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## Ando Group Seminar

Masaki Ando's Travels in these Two Weeks  
Chinese Space GW Mission and VIRGO

**Masaki Ando** (Univ. of Tokyo / NAOJ)

# Ando's Travel Schedule

May	20	(Travel)	
	21	↑	
	22	↓	KIW3: 3 <sup>rd</sup> KAGRA int. workshop (Taipei, Taiwan)
	23	↕	<u>AIW2</u> : 2 <sup>nd</sup> ASTROD int. workshop (Shinchu, Taiwan)
	24		Visit to NSPO (Hsinchu)
	25	↑ (Travel)	<u>ISGW2017</u> : International Symposium
	26	↓ (Travel)	on Gravitational Waves (Beijing, China)
	27		U-Tokyo Guidance
	28	(Travel)	
	29		
	30	↑	<u>VIRGO STAC</u> (Scientific and Technical
	31	↓	Advisory Committee) (Pisa, Italy)
June	1	(Travel)	
	2		
	3		U-Tokyo Open Public lecture

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# Chinese Space GW Mission



# Chinese GW Mission

Nature 531, 150 (March 2016)

- Just after the LIGO's announcement of the first discovery in Feb. 2016, China decided to launch space GW mission.

NEWS IN FOCUS

ASTROPHYSICS

## Chinese gravitational-wave hunt hits crunch time

*The pressure is on to choose between several proposals for space-based detectors.*

BY DAVID CYRANOSKI

In the wake of last month's historic detection of gravitational waves by a US-led collaboration, a range of Chinese proposals to take studies of these ripples in space-time to the next level are attracting fresh attention.

The suggestions, from two separate teams, are for space-based observatories that would pick up a wider range of gravitational radiation than ground-based observatories can. The most ambitious plan could give China an edge over the leading European proposal to detect gravitational waves from space, but whether a single country can achieve that on its own is unclear. Also under consideration are a possible collaboration between Chinese researchers and the European effort, and a cheaper Chinese plan.

Although an Earth-based detector — the US Advanced Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) — was the first to confirm a prediction made by Albert Einstein a century ago, launching the field of

gravitational-wave astronomy, such detectors can pick up only limited frequencies. Advanced LIGO compares laser light beamed along two perpendicular detector arms to reveal whether one beam has been compressed or stretched by gravitational waves.

Each LIGO arm measures 4 kilometres, but picking up the frequencies that are richest in gravitational waves requires distances of hundreds of thousands of kilometres or more. This can be achieved only in space, where spacecraft equipped with lasers can be positioned at these distances. Space-based detectors also avoid fluctuations in Earth's gravitational field, which can obscure signals.

With such considerations in mind, the European Space Agency (ESA) is pursuing a space-based gravitational-wave detector. One of the Chinese proposals, Taiji, meaning 'supreme

ultimate', is to create a more ambitious version of the leading proposal for the European project, which is called eLISA (Evolved Laser Interferometer Space Antenna).

Like eLISA, Taiji would consist of a triangle of three spacecraft in orbit around the Sun, which bounce lasers between each other (see 'China's choices'). The distance between eLISA's components is still under discussion, but current plans suggest it could be 2 million kilometres, says eLISA member Karsten Danzmann of the Max Planck Institute for Gravitational Physics in Hanover, Germany. Taiji's spacecraft would be separated by 3 million kilometres, giving the detector access to different frequencies. Taiji would launch in 2033, slipping in a year ahead of eLISA's current schedule. "If Taiji produces a Chinese version of eLISA, then it will bring China to the frontier," says Yanbei Chen, a gravitational-wave physicist at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, who works on LIGO.

Gerhard Heinzel, an eLISA physicist also at the Max Planck Institute in Hanover, cautions against a single country going it alone on such a large project. It "is definitely too big — mainly in terms of cost but also resources in terms of scientists and experts in the presence of competing science projects", he says.

Taiji project leader Wu Yue-Liang, a particle physicist at the Chinese Academy of Sciences' Institute of Theoretical Physics in Beijing, estimates that the project will cost 14 billion yuan (US\$2 billion), roughly twice as much as ESA is budgeting for its gravitational-wave detector.

### SECOND STRING

A second Chinese proposal, led by Luo Jun, a physicist at the Sun Yat-Sen University campus in Zhuhai, would lower the bar in terms of cost and resources. Called TianQin, a name that refers to the metaphor of nature playing a stringed instrument (a zither) in space, the project has three satellites that orbit Earth at a distance of about 150,000 kilometres from each other. It would cost 2 billion yuan, says Luo.

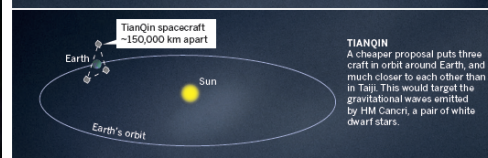
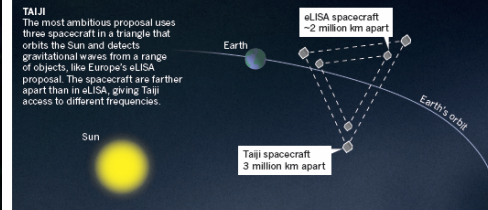
TianQin would be more limited than Taiji in terms of what it could detect: rather than acting as an observatory for the waves emitted by myriad objects including black holes and neutron stars, it would mainly target a particular pair of orbiting white dwarf stars, called HM Cancri. TianQin's simplicity makes it cheaper and

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# Chinese GW Missions

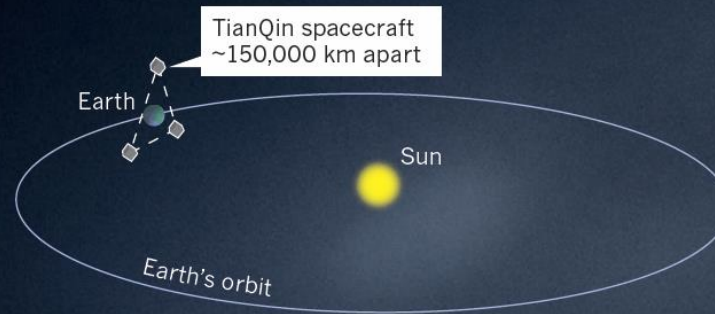
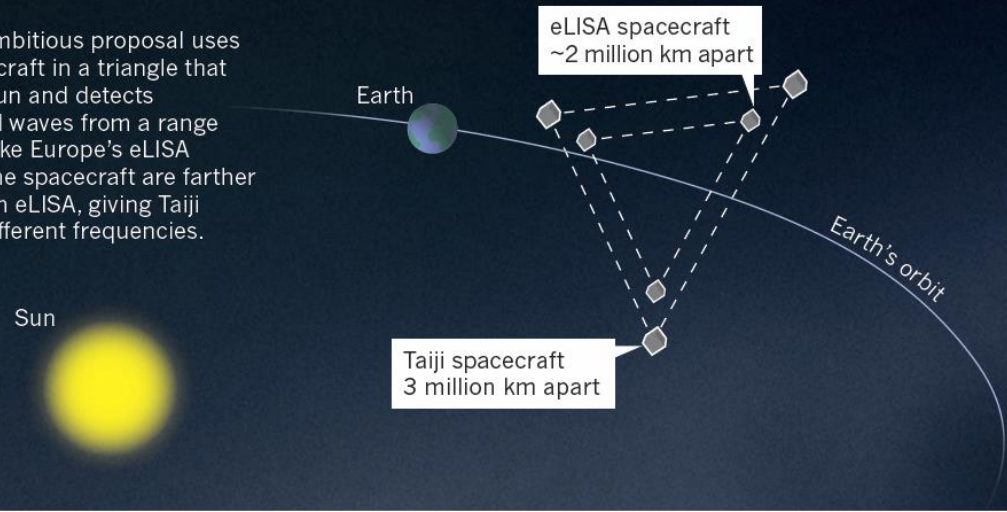
- Taiji (太極)
  - \* Slightly longer than LISA
  - \* Heliocentric orbit
  - \* Proposed by Chinese Academy of Science
- TianQin (天琴)
  - \* ~10 times shorter
  - \* Geocentric orbit
  - \* Proposed by Sun Yat-Sen University

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# KIW3 and AIW2

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## ASTROD Int. Workshop

at Hsinchu (National Tsing Hua Univ.)

- \* 1 day, ~20 participants
- \* LPF/LISA, DECIGO, TianQin, ASTROD
- \* Visit to NSPO in the next day

## KAGRA Int. Workshop at Taipei

(NTU: National Taiwan Univ.)

- \* Two days
- \* KAGRA reports, Status reports (LIGO, VIRGO, KAGRA), KAGRA future plans, and space missions (LPF/LISA, DECIGO, TianQin, ASTROD)



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# AIW2: The 2nd ASTROD Int. Workshop



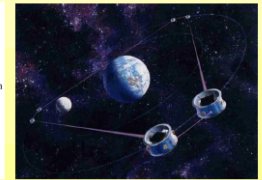
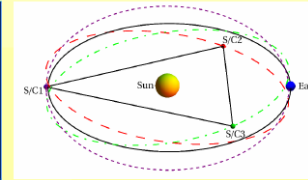
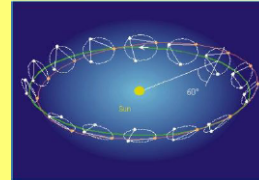
## 第二屆雷射天文動力學專題討論會 2nd ASTROD International Workshop (AIW2)

620 Phys. Bldg., National Tsing Hua Univ., Hsinchu • May 23, 2017

### Topic: Gravitational Wave (GW) Detection in Space

All the present active space GW proposals – **New LISA**, **DECIGO**, **TAIJI**, **TIANQIN** and **ASTROD-GW** will be discussed

Open to all the scientists of various fields

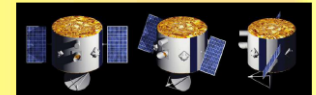


#### Talks and Lecturers

- **Martin Hewitson** (Max Planck I.) LISA Pathfinder: Experiment results  
LISA: A GW Observatory in Space
- **Hsien-Chi Yeh** (Sun Yat-sen U.) TIANQIN GW mission and key technologies
- **Masaki Ando** (Tokyo U.) Science and Design of DECIGO and B-DECIGO
- **Wei-Tou Ni** (NTHU) ASTROD-GW
- **An-Ming Wu** (NSPO) Deployment for Various Gravitational Wave Missions
- **Gang Wang** (INFN) Orbit design and TDI simulation for LISA, TAIJI and others

**Organizing Committee** Ling-Wei Luo (National Tsing Hua Univ.), Wei-Tou Ni (National Tsing Hua Univ.), Sheau-shi Pan (Industrial Technology Research Institute), An-Ming Wu (National Space Organization), Hwei-Jang Yo (National Cheng-Kung Univ.)

- <http://www.phys.nthu.edu.tw/~gravity/gws2017/>
- **Deadline:** 10 May 2017 (registration)
- **Contact:** Ling-Wei Luo [lwl@mx.nthu.edu.tw](mailto:lwl@mx.nthu.edu.tw)



**Sponsors:** National Tsing Hua Univ./Physics Department  
The Gravitational Society of the Republic of China



# Photos at Hsinchu (新竹市)

Physics Building of  
National Tsing Hua Univ.



LISA



Hsien-Chi Yeh

Martin Hewitson



Folks temple (新竹城隍廟)



蚵仔煎  
(オアチエン)

貢丸湯  
(ゴンワンタン)



# Photos at Hsinchu

Sea food restaurant



## NSPO

(National Space Organization, 国家太空中心)

Three floors in a office building (Office, Meeting rooms, Operation rooms), and One dedicated building (Clean building with Satellite assembly and Full-scale tests) in a industrial park.





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# TianQin (天琴) Mission

from Presentations at KIW3 and AIW2 by Prof.  
Hsien-Chi Yeh (Tianqin Research Center for  
Gravitational Physics, Sun Yat-Sen Univ.)

KIW3: <http://grqc.ncts.ncku.edu.tw/KAGRA2017/program.html>

AIW2: <http://www.phys.nthu.edu.tw/~gravity/gws2017/prog.php>

# Sun Yat-Sen Univ (中山大学)



by Google Map

Sun Yat-sen University  
(孫逸仙大学, 中山大学)  
\* At Guangdong (広東省)  
\* Founded in 1924



# TianQin Mission

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A banner with a dark blue space background featuring a planet, a ringed planet, and stars. The text "TianQin Mission Concept" is written in yellow.

## TianQin Mission Concept

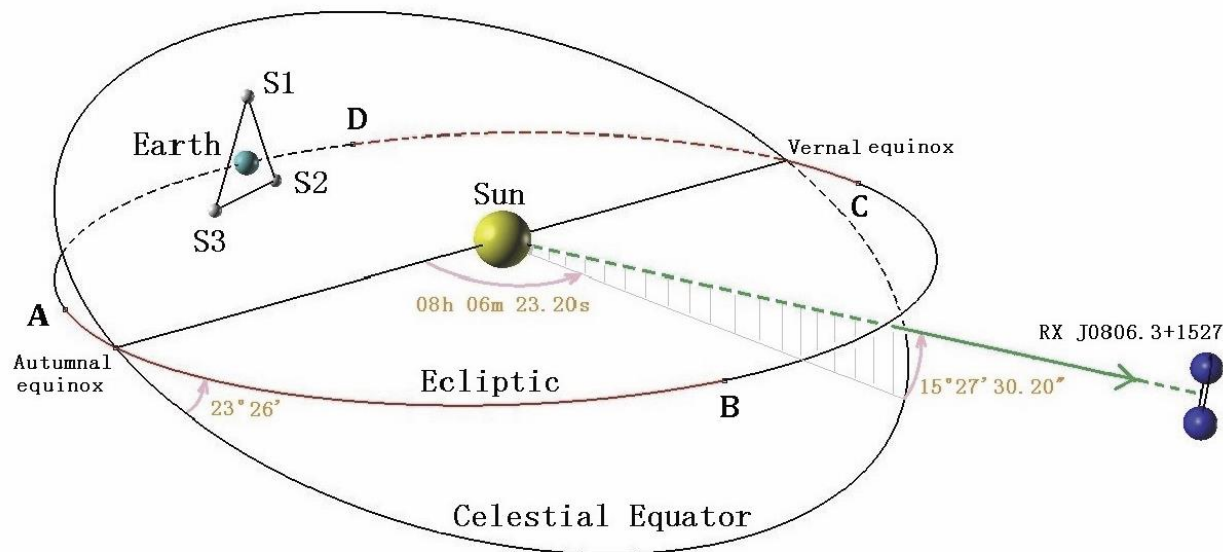
### **Guidelines :**

- **Geocentric orbit, shorter arm-length, higher feasibility;**
- **Target a well-known GW source (location and GW frequency) first, as the “calibrated source” ;**

# TianQin Mission

## TianQin GW Antenna

- **Orbit:** geocentric orbit with altitude of 100,000km;
- **Configuration:** 3-satellite triangular constellation, nearly vertical to the Ecliptic;
- **"Calibrated" source:** J0806.3+1527, close to the ecliptic;
- **Detection time window:** 3 months;





# TianQin Mission

## Sensitivity goal

### Gravitational wave from RX J0806.3+1527

- Masses (**0.5, 0.27**) Msun
- Period **321.5s** (distance between stars 66000km)
- Distance (**0.05 ~ 5**) kpc
- Strain

G.H.A.Roelofs et al, ApJ, 711, L138 (2010)

T.E.Strohmayer, ApJ, 627,920(2005)

Simbad data base

$$h_0 \sim h_+ \sim h_\times \sim \frac{2G_N^2 M_1 M_2}{r_0 a}$$
$$\approx 6.4 \times 10^{-23} \left( \frac{M_1}{0.55 M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{M_2}{0.27 M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{5 \text{ kpc}}{r_0} \right) \left( \frac{66000 \text{ km}}{a} \right)$$

- Integrated strength (**90days**)

$$h_f = h_0 \sqrt{90 \text{ days}} \approx 1.8 \times 10^{-19} / \text{Hz}^{1/2} \left( \frac{M_1}{0.55 M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{M_2}{0.27 M_\odot} \right) \left( \frac{5 \text{ kpc}}{r_0} \right) \left( \frac{66000 \text{ km}}{a} \right)$$

- Relation to noise (**SNR=10**)

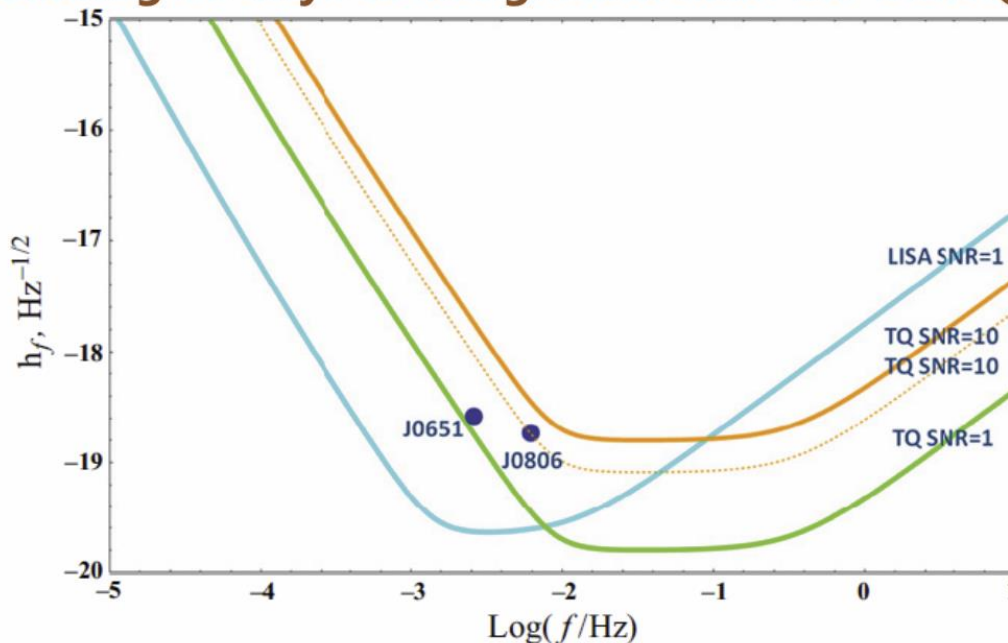
$$\frac{h_f}{10} \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{R_0}} \left[ \frac{S_x}{L_0^2} + \frac{S_a}{(2\pi f)^4 L_0^2} \left( 1 + \frac{10^{-4} \text{ Hz}}{f} \right) \right]^{1/2}, \quad R_0 \approx 2.0 \quad : \text{Transfer function}$$

S\_x Noise in distance measurement; S\_a Noise in acceleration

# TianQin Mission

## Sensitivity Curve of TianQin

Assuming 90 days of integration time for TIANQIN



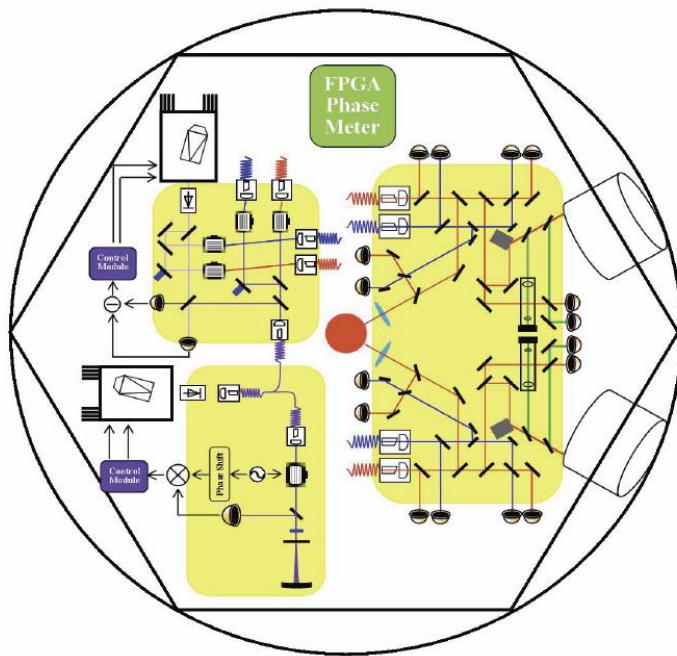
Para.	eLISA	TianQin
Arm Len.	$10^6 \text{ km}$	$1.7 \cdot 10^5 \text{ km}$
$S_a^{1/2}$	$7 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ m/s}^2/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$	$3 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ m/s}^2/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$
$S_x^{1/2}$	$10 \text{ pm/Hz}^{1/2}$	$1 \text{ pm/Hz}^{1/2}$



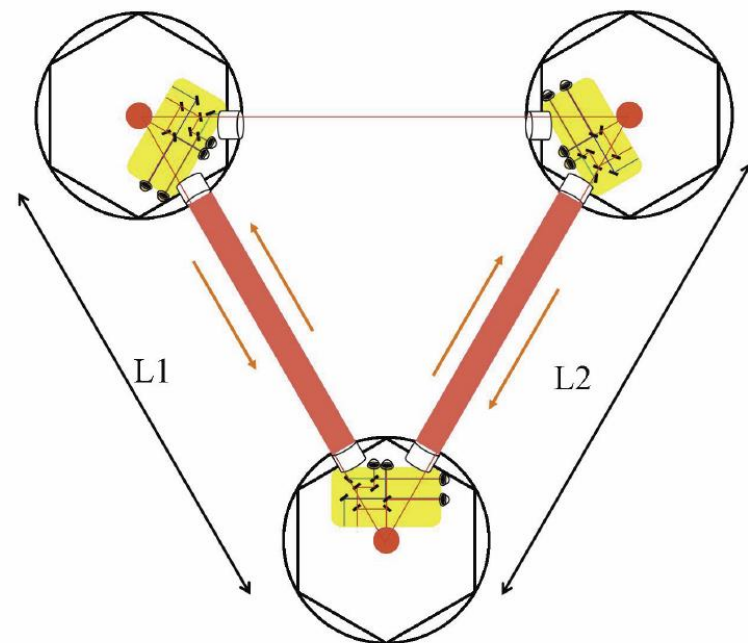
# TianQin Mission

## Configuration of Space GW Antenna

### Single Satellite



### Triangular constellation



# TianQin Mission

## Requirements

Key Technologies		Specifications
<b>Inertial sensing &amp; Drag-free control</b>  $10^{-15} \text{ m/s}^2/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$	<b>Proof mass</b>	magnetic susceptibility $10^{-5}$ Residual charge $1.7 \times 10^{-13} \text{ C}$ Contact potential $100 \mu\text{V}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$ @ 10mV
	<b>Cap. Sensor</b>	$1.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ pF}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$ ( $3 \text{ nm}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$ ) @ 5mm
	<b>Temp. stability</b>	$5 \mu\text{K}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$
	<b>Residual magnetic field</b>	$2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ T}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$ Satellite remanence $1 \text{ Am}^2$ @0.8m
	<b>uN-thruster</b>	$100 \text{ uN (max)}; 0.1 \text{ uN}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$
<b>Space Interferometry</b>  $1 \text{ pm}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$	<b>Nd:YAG Laser</b>	Power 4 W, Freq. noise $0.1 \text{ mHz}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$
	<b>Telescope</b>	Diameter 20 cm
	<b>Phasemeter</b>	Resolution $10^{-6} \text{ rad}$
	<b>Pointing control</b>	Offset & jitter $10^{-8} \text{ rad}/\text{Hz}^{1/2}$
	<b>Wavefront distortion</b>	$\lambda/10$
	<b>thermal drift of OB</b>	$5 \text{ nm}/\text{K}$



# TianQin Mission

## Key Technologies

### ■ Femto-g Drag-free control:

- Ultraprecision inertial sensing: ACC, proof mass
- uN-thruster: continuously adjustable, 5-year lifetime
- Charge management (UV discharge)

### ■ Picometer laser interferometry:

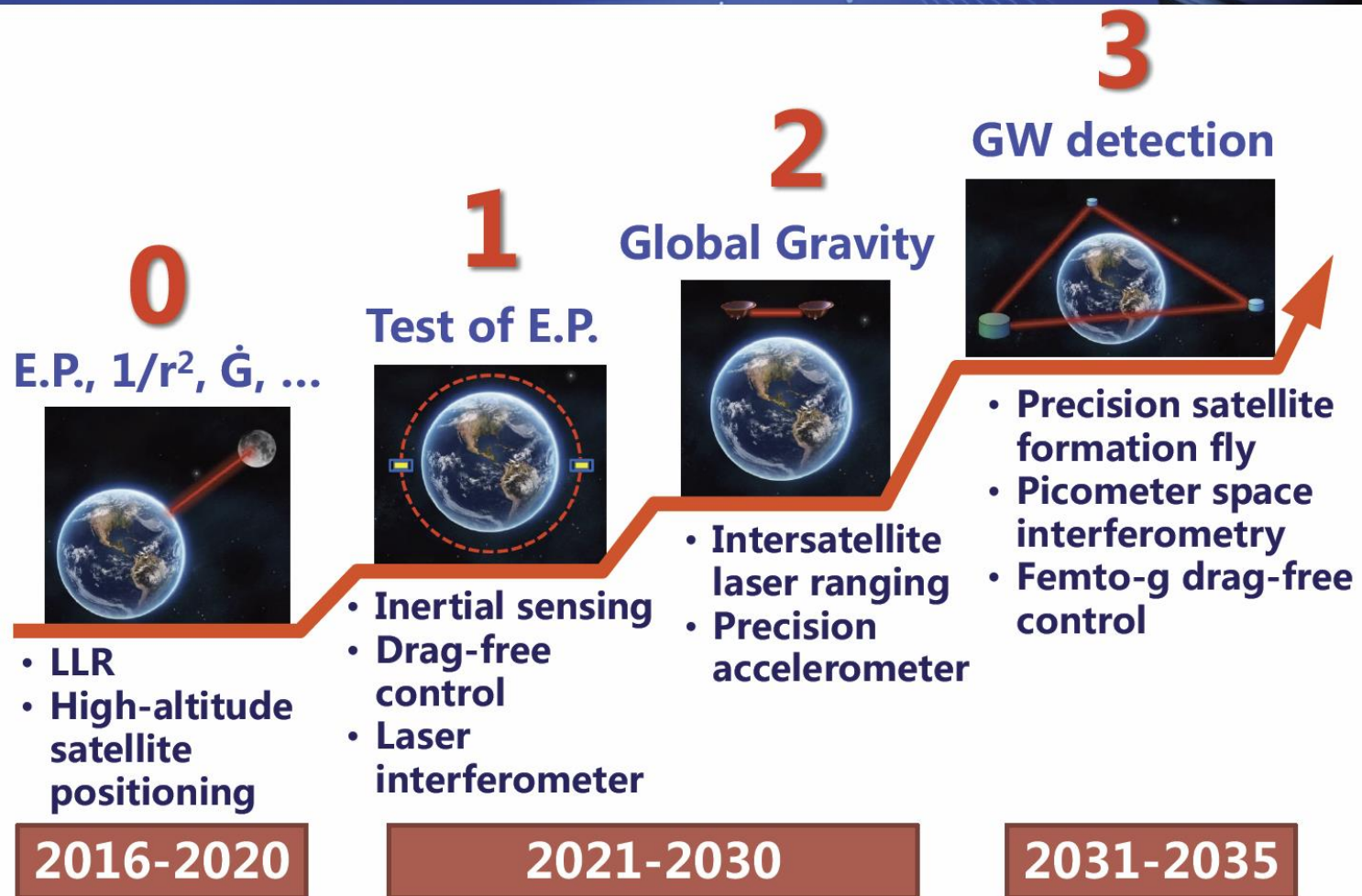
- Laser freq. stab.: PDH scheme + TDI
- Ultra-stable OB: thermal drift 1nm/K
- Phase meas. & weak-light OPLL:  $10^{-6}$ rad , 1nW
- Pointing control:  $10^{-8}$ rad@ $10^6$ km

### ■ Ultrastable satellite platform:

- Stable constellation: min. velocity and breathing angle
- Environment control: temperature, magnetic field, gravity and gravity gradient
- Satellite orbiting: position(100m), velocity(0.1mm/s)  
( VLBI+SLR )

# TianQin Mission

## Roadmap





# TianQin Mission

## Four Steps to GWD

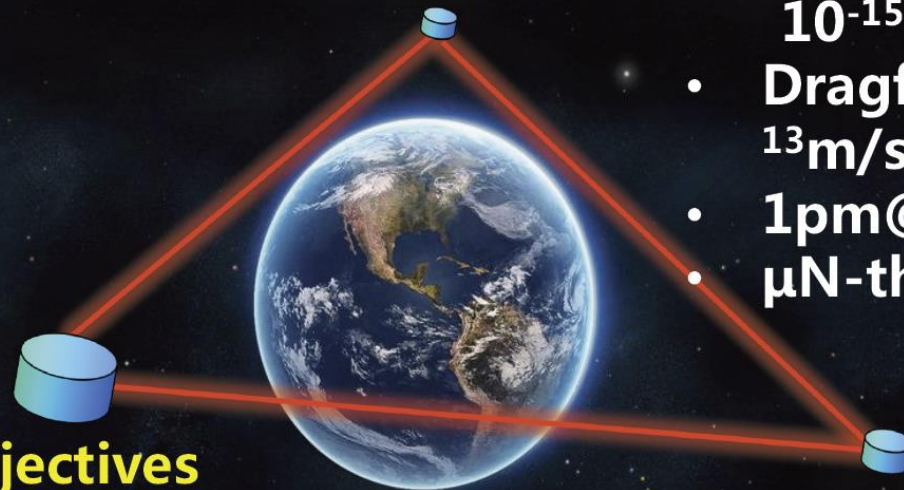
**Step-3:**  
**TianQin**  
**2016-2035**

**Technology**  
**objectives**

- Inertial sensor  $10^{-15}\text{m/s}^2$
- Dragfree  $10^{-13}\text{m/s}^2$
- $1\text{pm}@10^7\text{m}$
- $\mu\text{N}$ -thruster

**Science objectives**

- General Relativity
- GW astronomy



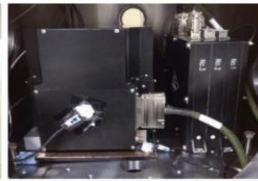
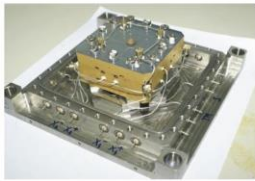
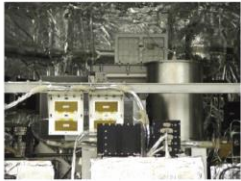
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## Precision Inertial Sensing

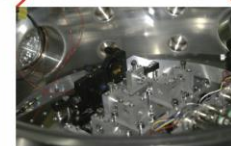
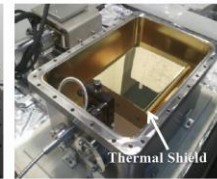
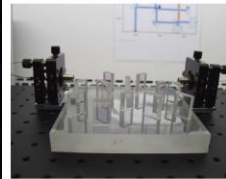
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 2001-2005: space test of flexure-type ACC  
 — launched in 2006
- 2006-2010: develop electrostatic ACC  
 2011-2015: space test of electrostatic ACC  
 — launched in 2013



## Space Laser Interferometry

2006-2010: (10m) nm laser interferometer  
 2011-2015: (200km) inter-satellite laser ranging system

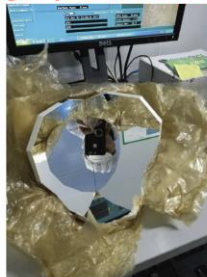
- Picometer laser interferometer
- nW weak light OPLL
- nrad pointing angle measurement
- 10Hz space-qualified laser freq. stab.



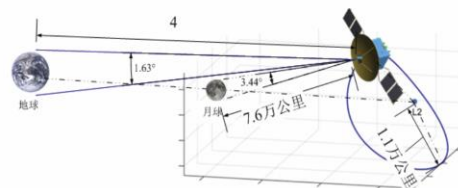
## Large-aperture CCR & SLR

- Laser Ranging for CE 4 relay satellite
- Manufacturing next-generation laser ranging CCR
  - Upgrading ground stations

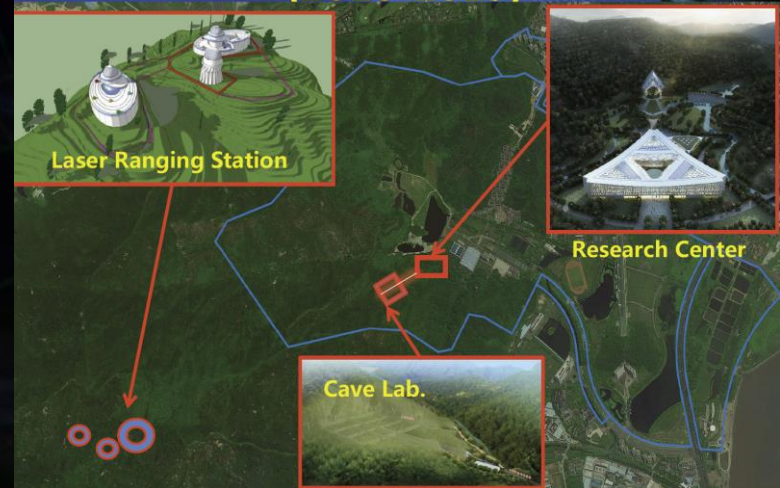
Large-aperture hollow CCR



Yunnan station



## Basic Infrastructure at Zhuhai (2016-2019)





# TianQin Mission

## Conclusions

1. Tianqin will develop all key technologies required for space-based GW detection step by step in the following 15 years.
2. Aiming at frequency range of 1mHz-1Hz, Tianqin can provide joint observations with LIGO, KAGRA and LISA.
3. Collaboration with DESIGO should be considered seriously, including studying science cases and developing key technologies required for both missions.

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# ISGW2017



# University of Chinese Academy of Science



UCAS : University of Chinese Academy of Science (中国科学院大学)

- \* Several campuses at Beijing
- \* Founded in 1978
- \* World's #1 university in Nature Publishing Index (NPI):  
Ranking of number of papers published in Nature and related scientific magazines (2016).

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# ISGW2017

- \* Held at International Conference Center (ICC) in the Yanqi campus of the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS), Beijing, China.
- \* 3-day Scientific Workshop (1<sup>st</sup> day was for forum)
- \* 12 invited speakers



## ISGW2017

### International Symposium on Gravitational Waves

May 25-29, 2017, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China

**Topics**

- Gravitational Wave Physics
- Missions, Strategies and Plans of Gravitational Wave Detection
- Frontiers of Science and Technology in Gravitational Wave Detection
- International Collaboration in Gravitational Wave Detection

**International Advisory Committee (IAC)**

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**Invited Speakers**

Masaki Ando (University of Tokyo)	Run-Qiu Liu (Institute of Applied Maths, CAS)
David Blair (Australian International Gravitational Research Centre)	Misao Sasaki (Kyoto University)
Rong-Gen Cai (Institute of Theoretical Physics, CAS)	Bangalore Sathyaprakash (Penn State University)
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Gang Jin (Institute of Mechanics, CAS)	Suwen Wang (Stanford University)
Shane L. Larson (Northwestern University)	Yue-Liang Wu (UCAS / Institute of Theoretical Physics, CAS)
Tjonnje G. F. Li (The Chinese University of Hong Kong)	William Joseph Weber (Università di Trento)
	Bing Zhang (University of Nevada / Peking University)

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University of Chinese Academy of Sciences



# Venue

- \* Yanqi campus of UCAS  
50km North from Beijing city area (~1hour drive).
- \* The conference center has nice accommodations.
- \* APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, アジア太平洋経済協力) was held at this area in 2014.



UCAS campus

雁栖湖 (Swan Lake)

Resort Hotel



# Photos

International Conference Center



Accommodation



UCAS School Visit (I could not join)



Tour to the Great wall (I could not join)





# Group Photo

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Ando Group Seminar (June 8th, 2017, Tokyo)



# Group Photo (Zoom Up)

\*Somewhere: Yanbei Chen

\*Not arrived yet :

Stefano Vitale, William Joseph  
Weber, Misao Sasaki







# Taiji Mission (空間太極計画)

from Presentations at ISGW2017 by

Prof. Yue-Liang Wu

(UCAS : University of Chinese Academy of Science)

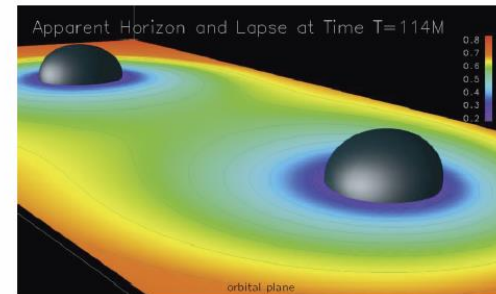
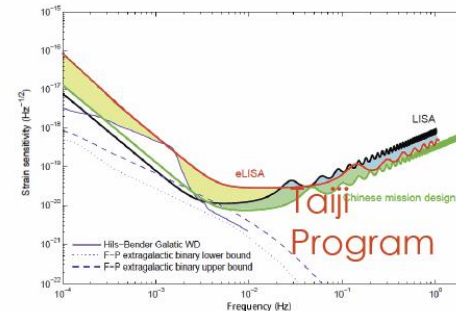
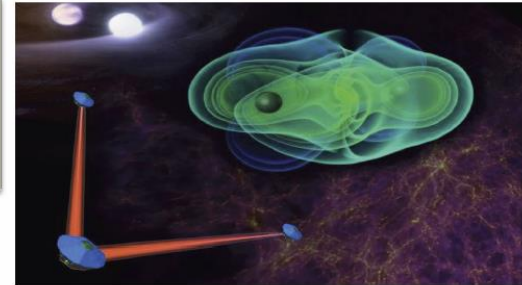
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# Taiji Mission



## Taiji Program in Space

- Taiji Program is proposed to detect GW with frequency covering over the range of eLISA (0.1 mHz-1.0 Hz).
- Focus on the intermediate BH binaries ( $10^2 \sim 10^4 M_{\text{sun}}$ )
- With more sensitivity around (0.01-1 Hz) (in comparison eLISA)
- How did the intermediate mass seed BH formed in early universe
- Whether DM could form BH
- How the seed BH grows into large or extreme-large BH
- Probe the polarization of GW and understand the nature of gravity



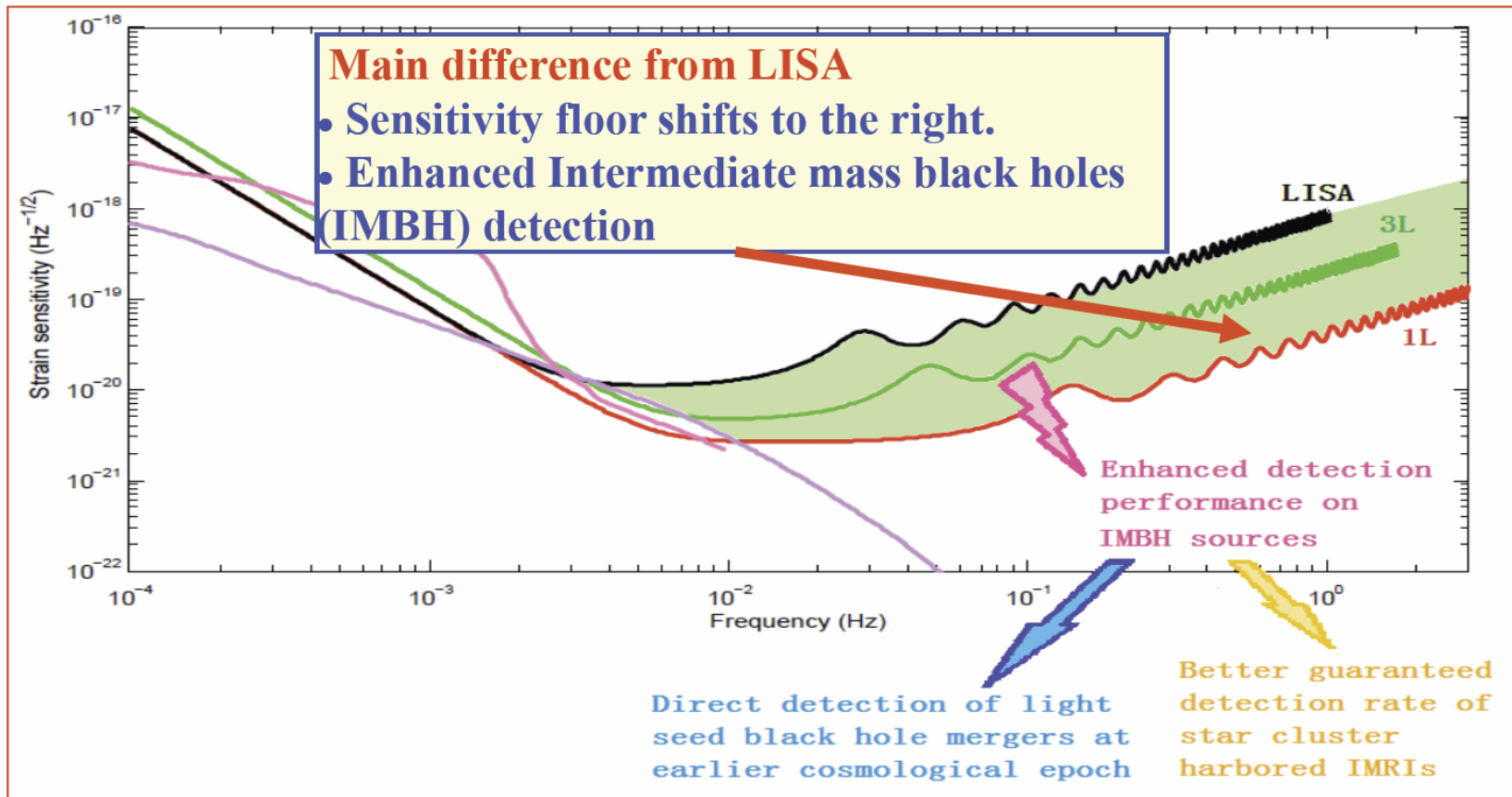


# Taiji Mission

## Taiji Program Baseline Design Parameters (preliminary mission proposal )

	Taiji Program preliminary mission proposal	LISA	eLISA
Arm length	$3 \times 10^9 m$	$5 \times 10^9 m$	$1 \times 10^9 m$
1-way position noise budget	$5 \sim 10 \text{ pm Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	$18 \text{ pm Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$	$11 \text{ pm Hz}^{-\frac{1}{2}}$
Laser power	2W	2W	2W
Telescope diameter	$\sim 50 \text{ cm}$	40cm	20cm
Acceleration noise budget	$3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ ms}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$	$3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ ms}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$	$3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ ms}^{-2} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$

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## Better Guaranteed Detection Rate on Cluster Harbored IMRIs

Chinese mission option	Optimistic confusion ( $\times \frac{f_{tot}}{0.1} \frac{v_0}{10^{-10} \text{yr}^{-1}} \frac{10 M_{\odot}}{\mu} \text{yr}^{-1}$ )	Pessimistic confusion
Chinese mission option	<b>~ 26</b>	<b>~ 32</b>
LISA	<b>~ 3</b>	



# Taiji Mission

## Road Map of Taiji Program in Space

Phase I: **2016-2020** Pre-study on EP. & TH.

### Concept & Design

Taiji concept  
✓ Design concept  
✓ Measurement scheme  
✓ Data Analysis  
Mission Design  
✓ Spacecraft design  
✓ Mission Analysis

### Scientific Research

✓ Gravitational waves  
✓ Astrophysics BH  
✓ Ultra-Compact Binaries  
✓ Fundamental laws  
✓ Extreme mass ratio inspirals  
✓ Astrophysics of dense stellar sys.  
✓ Test GR & Nature of gravity  
✓ Cosmology

### Key technologies & Payload

✓ Laser system  
✓ Optical Sys.  
✓ Phase measurement  
✓ Telescope  
✓ Micropropulsion design

# Taiji Mission

## Road Map of Taiji Program in Space

### Phase II: 2020-2025 Taiji Pathfinder mission

Launch Taiji-pathfinder  
with two satellites  
Test crucial technologies

Study on the EP.  
Prototype of GW

### Phase III: 2025-2035 Taiji GW detection

2025-2029:  
Develop  
Engineering  
prototype

2029-2034:  
Flight load  
development

~2035:  
Launch GW  
spacecraft



# Taiji Mission

More than 10 institutes in China, most of them from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) have jointly studied the space-based GWD, it dates back to 2008 pioneered by Hu et.al.

## The institutions of working groups include:

- ✧ Institute of Mechanics,
- ✧ University of Chinese Academy of Sciences (UCAS),
- ✧ Institute of Theoretical Physics,
- ✧ Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science,
- ✧ Institute of Physics,
- ✧ Institute of high Energy Physics,
- ✧ Nanjing Institute of Astronomy and Optics,
- ✧ National Astronomical Observatory,
- ✧ Wuhan Institute of Physics and Mathematics
- ✧ Changchun Institute of Optics,
- ✧ Fine Mechanics and Physics, CAS,
- ✧ Institute of Geodesy and Geophysics, Wuhan,
- ✧ Huazhong University of Science and Technology in Wuhan

We are going to organize the Taiji Alliance to make both national & international efforts on GW studies.

GWD covers physics, photonics, astronomy, cosmology, precision measurement, navigation technology and space engineering, etc. We shall work all together with our international colleagues to explore the unknown aspects.

# Ali Project

## Ali: Micro-wave telescope at Tibet for CMB Polarization Obs.



### Probing the origin of our universe through primordial gravitational waves by Ali CMB project

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Gravitational waves (GW), which were predicted by Einstein in 1916 based on the classical theory of General Relativity (GR), were recently detected by LIGO [1]. This breakthrough is expected to initiate a novel probe of cosmology, the nature of gravity as well as fundamental physics. In general, signals of GWs can be classified into two categories, which are waves from astro-physical and cosmological sources respectively. Accordingly, a number of astronomical and cosmological experiments are under design across the world [2]. In particular, China is playing a very important role in this field by strengthening a series of fundamental scientific subjects, such as cosmic evolution, structure of matter, the origin of life, cognition science, and so on, in the 13th National Five-Year Plan<sup>1</sup>. The Ali project, which aims at measuring the polarization patterns of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) radiation, was put forward in 2014 under the leadership

field responsible for yielding inflation gives rise to density fluctuations of quantum origin, of which the wavelengths were initially inside the Hubble radius but were stretched to super-Hubble scales by the exponential expansion of space. These primordial modes become classical and then can provide the seeds for the formation of the large-scale structure (LSS) and the CMB anisotropies [3].


In addition to primordial density fluctuations, inflation also produces primordial tensor perturbations, i.e., primordial GWs [4]. These fluctuations can be described by a traceless and transverse tensor of metric perturbation  $h_{ij}$  governed by a generalized Klein-Gordon equation. In Fourier space, each mode  $h_k$  denoted by a fixed co-moving wave number  $k$  obeys the following equation of motion:

$$h_k'' + 2 \frac{a'(\tau)}{a(\tau)} h_k' + k^2 h_k = 0,$$

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