

Ultralight dark matter searches with laser interferometry



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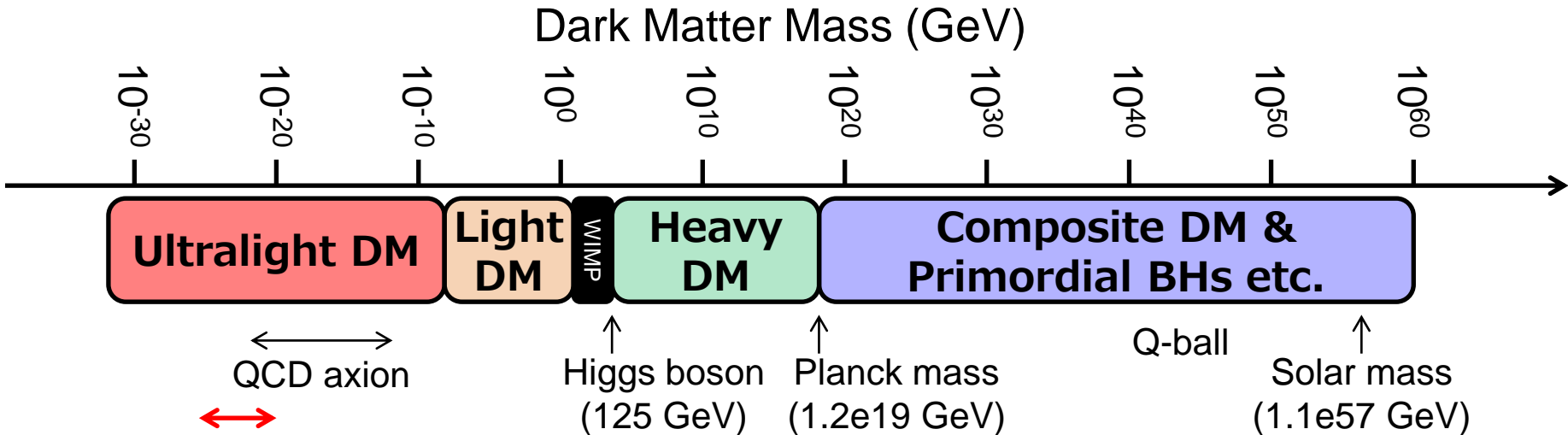
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Dark Matter Mystery

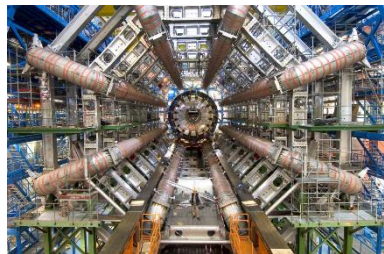
- Accounts for **~80% of all the matter** of the universe
- Searches focused on **WIMPs**, but not detected yet
- Motivates **new searches for other candidates**



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2.4 Hz ~ 2.4 kHz
(1e-14 ~ 1e-11 eV)
Laser Interferometry



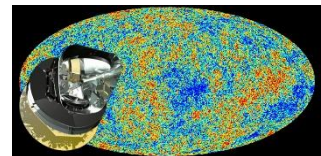
Underground experiments (XENON1T etc.)



LHC



Subaru telescope etc.



Cosmic microwave background

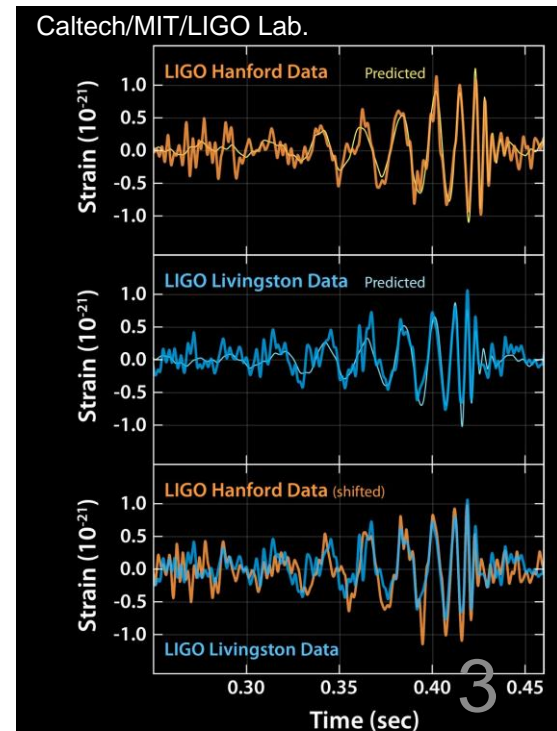
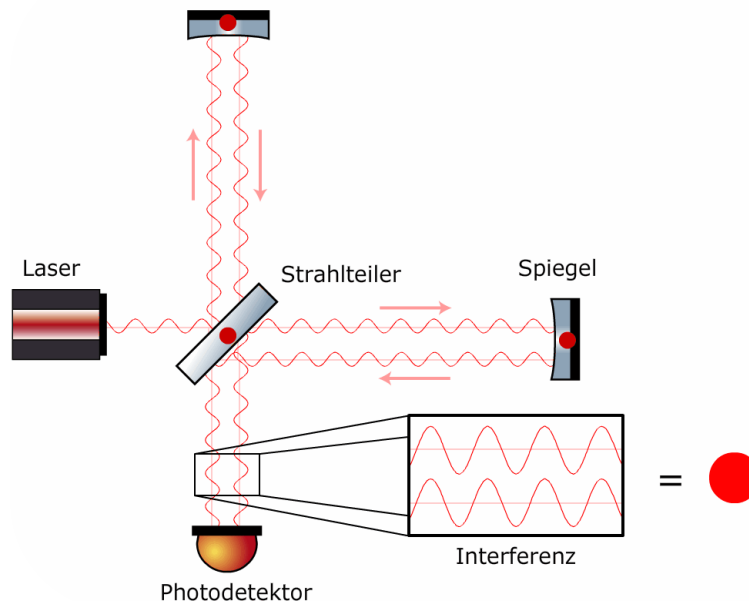
Ultralight DM with Interferometers

- Bosonic ultralight field ($< \sim 1$ eV) are well-motivated from cosmology

- Behaves as **classical waves**

$$f = 242 \text{ Hz} \left(\frac{m_{\text{DM}}}{10^{-12} \text{ eV}} \right)$$

- **Laser interferometers** are sensitive to such oscillating changes



Sensitive to Various DM Models

Tiny forces from vector DM

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[PRD 105, 063030 \(2022\)](#)

Mirror thickness changes from scalar DM

S. M. Vermeulen+,
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Laser source

Beam splitter

Movable mirror

Speed of light changes from axion DM

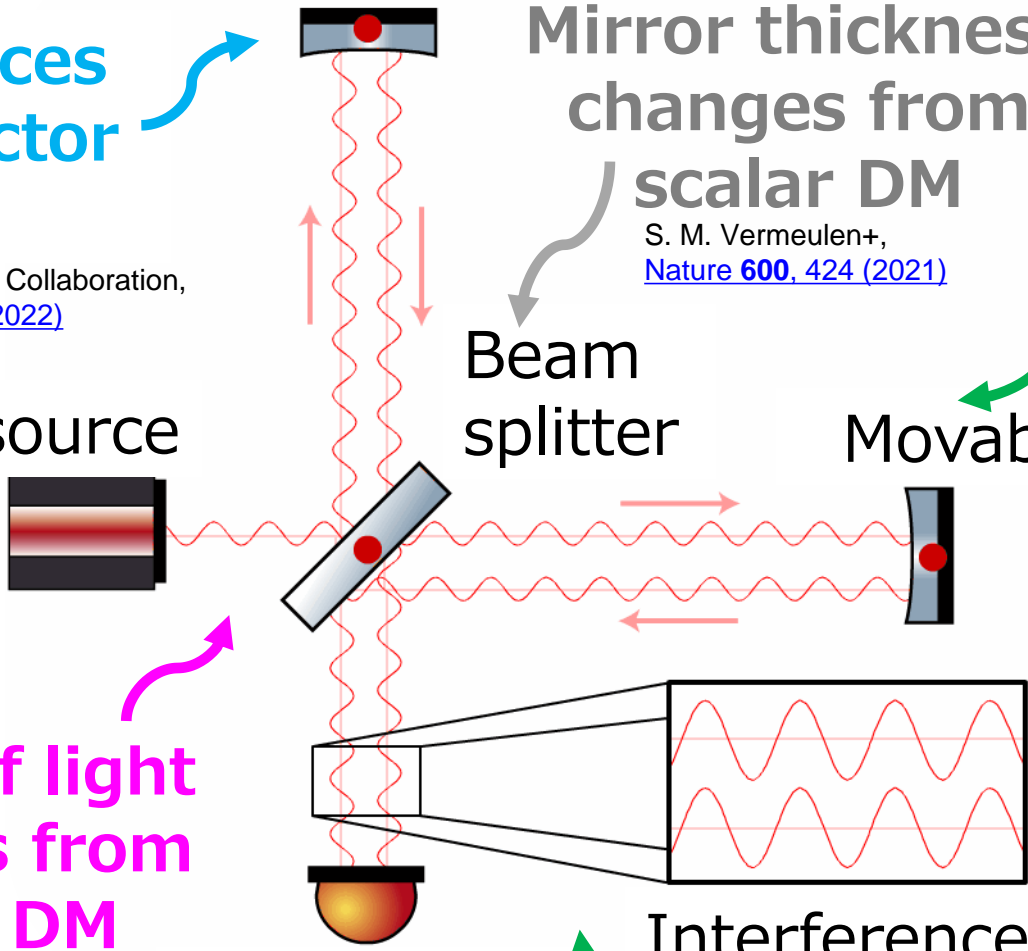
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Photodiode

Interference

= ●
Fringe change

Gravitational waves



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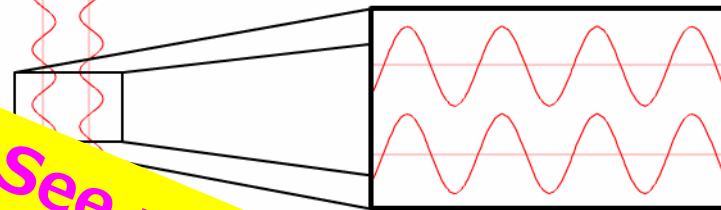
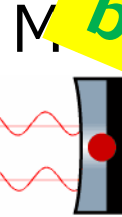
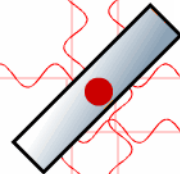
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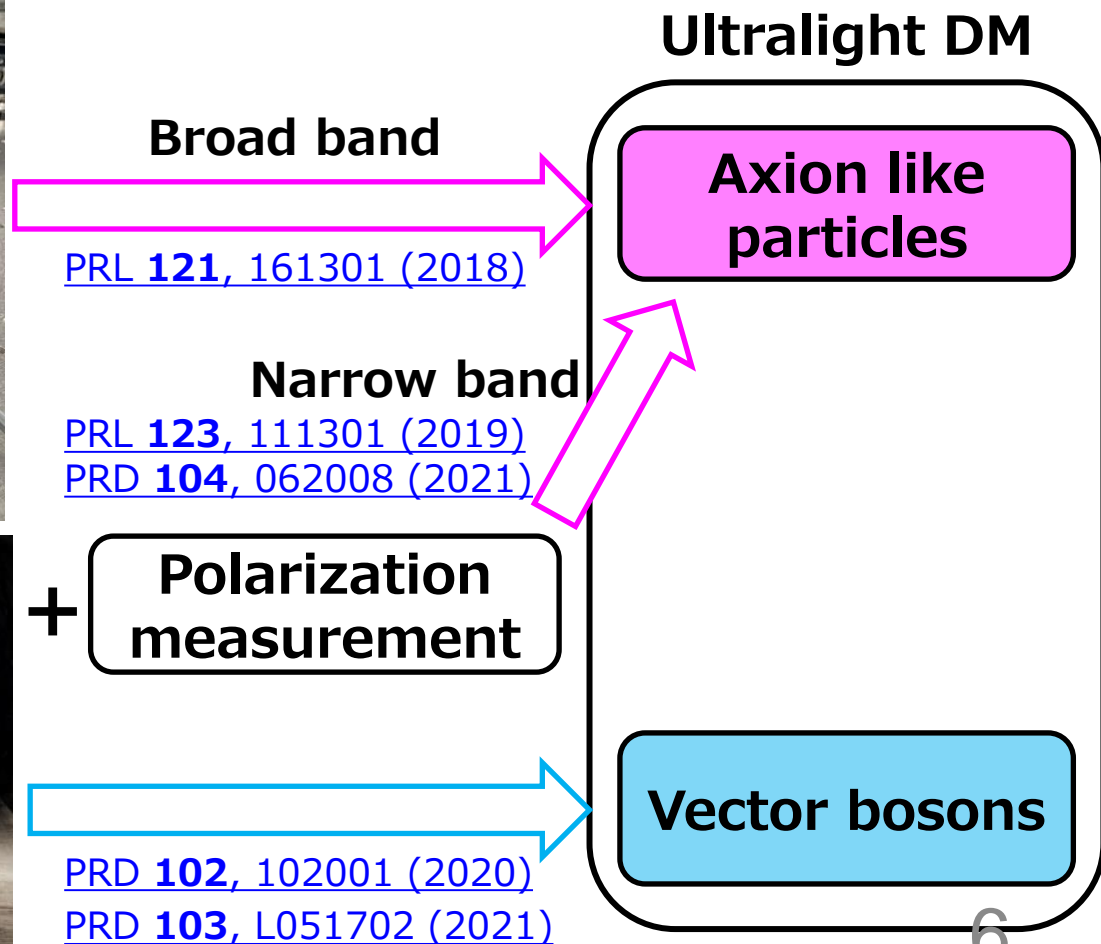
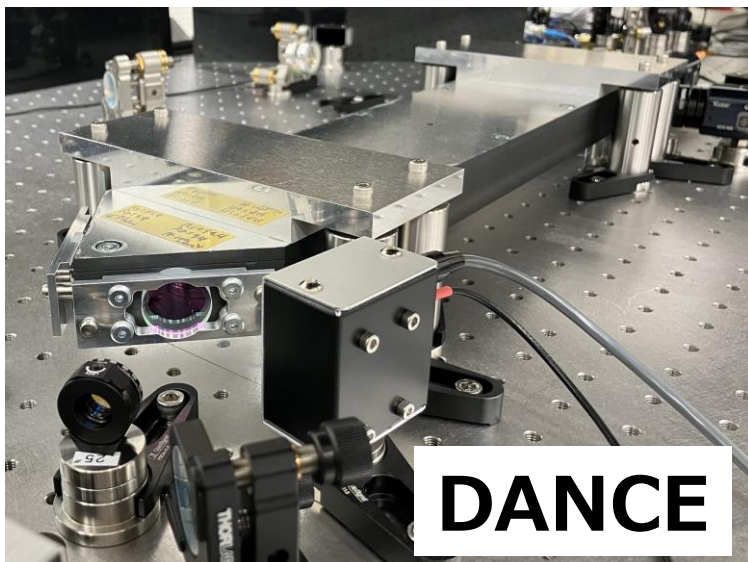
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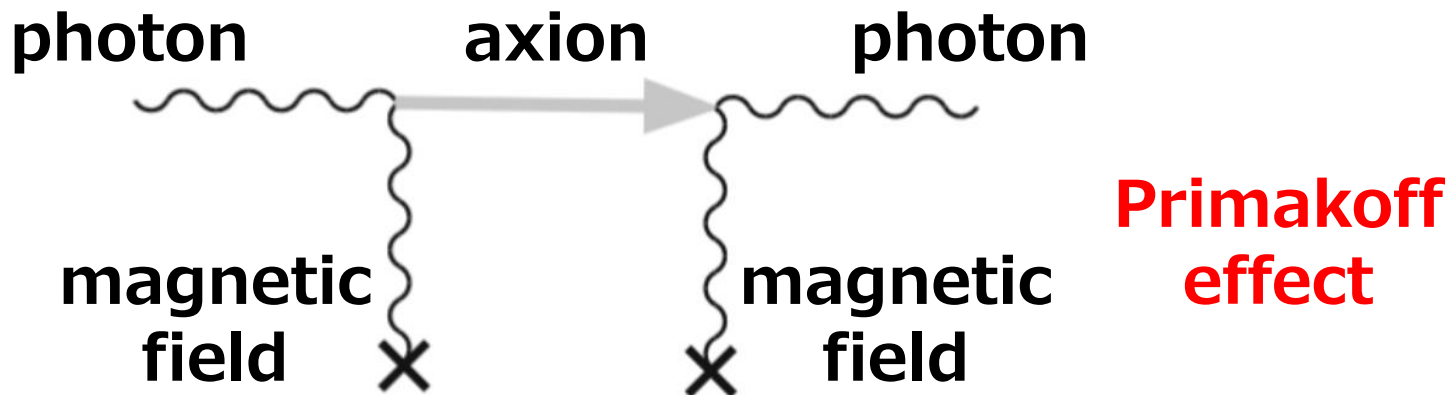
Our DM Search Projects

- Use both **table-top** optical cavities and **large-scale** laser interferometric gravitational wave detectors



Axion and Axion-Like Particles

- Pseudo-scalar particle originally introduced to solve **strong CP problem** (QCD axion)
- Various axion-like particles (ALPs) predicted by string theory and supergravity
- Many experiments to search for ALPs through **axion-photon coupling**
Especially by using **magnetic fields**



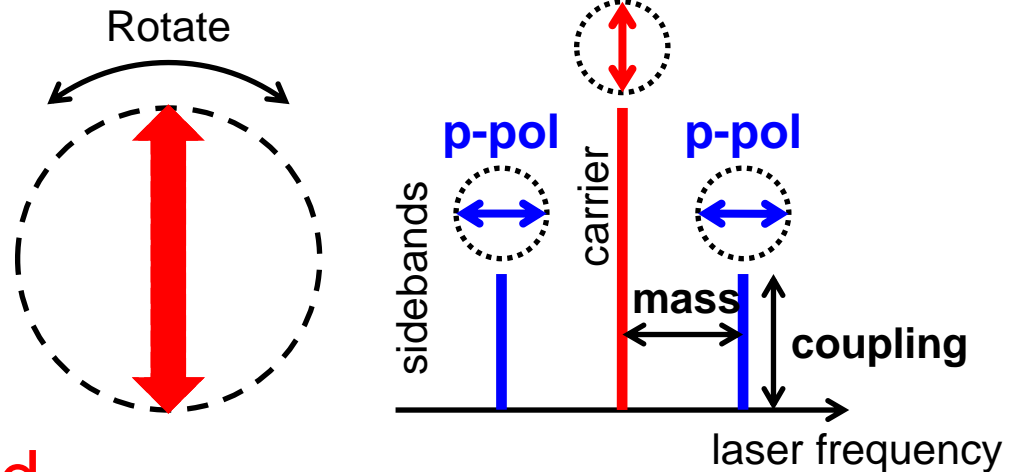
Polarization Modulation from Axions

- Axion-photon coupling ($\frac{g_{a\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$) gives **different phase velocity** between left-handed and right-handed circular polarizations

$$c_{L/R} = \sqrt{1 \pm \frac{g_{a\gamma} a_0 m_a}{k} \sin(m_a t + \delta_\tau)}$$

↖ coupling constant ↖ axion field ↖ axion mass

- Linear polarization will be **modulated**
p-pol sidebands will be generated from s-pol
- Search can be done **without magnetic field**

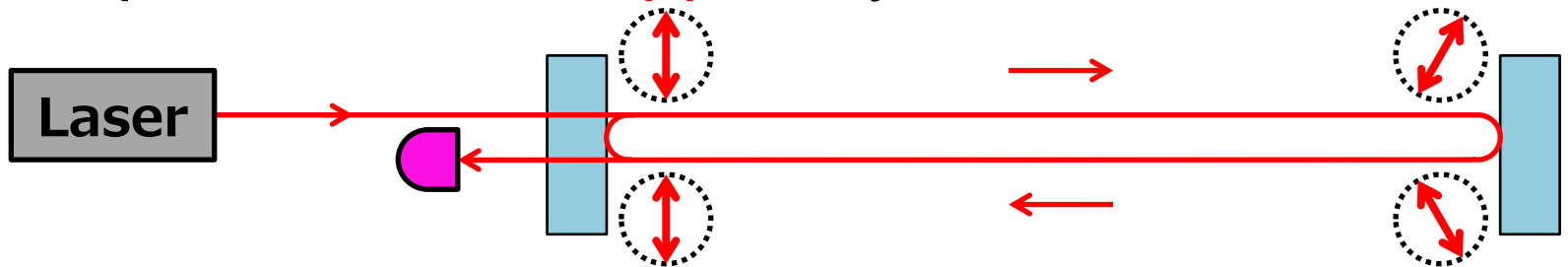


Optical Cavity to Amplify the Signal

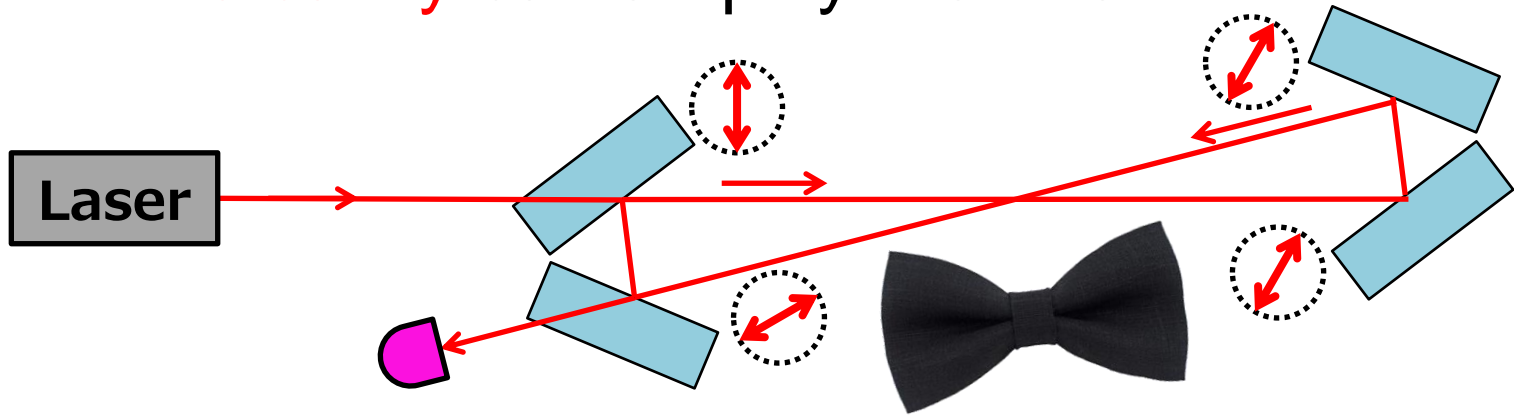
- Polarization rotation is small for short optical path



- Optical cavities can increase the optical path, but the polarization is **flipped** by mirror reflections



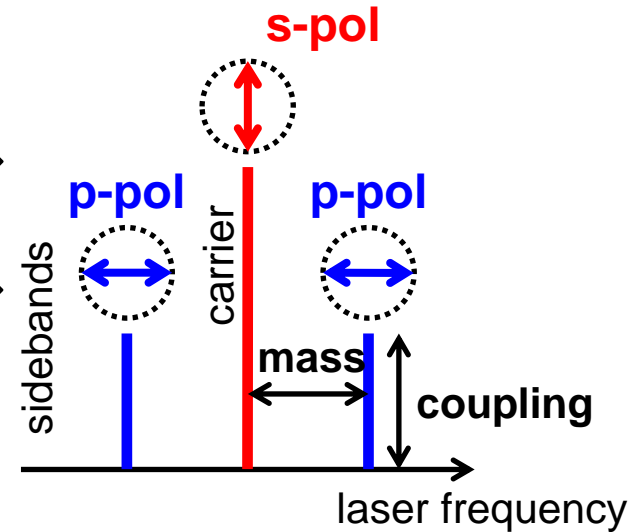
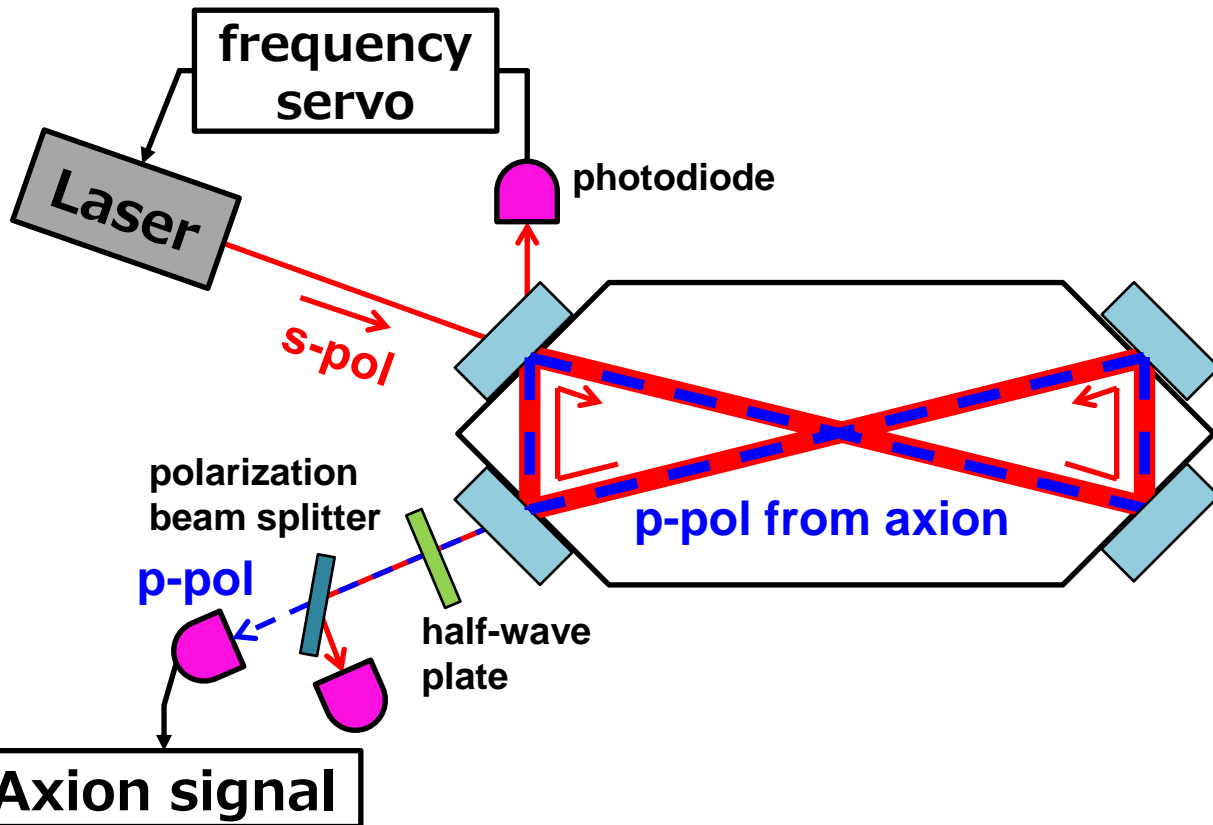
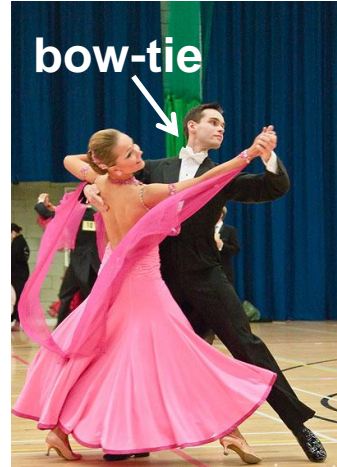
- **Bow-tie cavity** can amplify the rotation



DANCE Setup

Dark matter Axion search with riNg Cavity Experiment

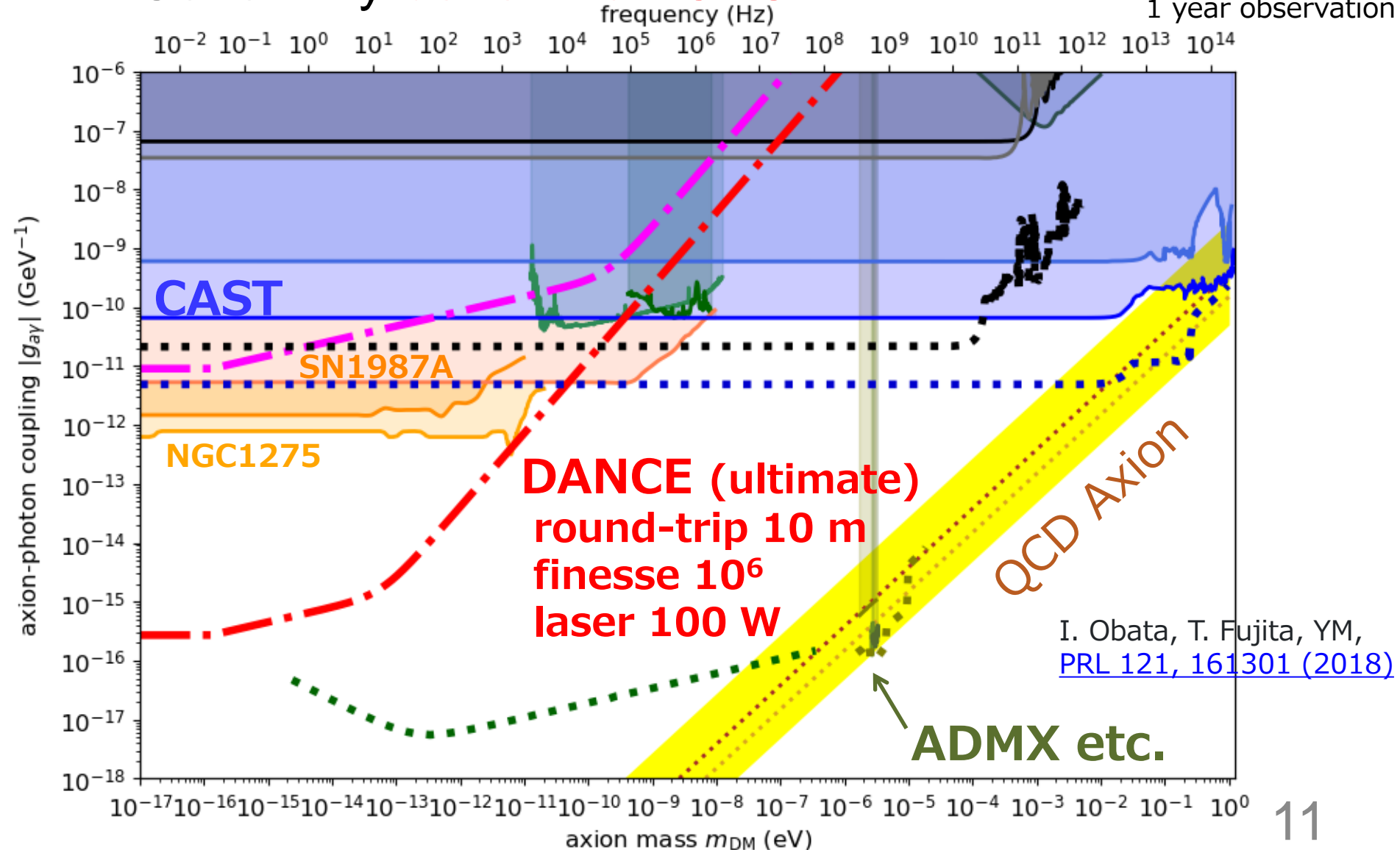
- Look for amount of modulated p-pol generation in each frequency



Sensitivity of DANCE

- Sensitivity **better than CAST limit**

* Shot noise limited
1 year observation

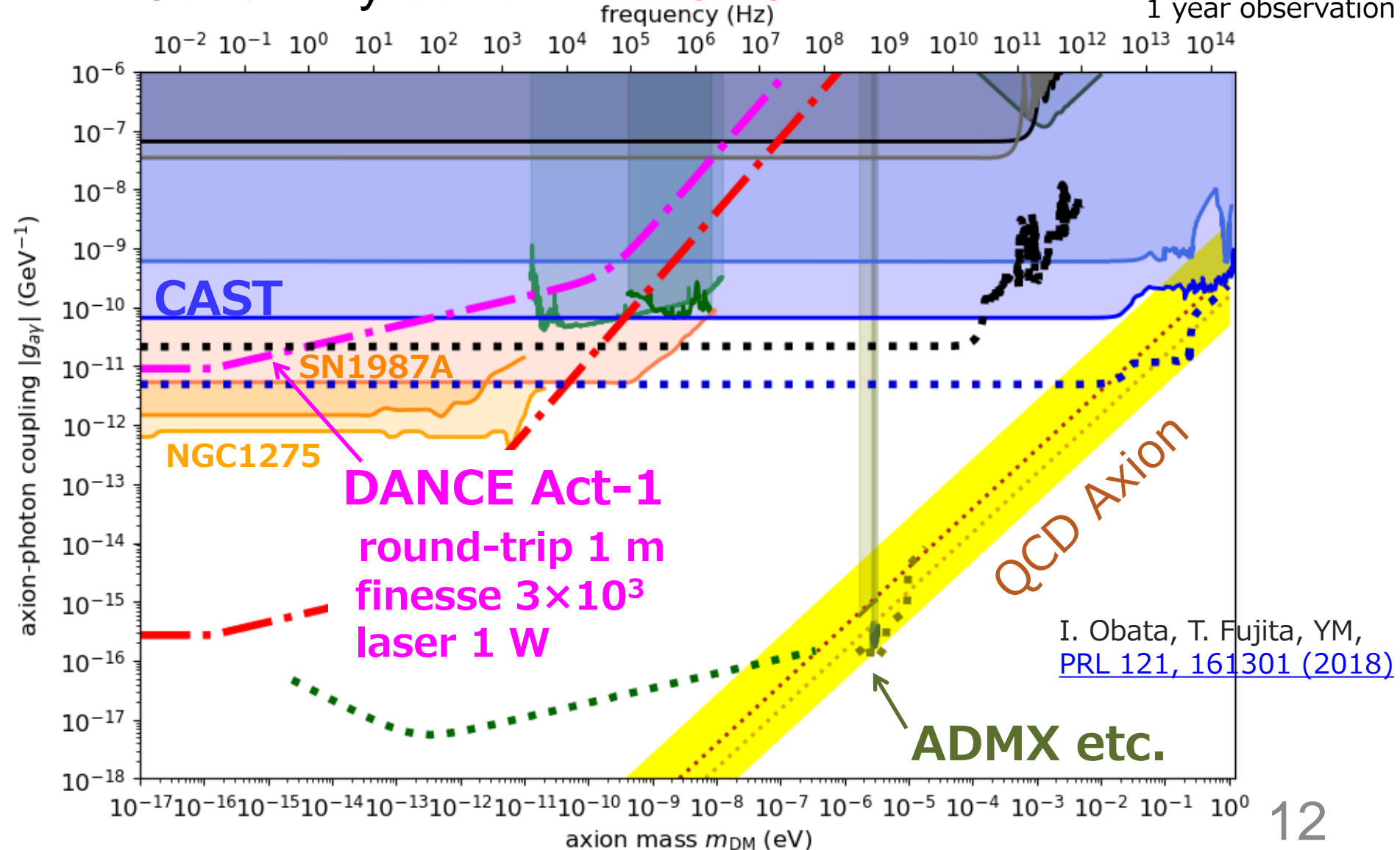


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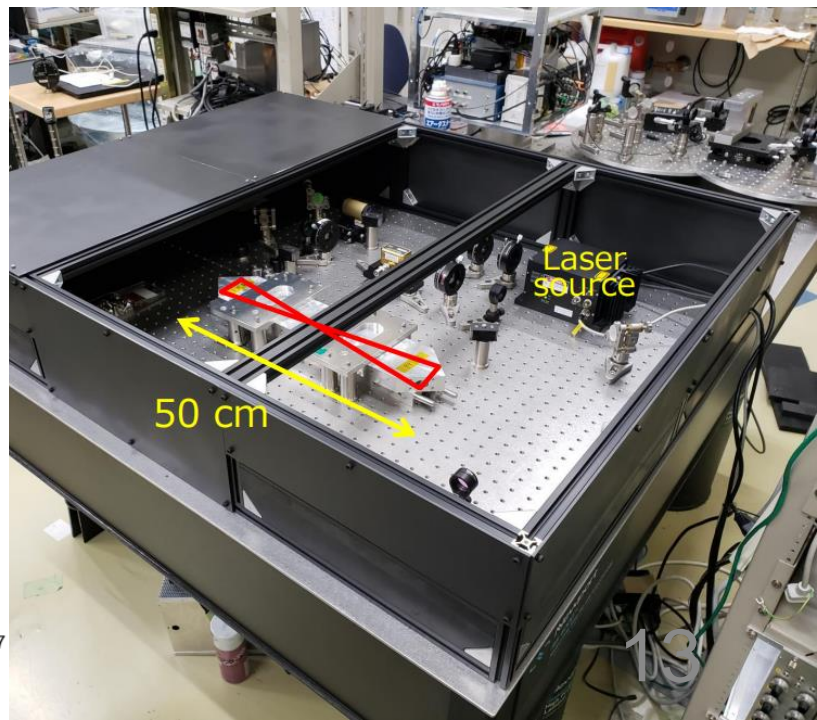
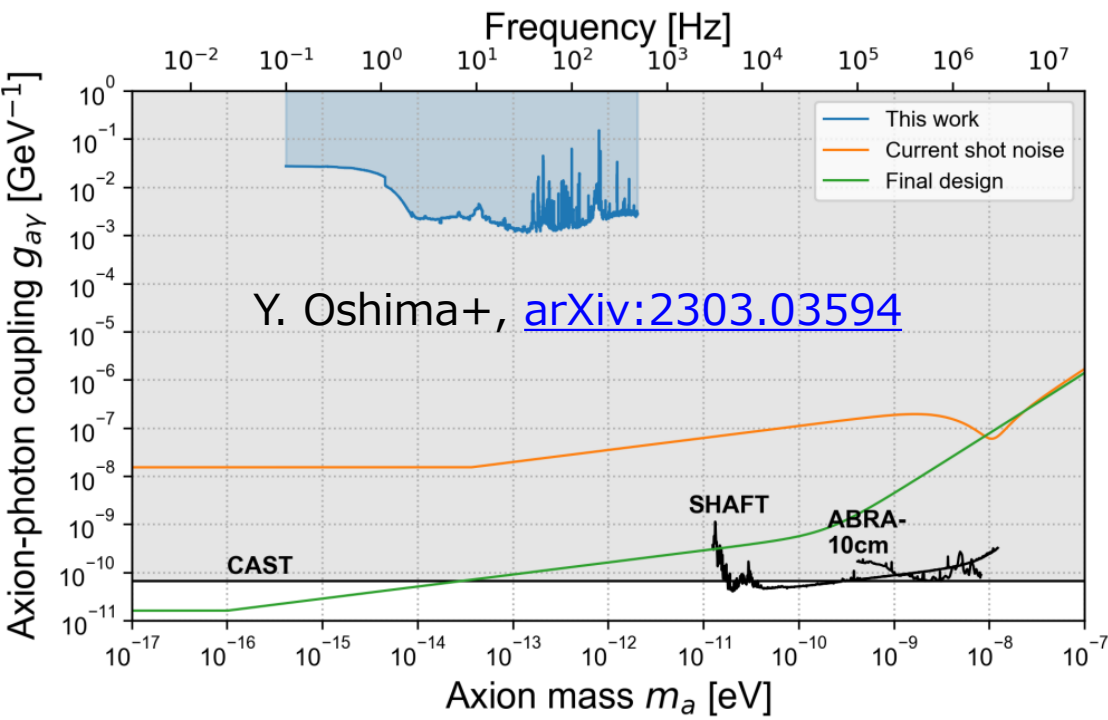
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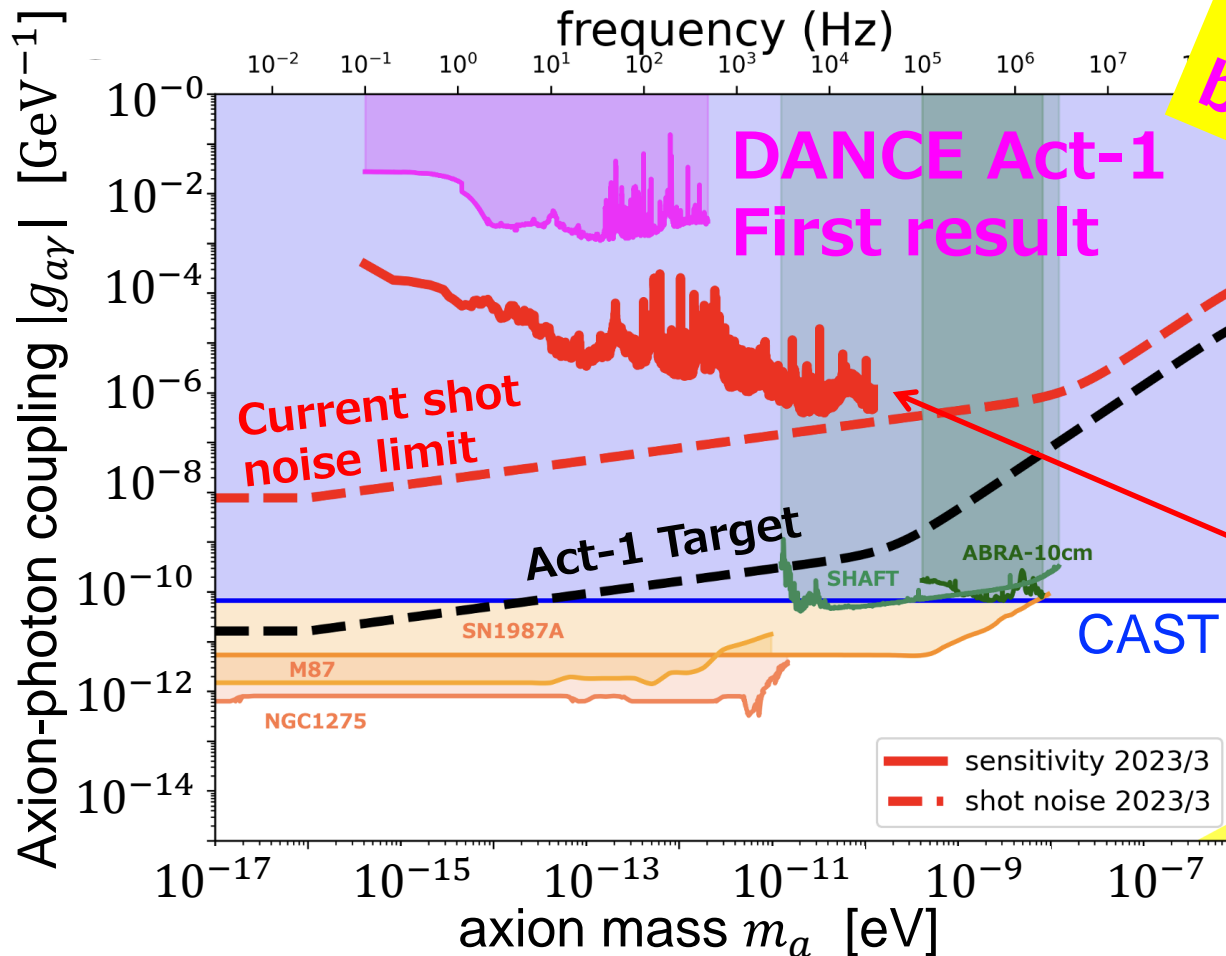
First Observing Run in May 2021

- First 12-day run was performed
- Used **24-hour data** to put an upper limit
- Demonstrated the principle and the data analysis methods (Analysis methods presented in H. Nakatsuka+, [arXiv:2205.02960](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.02960))



Upgrade Underway

- Aiming for **broadband sensitivity improvement** by co-resonating both polarizations



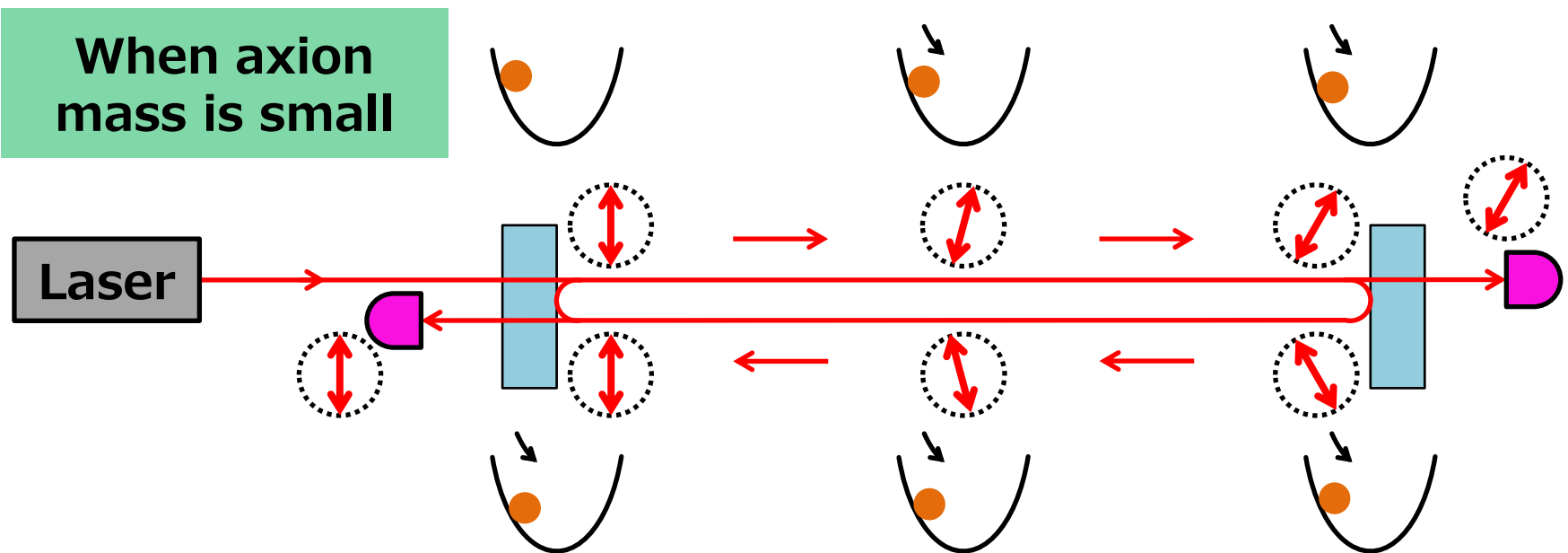
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Current
estimated
reach
(1 year)

Plot by H. Fujimoto

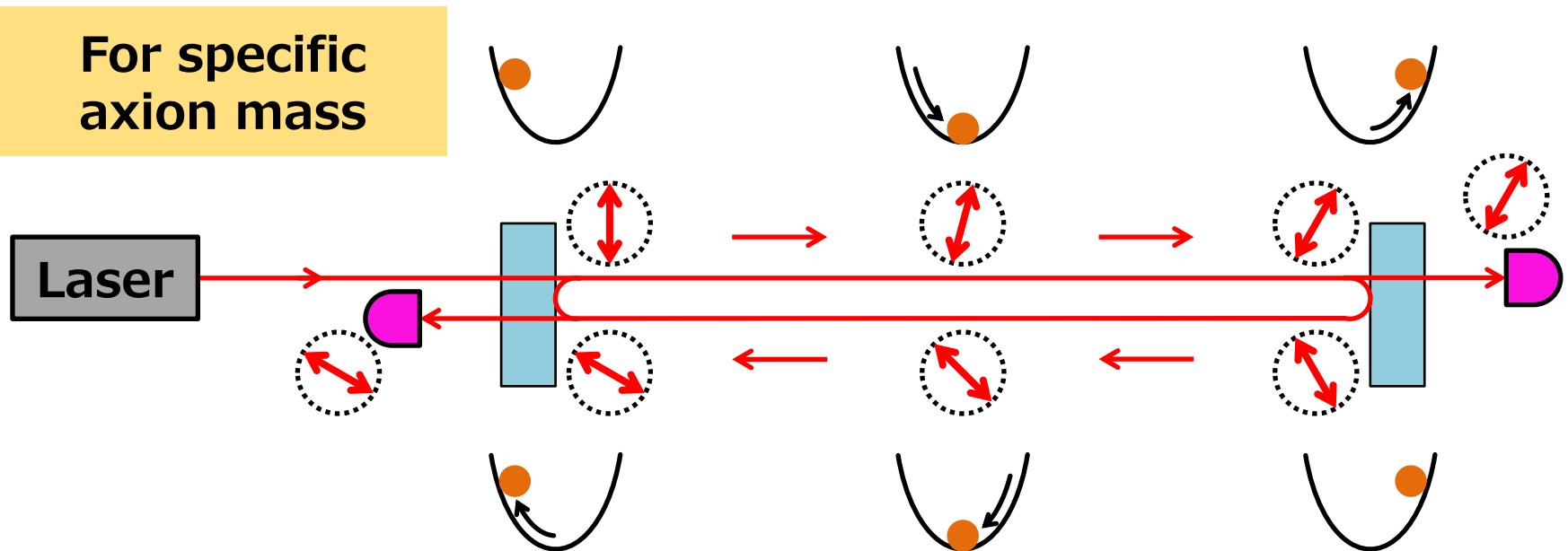
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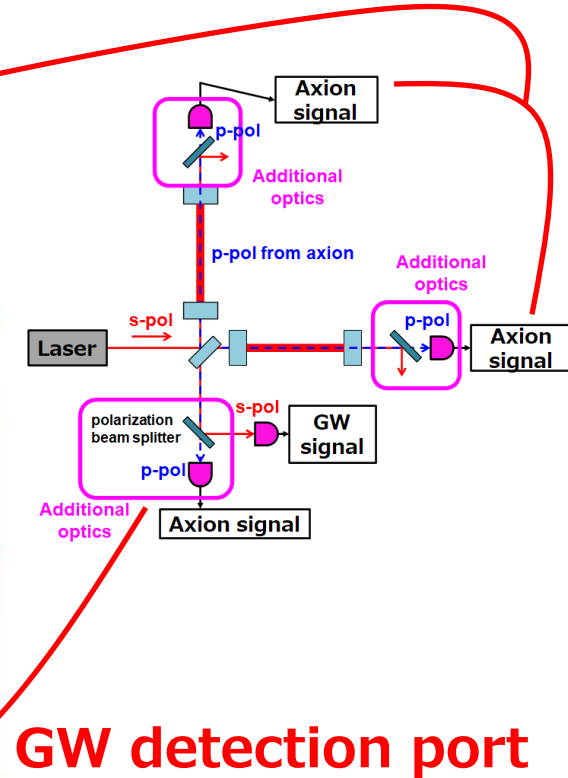
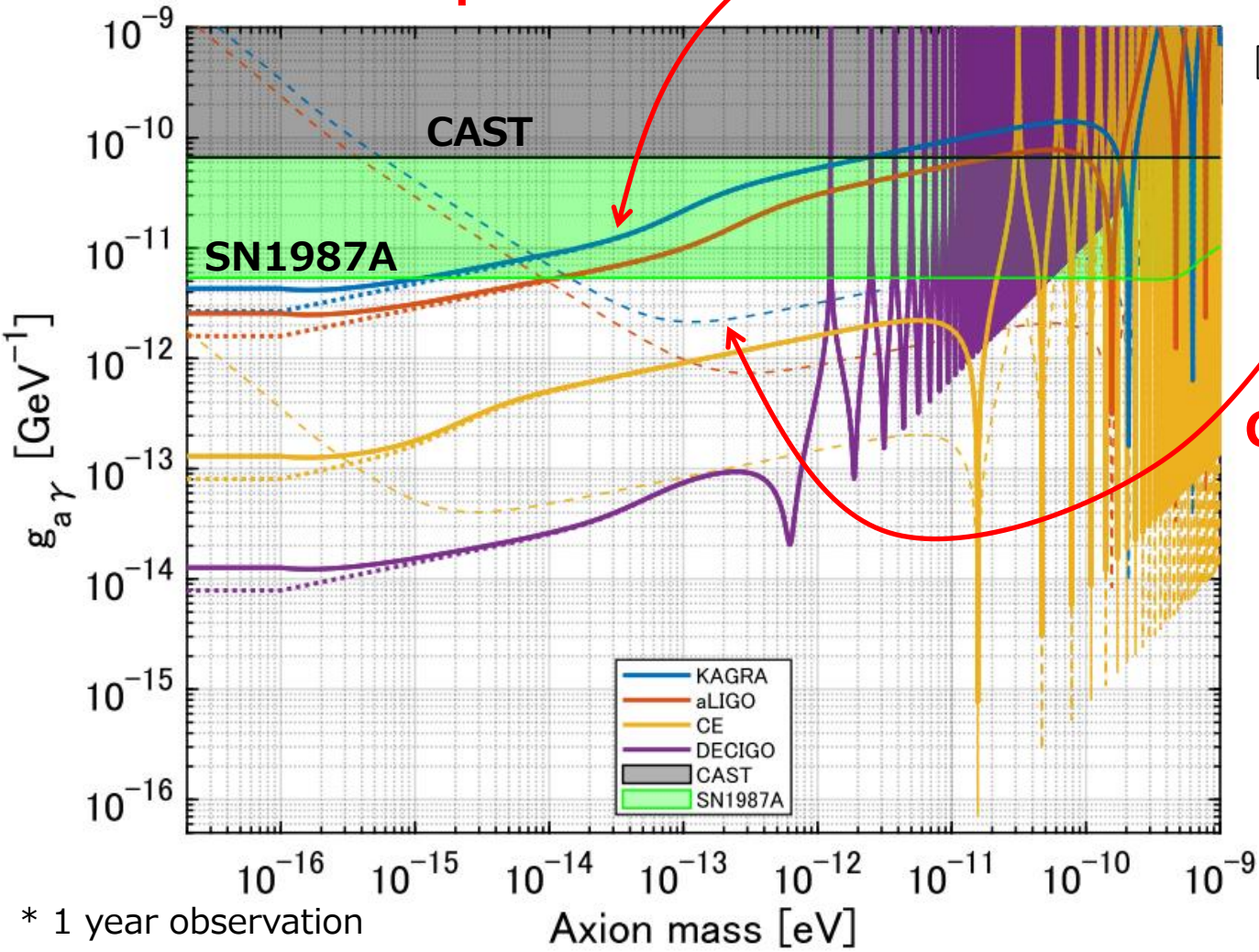
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Axion Sensitivity

Arm cavity transmission ports



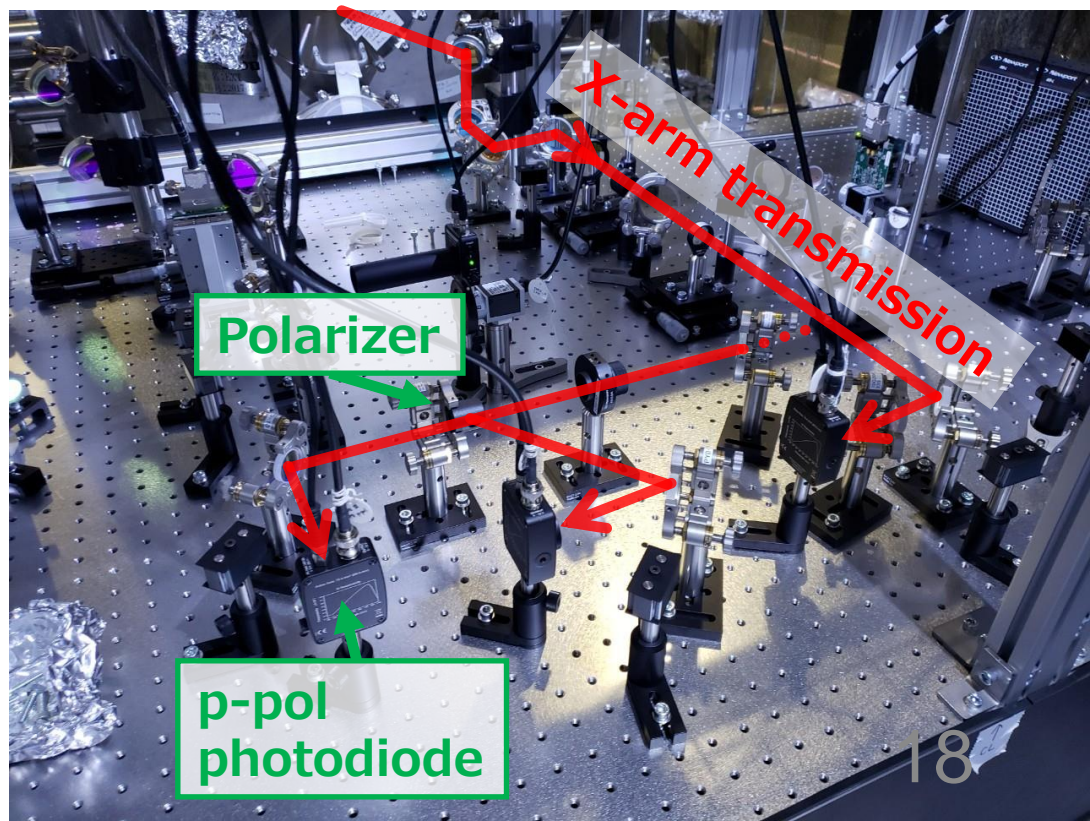
GW detection port

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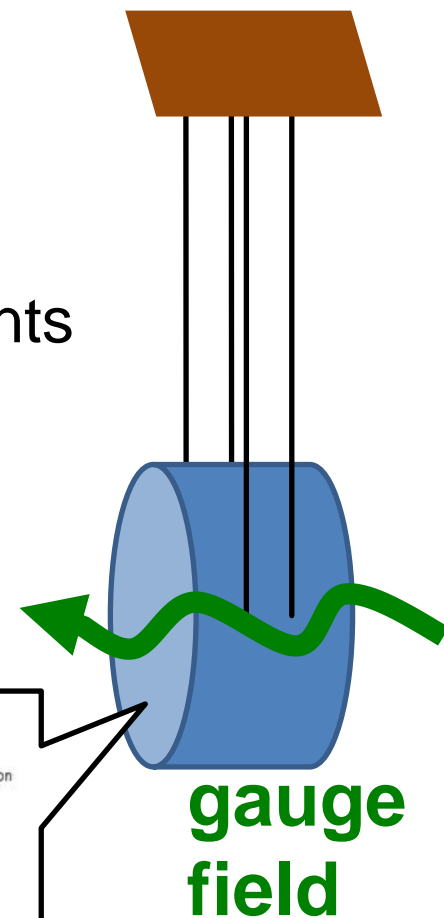
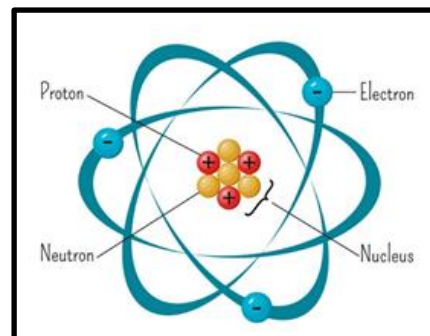
Optics for Axion Search Installed

- For **KAGRA**, polarization optics were installed for X-arm transmission in July 2021 and Y-arm transmission in December 2021
 - **Data to be taken during O4**
- For **LIGO**, auxiliary port of output Faraday isolator can be used (calibration method needs to be developed)



Gauge Boson

- Possible **new physics** beyond the standard model:
New gauge symmetry and gauge boson
- New gauge boson can be dark matter
- **B-L** (baryon minus lepton number)
 - Conserved in the standard model
 - Can be gauged without additional ingredients
 - Equals to the number of neutrons
 - Roughly 0.5 per neutron mass,
but slightly **different between materials**
Fused silica: 0.501
Sapphire: 0.510
- Gauge boson DM
gives **oscillating force**



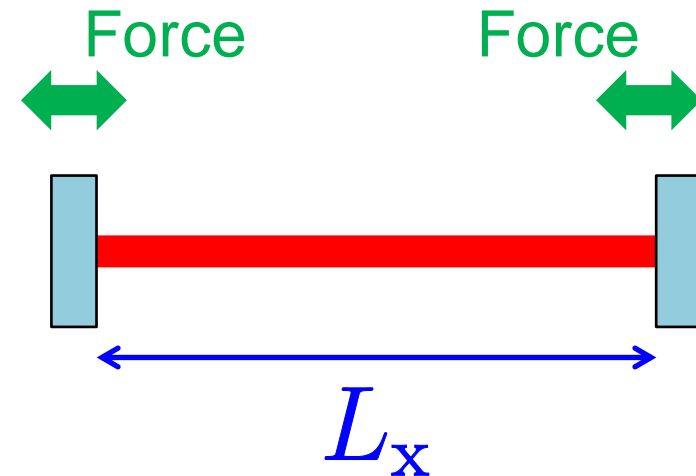
Oscillating Force from Gauge Field

- Acceleration of mirrors

$$\vec{a}(t, \vec{x}) = \epsilon_D e \frac{q_D}{M} \sqrt{2\rho_{DM}} \vec{e}_A \sin(m_A t - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x})$$

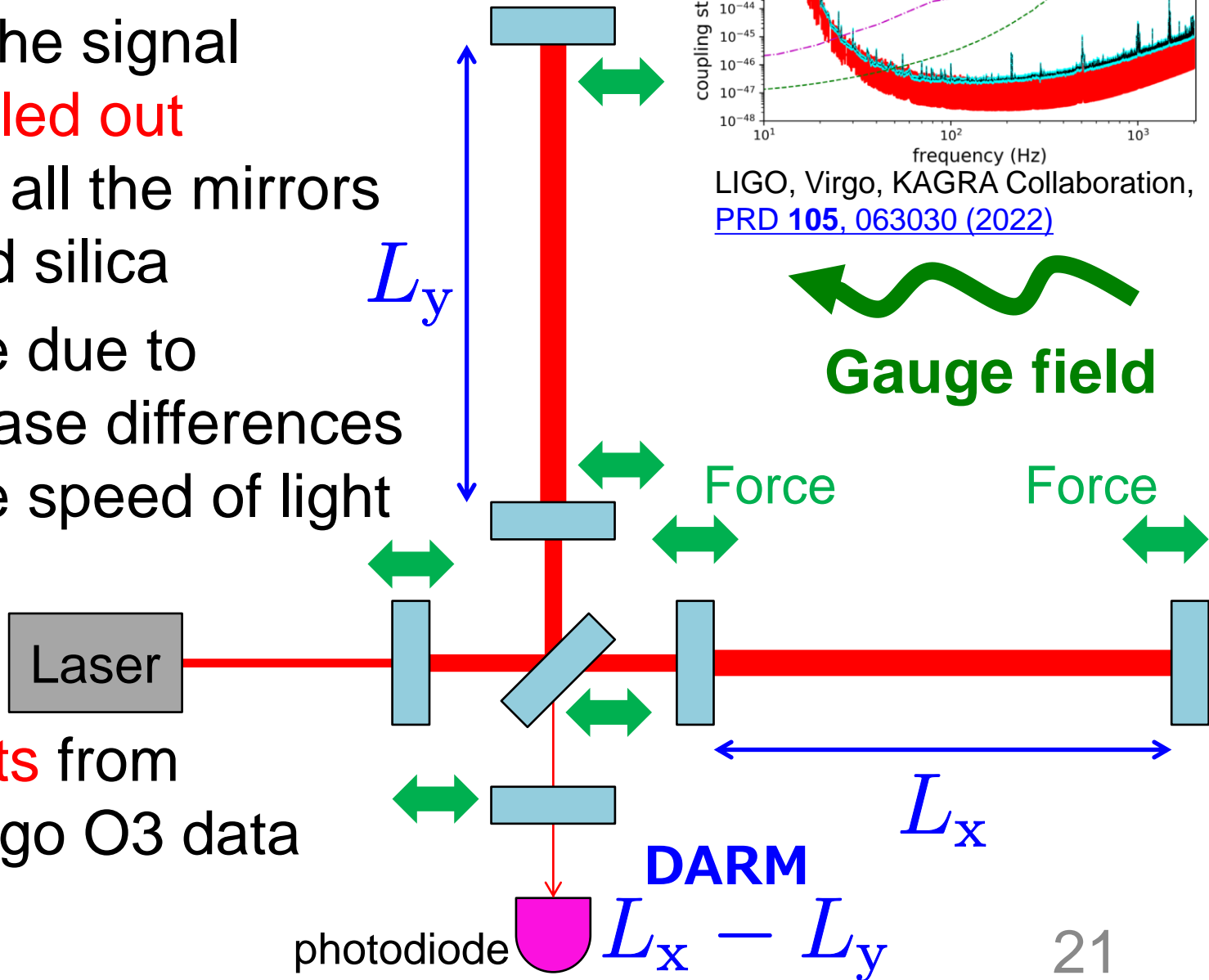
charge (pointing to q_D)
 gauge boson mass (pointing to m_A)
 coupling (pointing to $\epsilon_D e$)
 mirror mass (pointing to M)
 DM density (pointing to ρ_{DM})
 polarization (pointing to \vec{e}_A)
 different phase at different position (pointing to $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}$)

- Gauge boson mass and coupling can be measured by measuring the **oscillating** mirror displacement
- Almost no signal for symmetric cavity if cavity length is short



Search with LIGO/Virgo

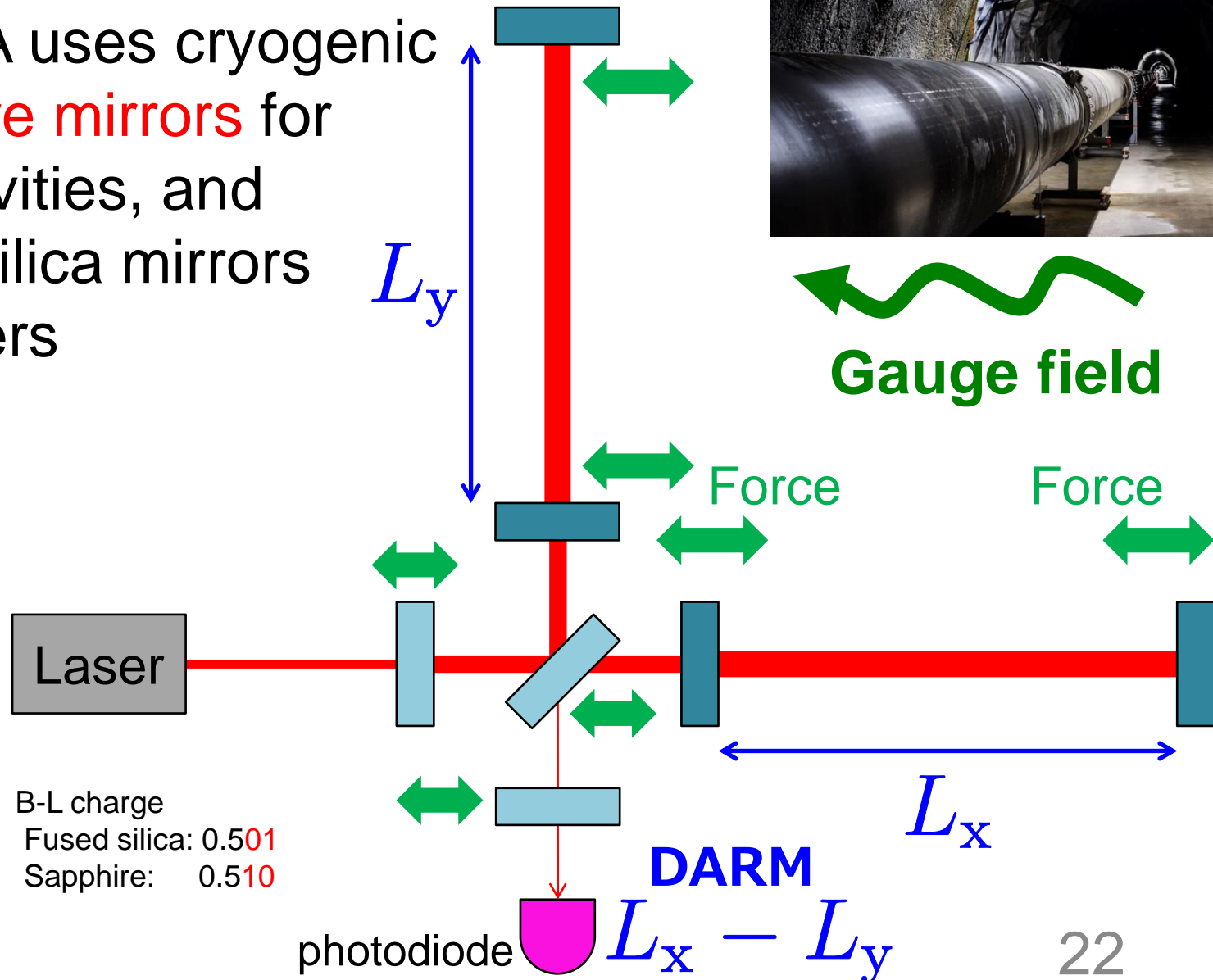
- Most of the signal is **cancelled out** because all the mirrors are fused silica
- Sensitive due to slight phase differences and finite speed of light
- **Best limits** from LIGO/Virgo O3 data



Search with KAGRA



- KAGRA uses cryogenic **sapphire mirrors** for arm cavities, and fused silica mirrors for others



Gauge field

Laser

B-L charge
Fused silica: 0.501
Sapphire: 0.510

DARM

photodiode

$L_x - L_y$

L_x

L_y

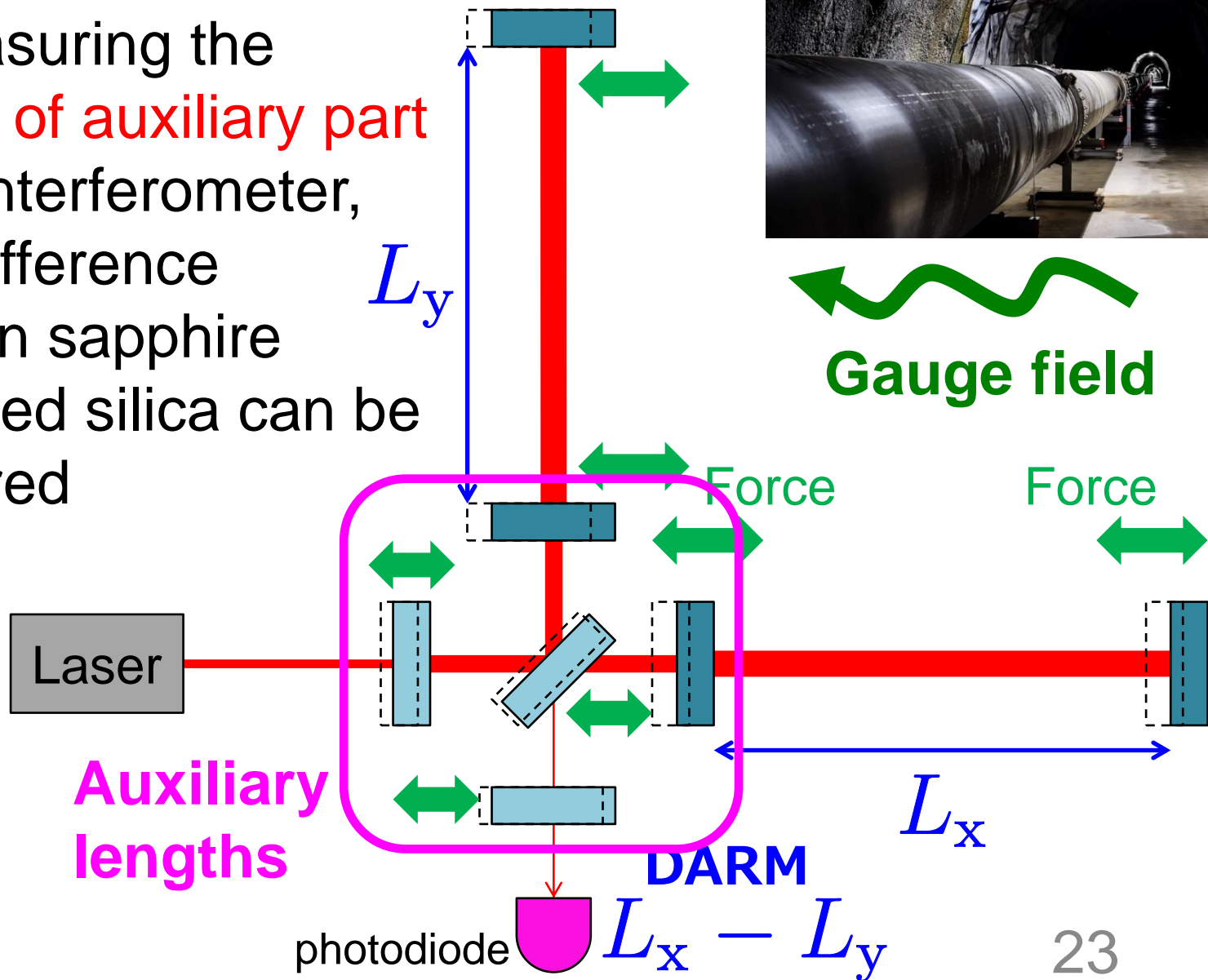
Force

Force

Search with KAGRA

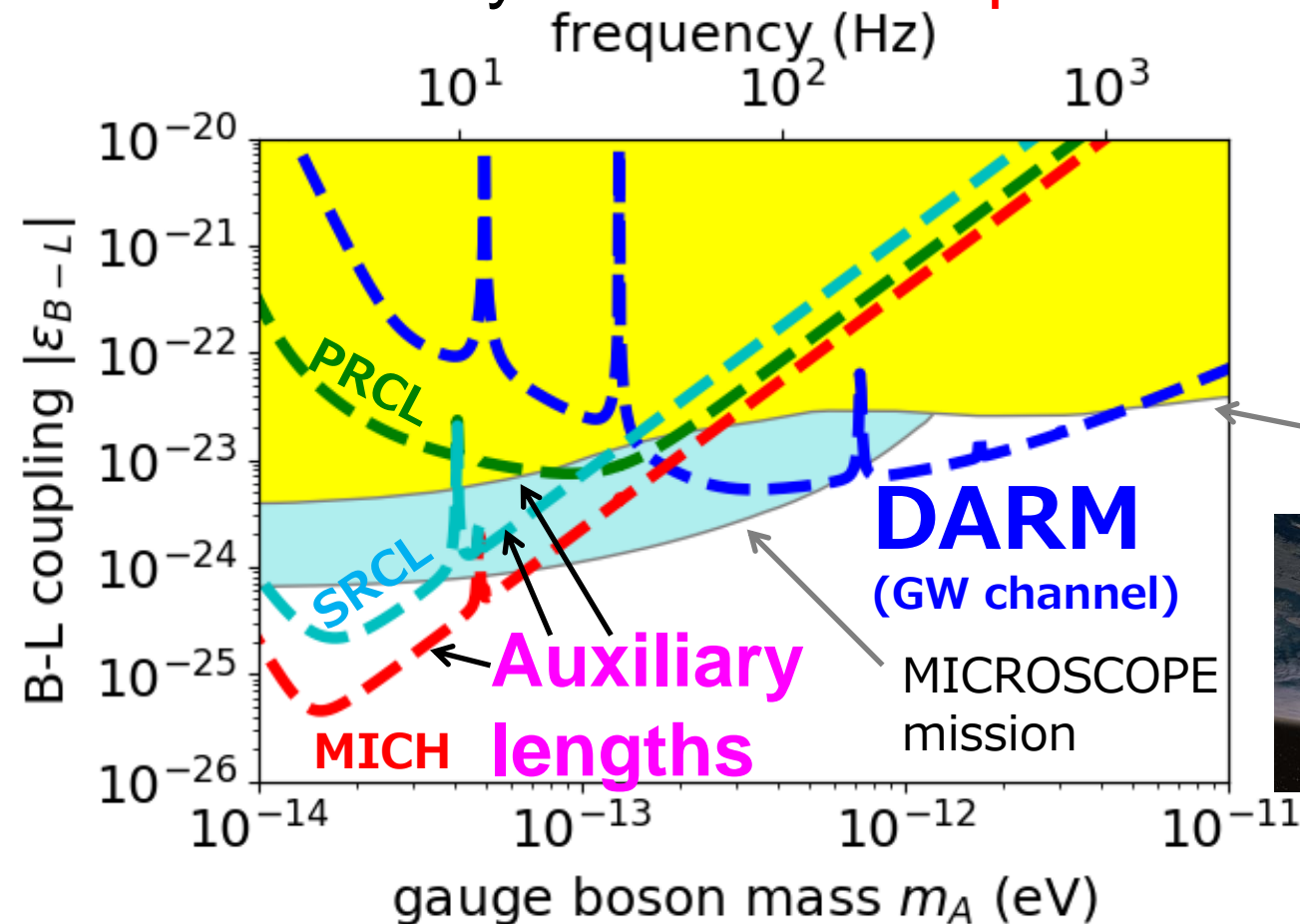


- By measuring the **lengths of auxiliary part** of the interferometer, force difference between sapphire and fused silica can be measured



KAGRA Gauge Boson Sensitivity

- Auxiliary length channels have better design sensitivity than DARM (GW channel) at low mass range
- Sensitivity **better than equivalence principle tests**



YM, T. Fujita, S. Morisaki,
H. Nakatsuka, I. Obata,
[PRD 102, 102001 \(2020\)](#)

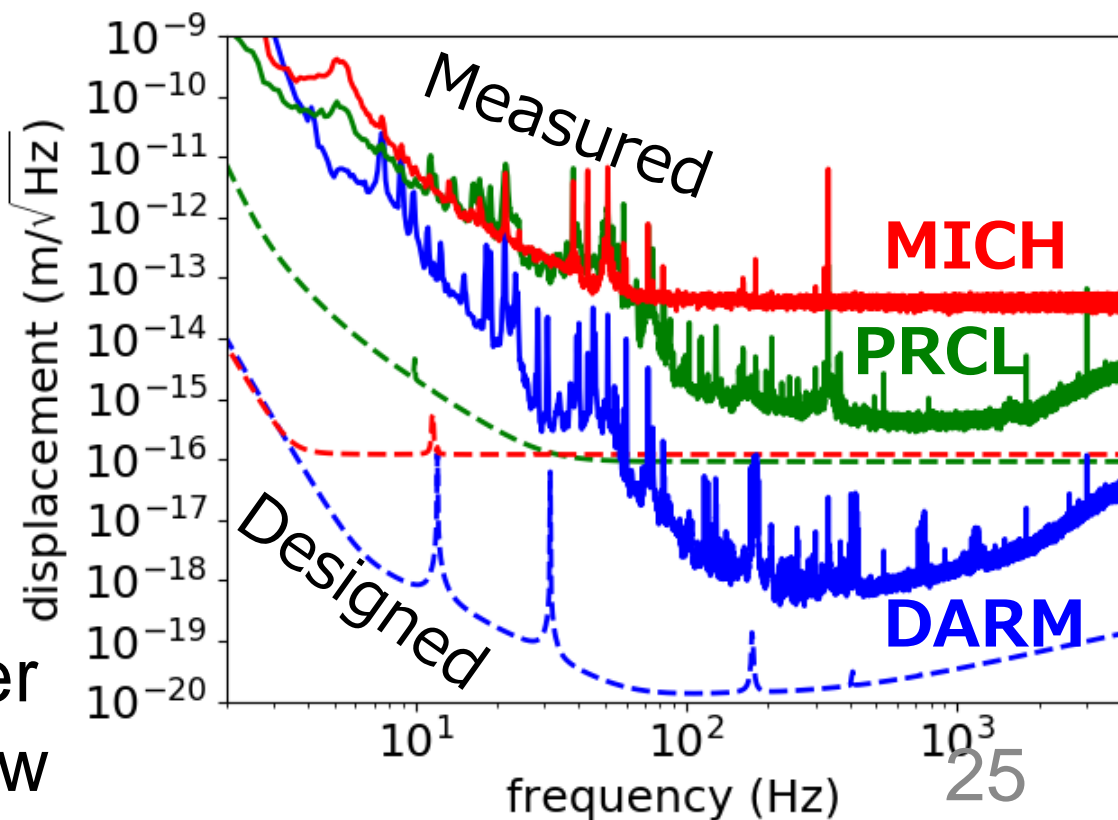
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Eöt-Wash
torsion pendulum



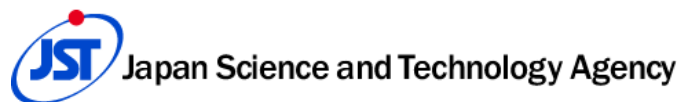
KAGRA 2020 Data Analysis

- KAGRA performed joint **observing run in April 2020** with GEO600 (O3GK)
- Displacement sensitivity still not good
~ 6 orders of magnitude to go at 10 Hz
- Data analysis **underway using the same pipeline used for DANCE**
H. Nakatsuka+,
[arXiv:2205.02960](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.02960)
- Results will be available summer 2023 after LVK internal review



Summary

- Laser interferometers open up **new possibilities** for dark matter search
- **Axion DM search with DANCE**
 - **First result** from 24-hour data reported
 - Upgrade underway
- **Axion DM search with LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA**
 - **Polarization optics installed** in KAGRA and LIGO
 - First search to be done with O4 data
- **Vector DM search with LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA**
 - Most stringent bound obtained from LIGO-Virgo
 - New search using **sapphire mirrors of KAGRA** underway



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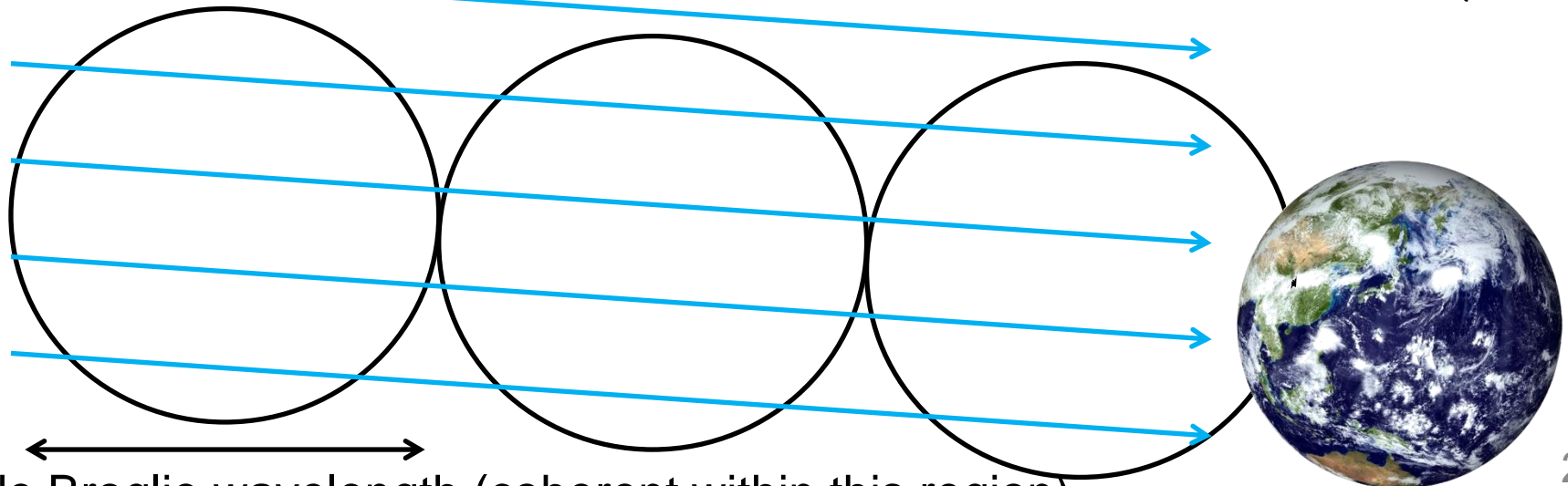
Coherence Time

- SNR grows with $\sqrt{T_{\text{obs}}}$ if integration time is shorter than coherence time
- SNR grows with $(T_{\text{obs}})^{1/4}$ if integration time is longer

$$\text{SNR} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{T_{\text{obs}}}}{2\sqrt{S_{\text{noise}}(f)}} \frac{\delta c}{c} & (T_{\text{obs}} \lesssim \tau) \\ \frac{(T_{\text{obs}}\tau)^{1/4}}{2\sqrt{S_{\text{noise}}(f)}} \frac{\delta c}{c} & (T_{\text{obs}} \gtrsim \tau) \end{cases}$$

$$\tau \simeq 1 \text{ year} \left(\frac{10^{-16} \text{ eV}}{m_a} \right)$$

axion wind



Freq-Mass-Coherence Time

Frequency	Mass	Coherent Time	Coherent Length
0.1 Hz	4.1e-16 eV	0.32 year	3e12 m
1 Hz	4.1e-15 eV	1e6 sec 12 days	3e11 m
10 Hz	4.1e-14 eV	1.2 days	3e10 m
100 Hz	4.1e-13 eV	2.8 hours	3e9 m
1000 Hz	4.1e-12 eV	17 minutes	3e8 m
10000 Hz	4.1e-11 eV	1.7 minutes	3e7 m