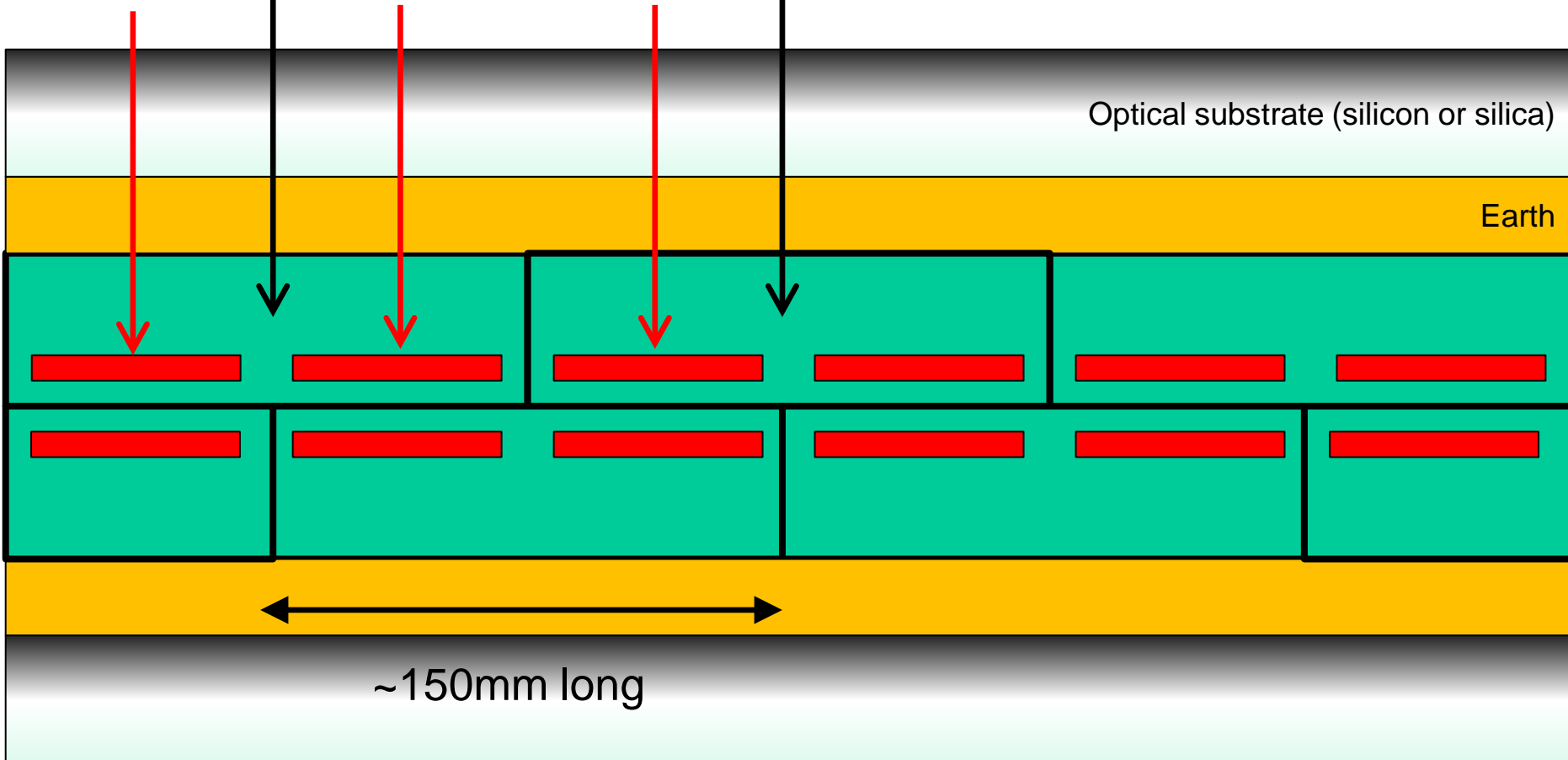
Electrode 2

Electrode 3

**2 or more electrodes  
per piezo ceramic block**

Optical substrate (silicon or silica)

Earth

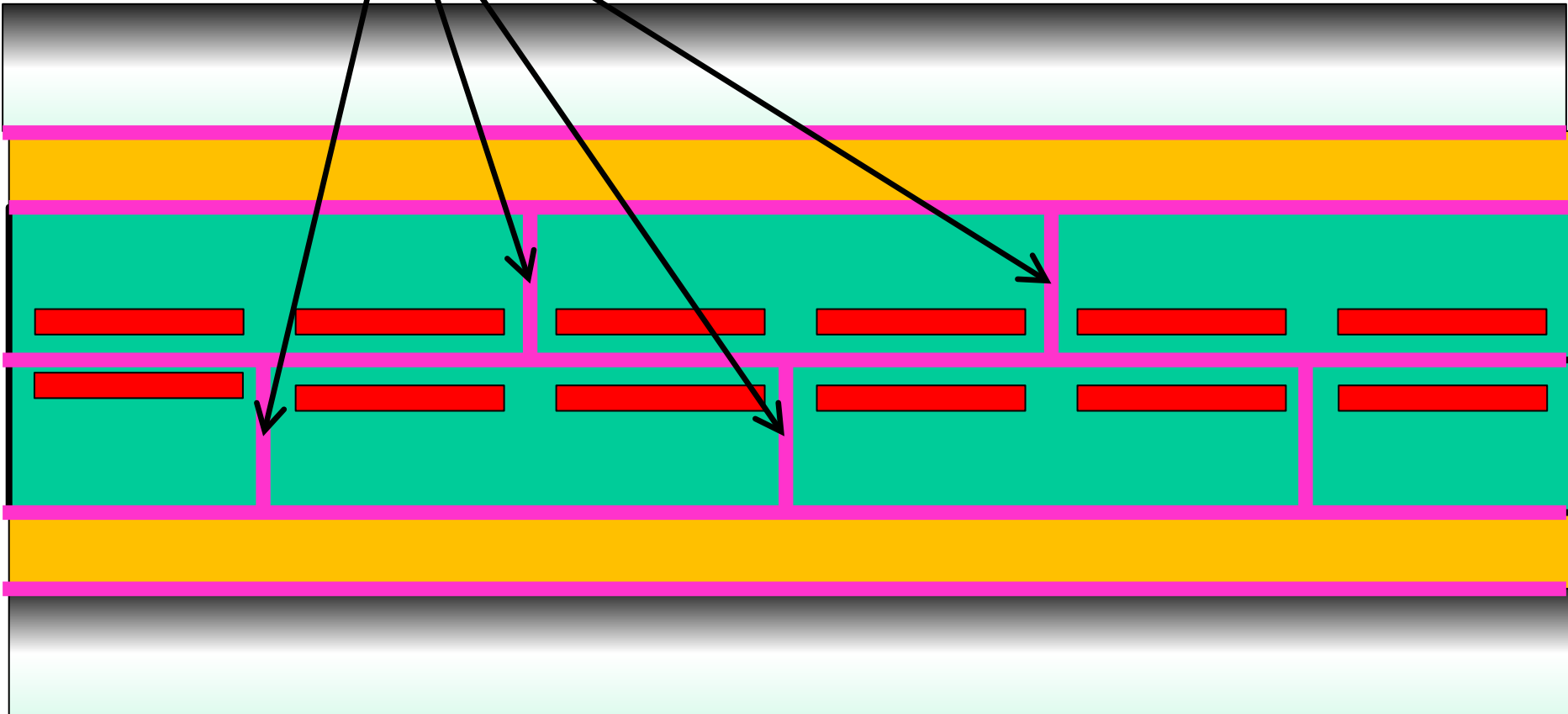


~150mm long

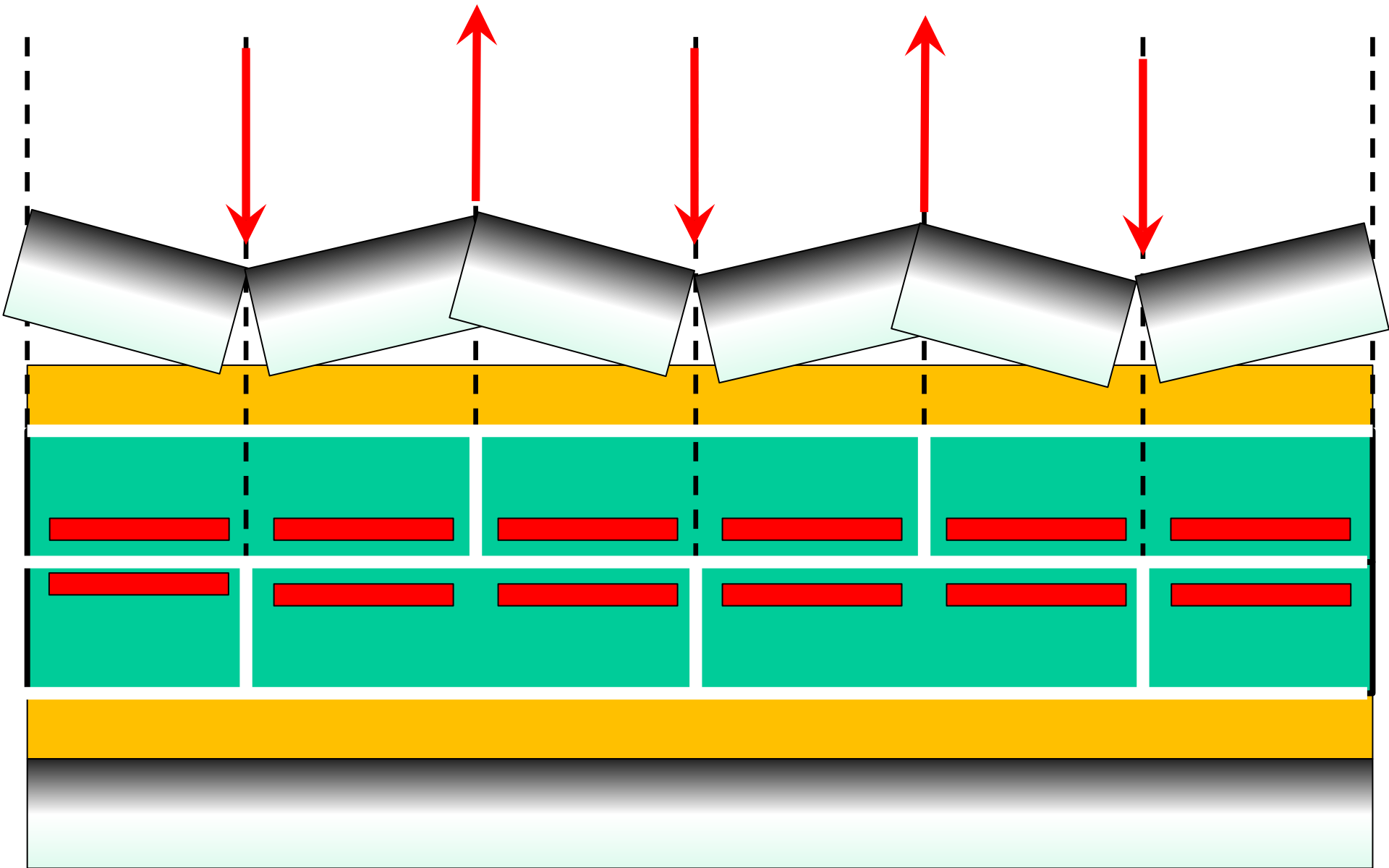
# Junction effect

Glue between  
piezo ceramics

*Does glue “cure” over  
several months and / or  
exposure to UHV???*

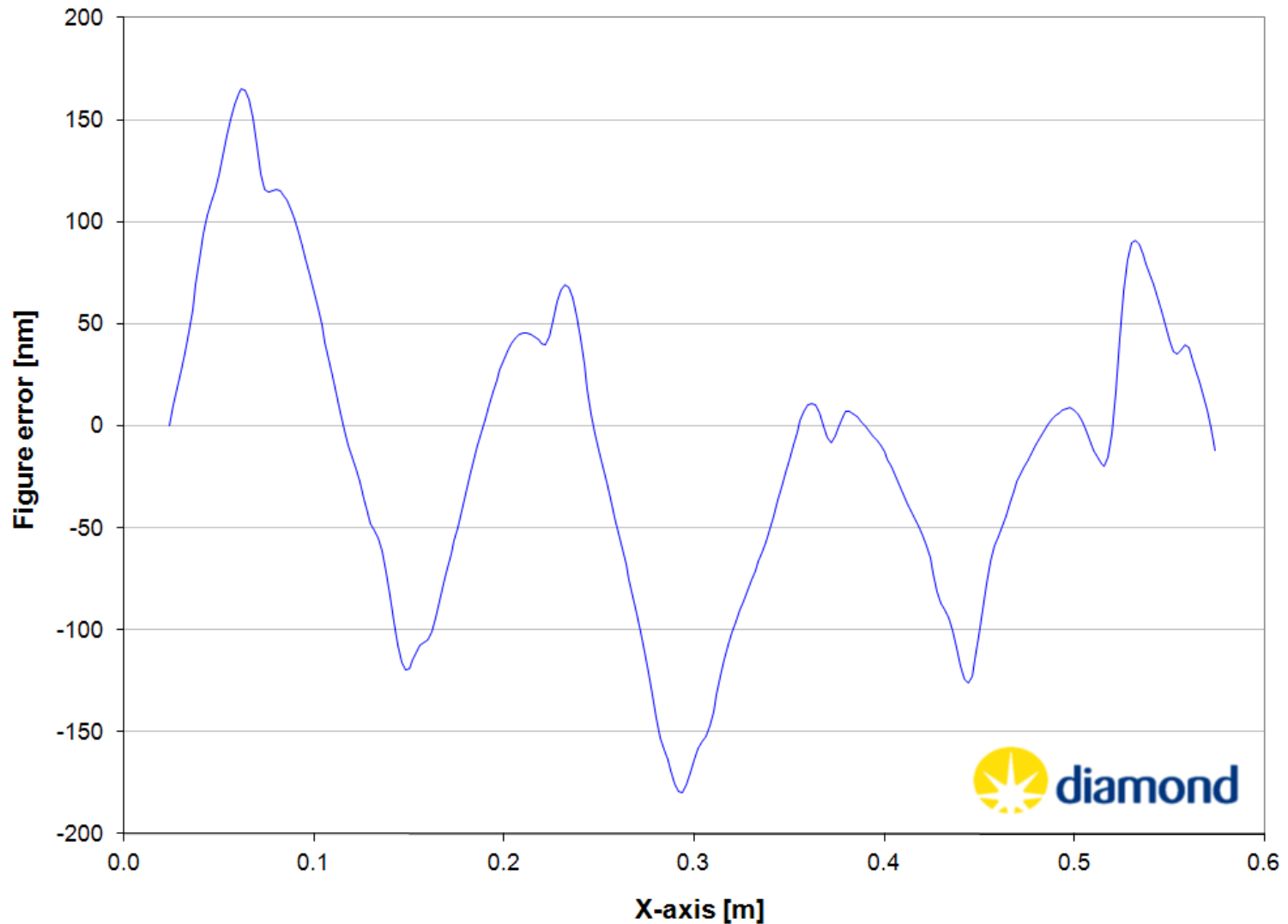


# Junction effect: corrugation of surface



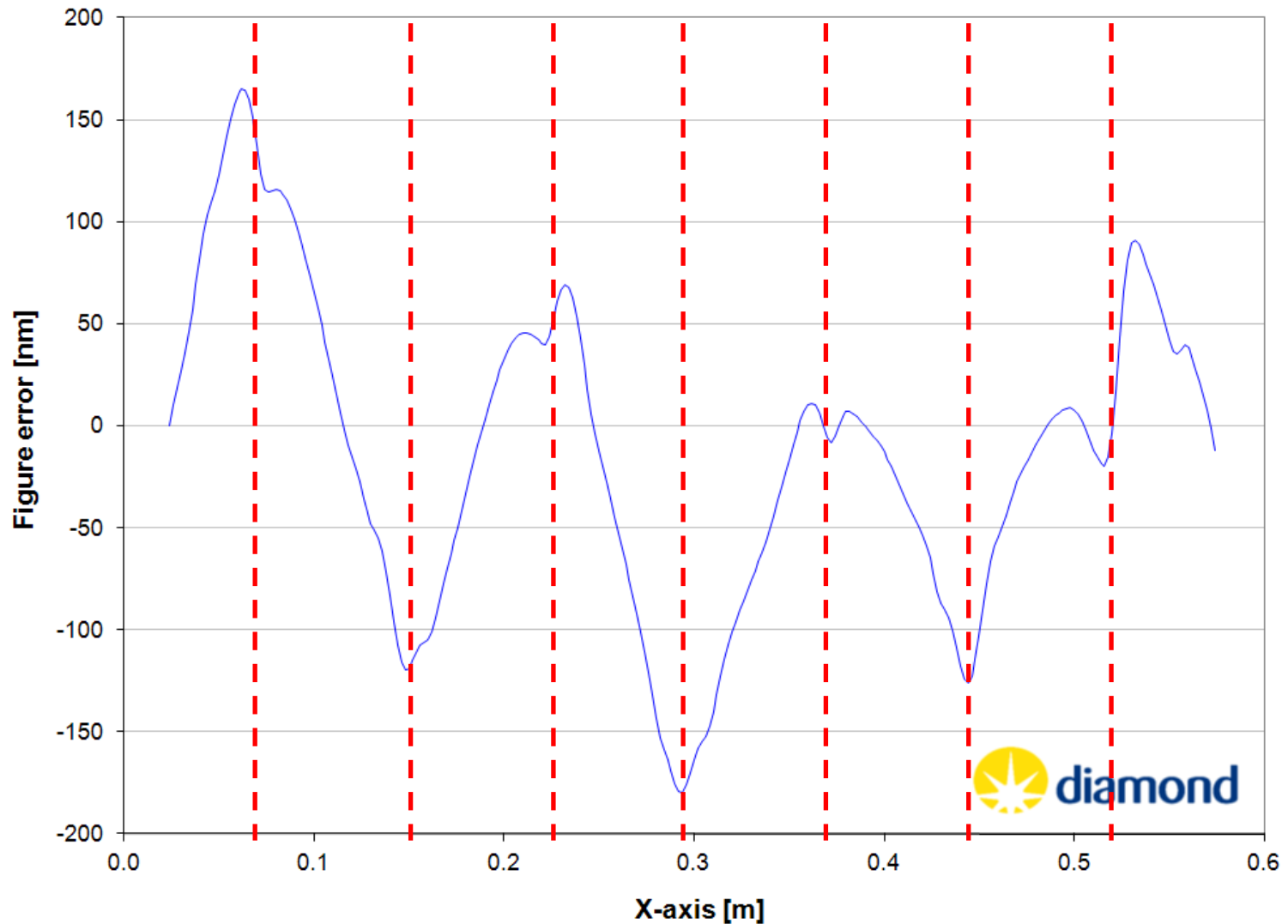
# Junction effect: corrugation

☀ MX (I04) VFM before repolishing



# Junction effect

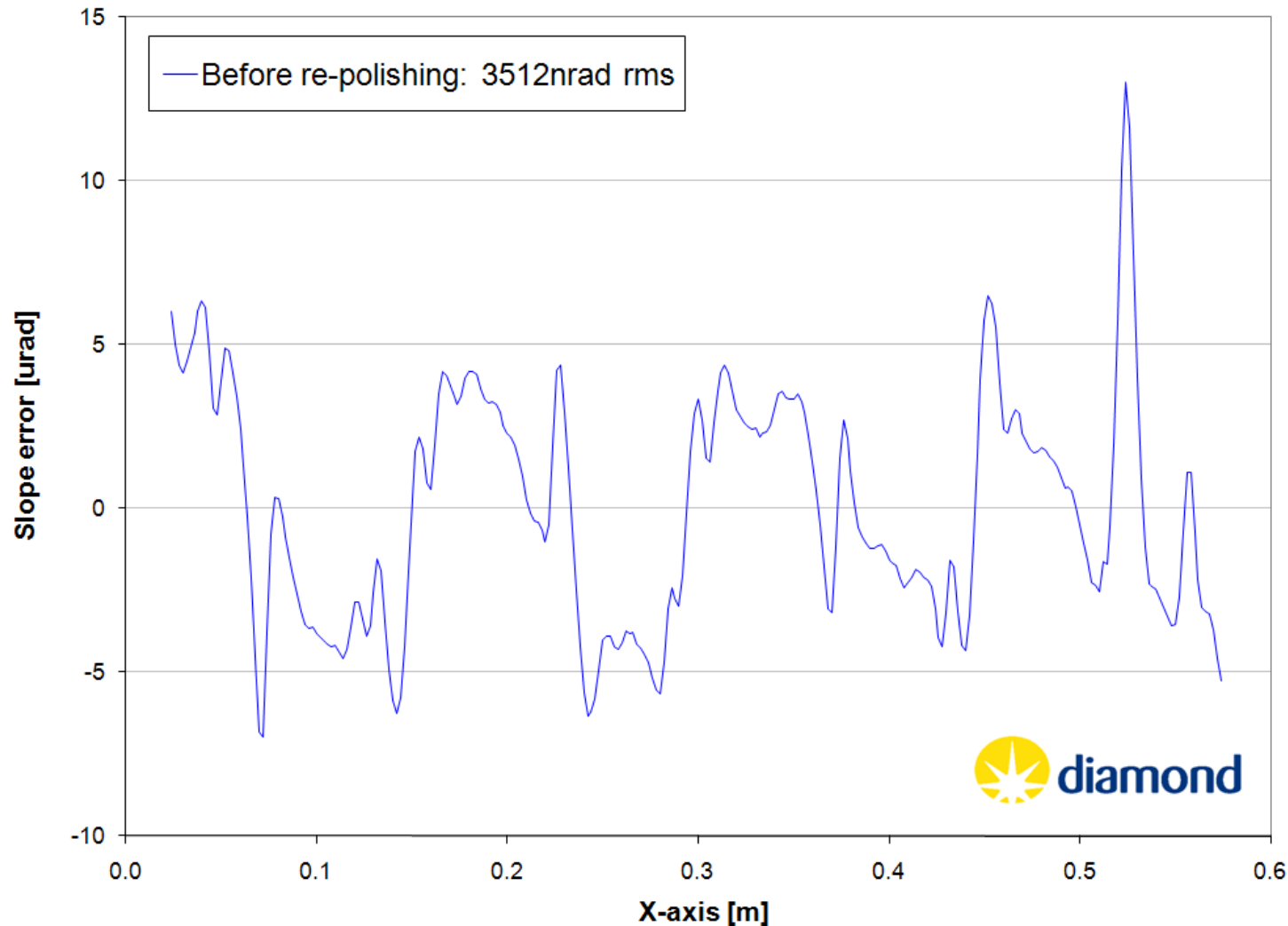
☀ Corrugations appear at interface between piezos





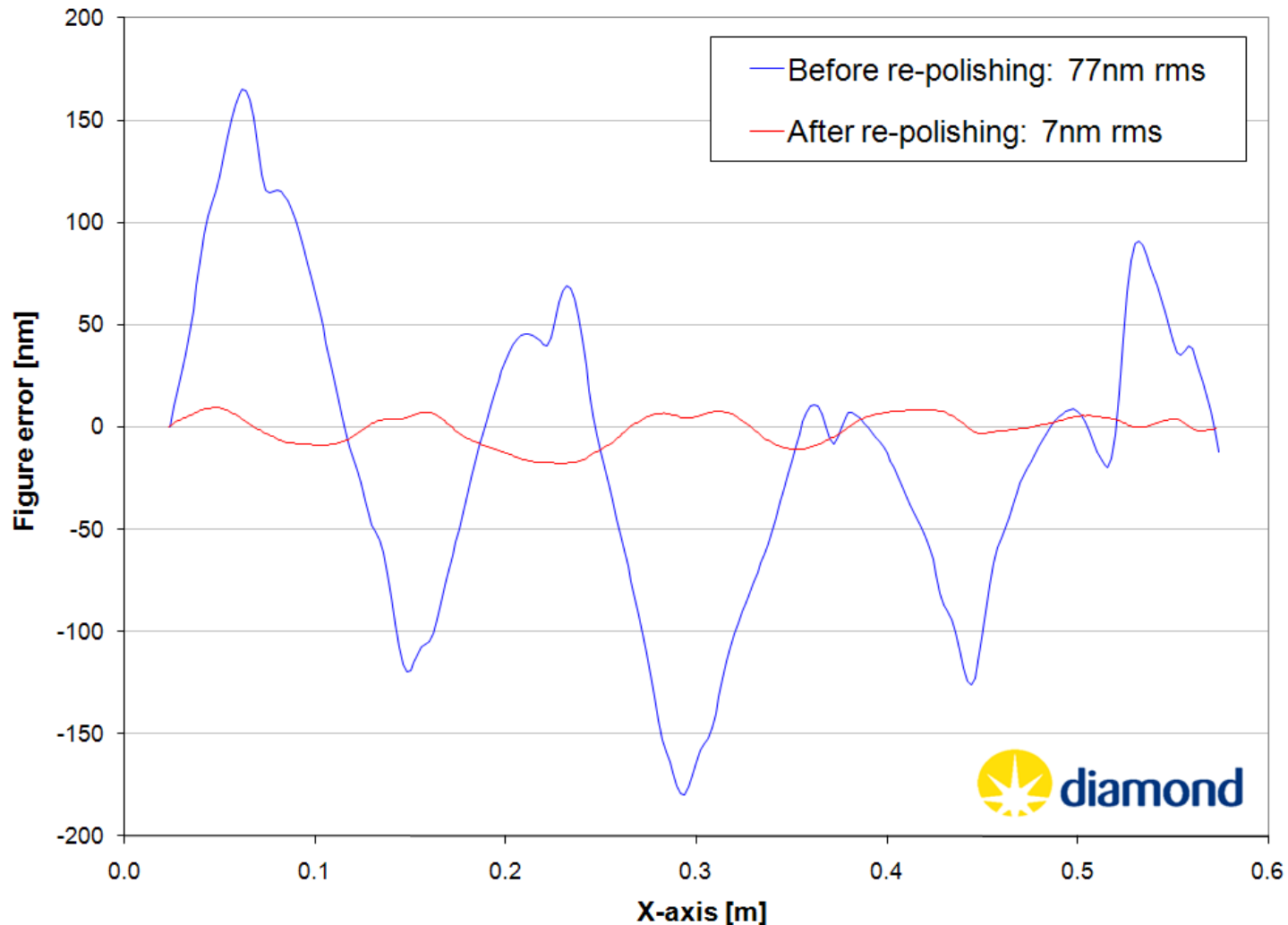
# Junction effect: slope “spikes”

- ☀ Large slope “spikes” ( $>10\mu\text{rad PV}$ ) at interface between piezos



# Repolished bimorph mirror

☀️ “Saw tooth” figure errors removed by repolishing at SESO



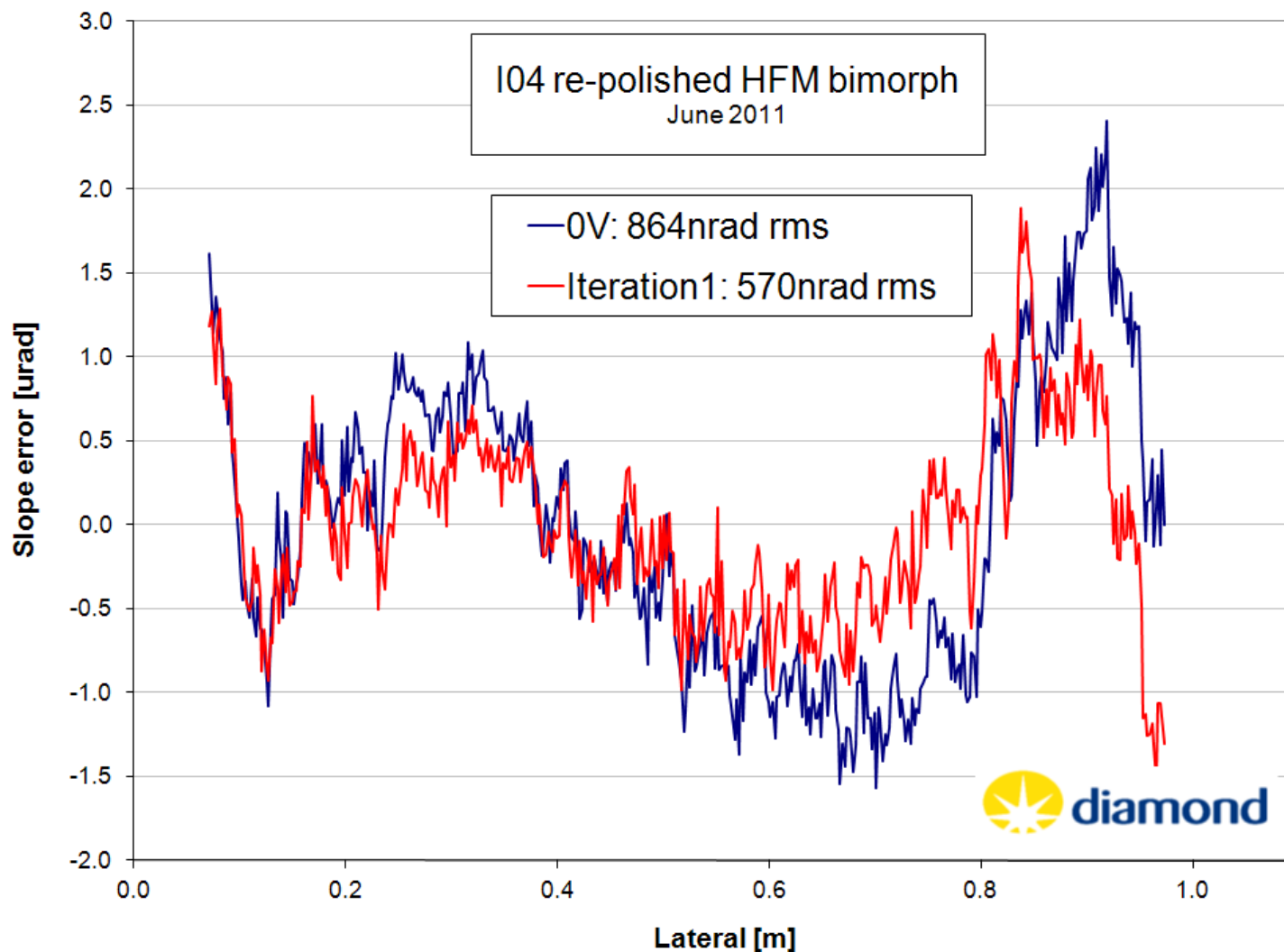
# Repolished bimorph mirror

☀ After repolishing at SESO, slope error = 3512nrad → 392nrad rms



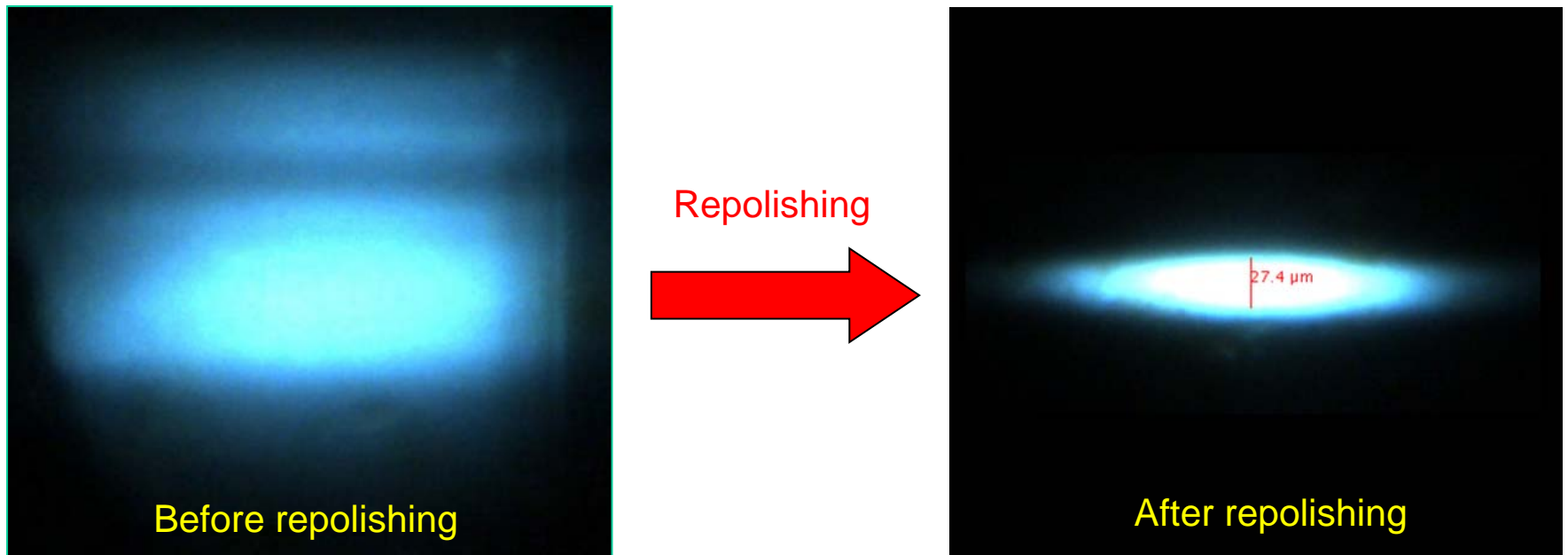
# Repolished HFM bimorph

☀ After repolishing & voltage optimisation, slope error  $\sim 570$  nrad rms



# Beamline performance

MX beamline (I03): image of beam on BGO scintillator at sample position

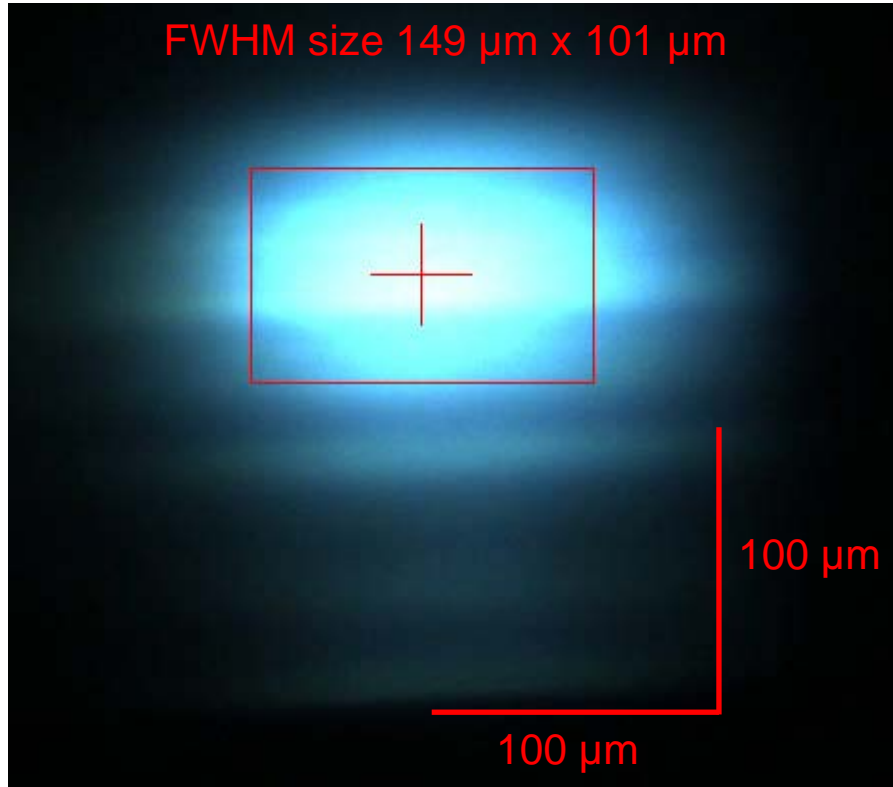


Horizontal FWHM:  $120\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 70\mu\text{m}$  (theoretical  $65\mu\text{m}$ )

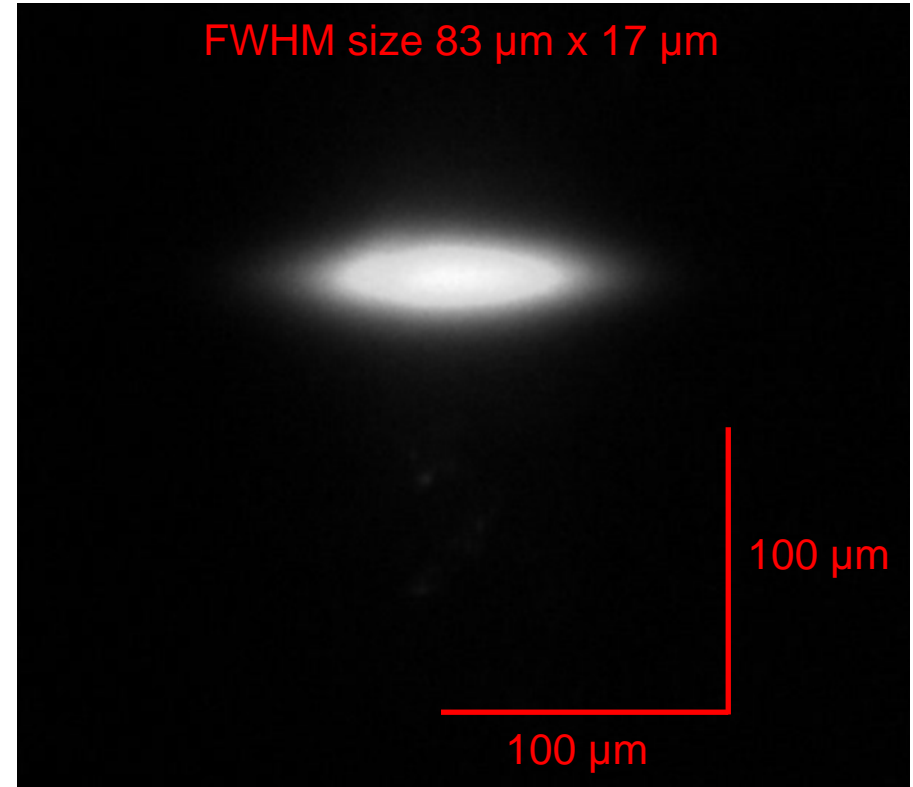
Vertical FWHM:  $>80\mu\text{m} \rightarrow 18\mu\text{m}$

+++ Retained performance for  $>1$  year ☺

# 2nd pair of repolished bimorphs (I02)



Oct 2011: Before repolishing



Mar 2012: After repolishing



# Mirror distortions???

Several facilities reported problems with mounted (bimorph) mirrors

- ☀ Clamps / supports

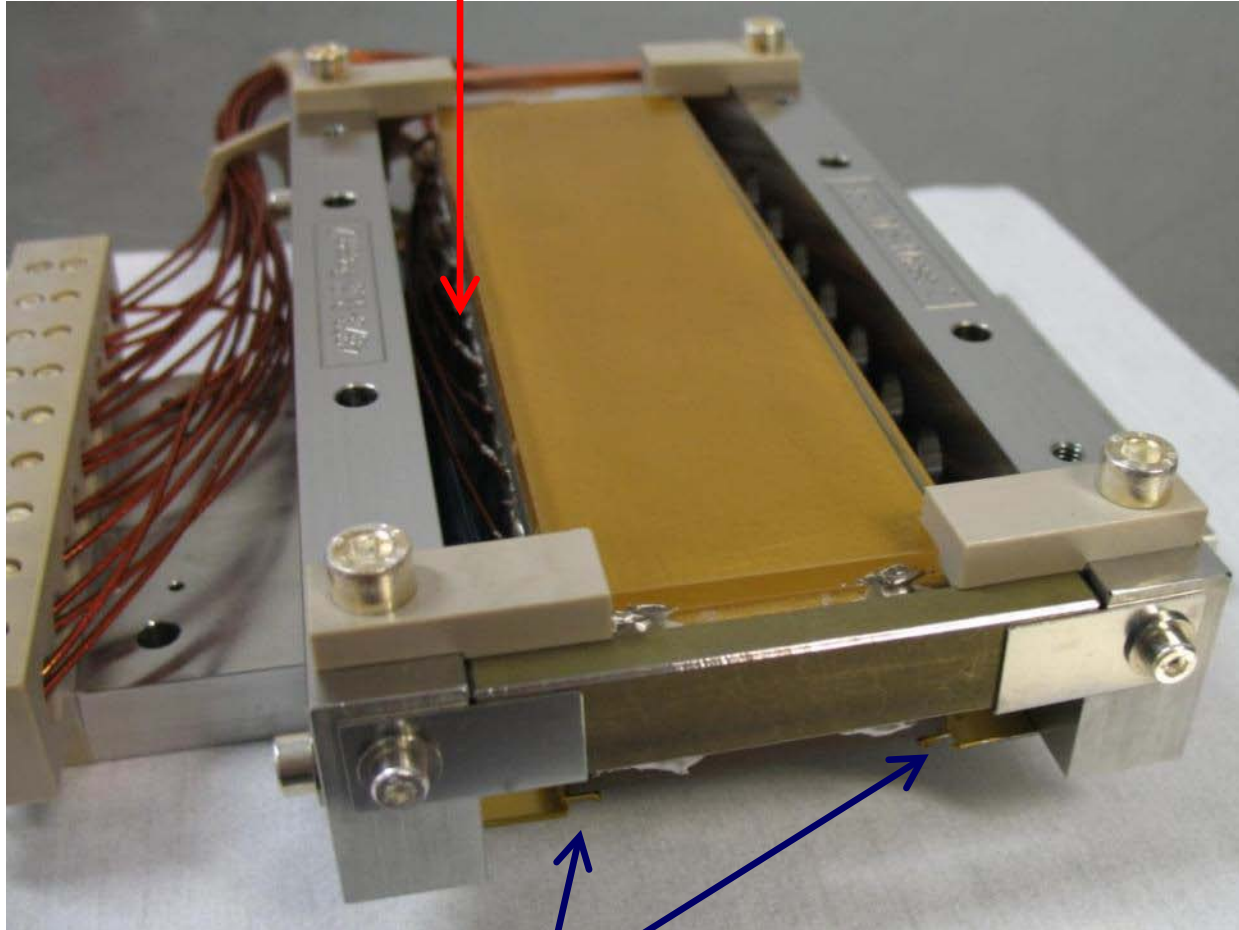
- ☹ Static distortions (over-constrained / clamping)
- ☹ Changes with time (flexing)

- ☀ Electrical connectors

- ☹ Stiff connectors act as springs

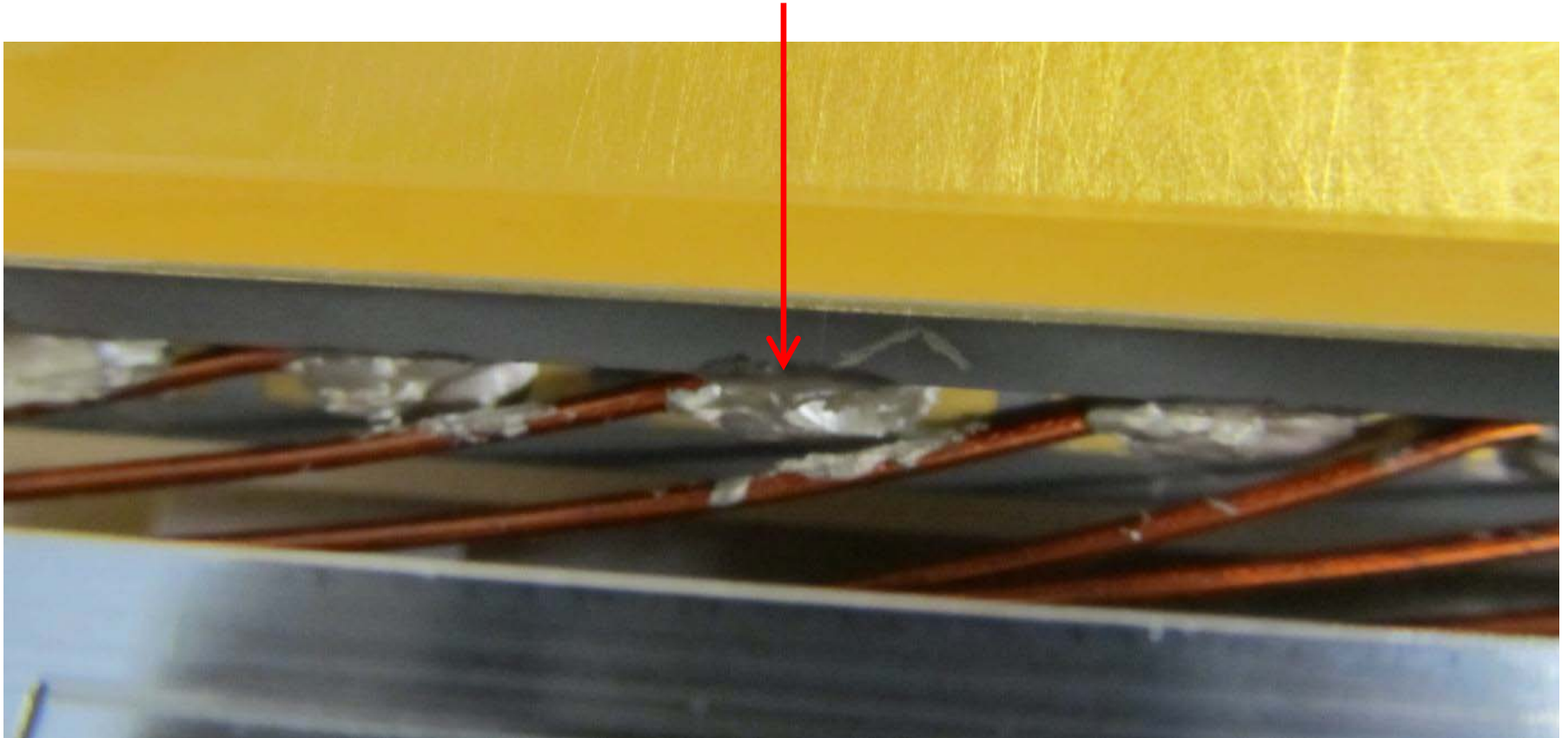


**All electrical wires soldered to piezo ceramics**

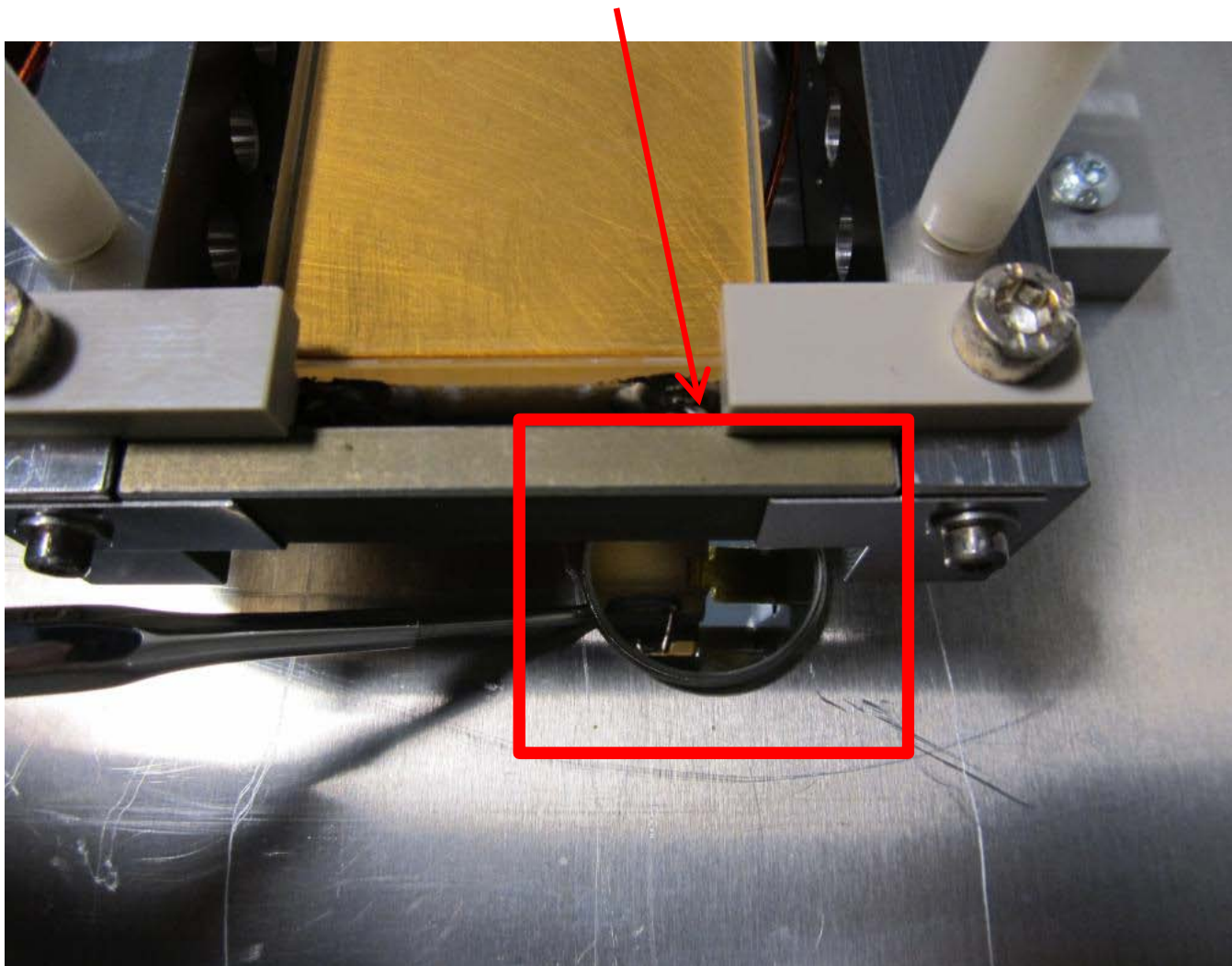


**4 x clamps / supports**

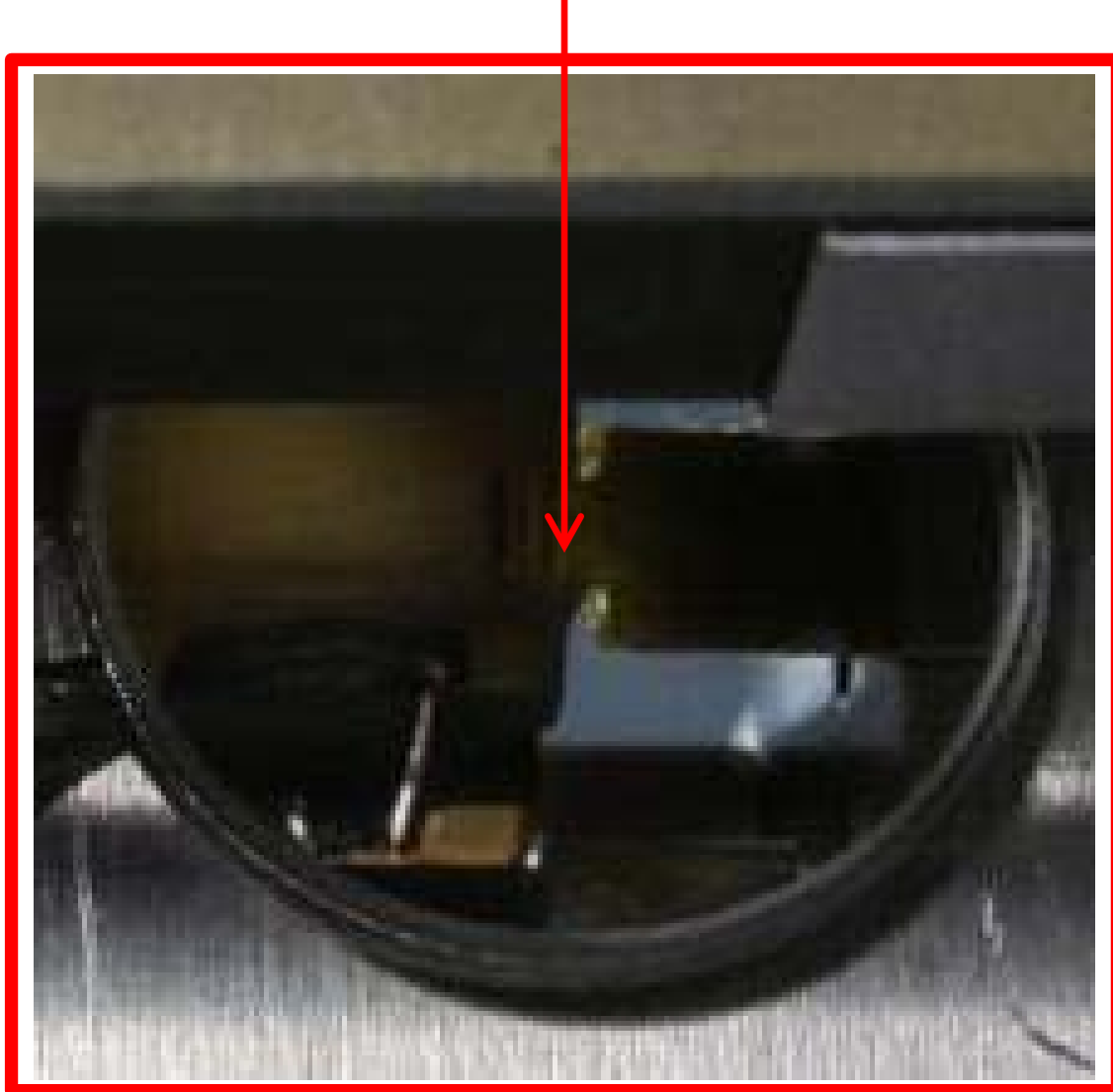
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## View of underside of mirror

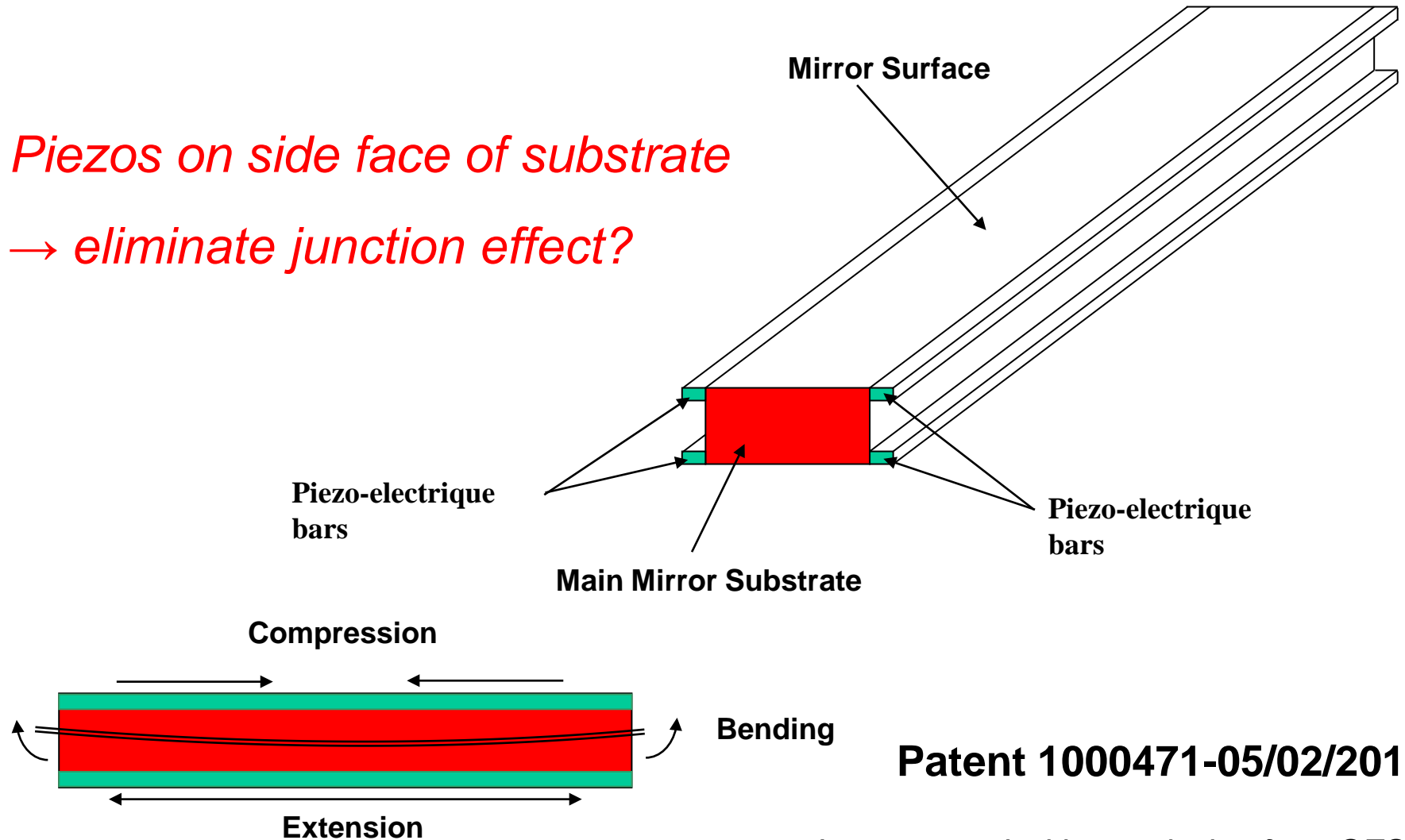


**“Cantilever” type mount**



# The Future: next generation bimorphs

*Piezos on side face of substrate  
→ eliminate junction effect?*



**Patent 1000471-05/02/2010**

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# Next generation bimorphs

- + Eliminate junction effect?
- + Much simpler construction (cheaper, quicker fabrication?)
- + Higher density of piezo contacts? More degrees of freedom (correct MSFR???)
- + Multiple, pre-ground figure “channels”?
- Reduced bending range?
- Unproven technology??? Behaviour of glue?

# Crystal ball time...

- 🌟 Combine bimorph technology with super-polishing:

Next generation bimorphs (LSFR) + ion beam, EEM (MSFR & HSRF)

→ “Ultimate” mirror???

- 🌟 Multiple polishing “channels” per substrate? Overcome reduced bending range of next generation bimorphs?



# Summary

- ☺ Comprehensive ex-situ & in-situ investigation of active optics
- ☹ Many 1<sup>st</sup> generation bimorphs suffer from junction effect  
→ limits beamline performance
- ☹ Initial changes to structure of glue / piezo interfaces???
- ☺ Repolishing leads to significant beamline improvement
- ☹ ...but repolishing expensive & time consuming (+ damage)
- ☺ Improvements are stable for at least 1 year
- ☺ Next generation bimorph designed not to exhibit junction effect?

# Who wins the bimorph “shoot-out”?

## The Good, **The Bad** or **The Ugly**?



## You decide!

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Thank you for your attention! 😊