

The future of gravitational wave detectors



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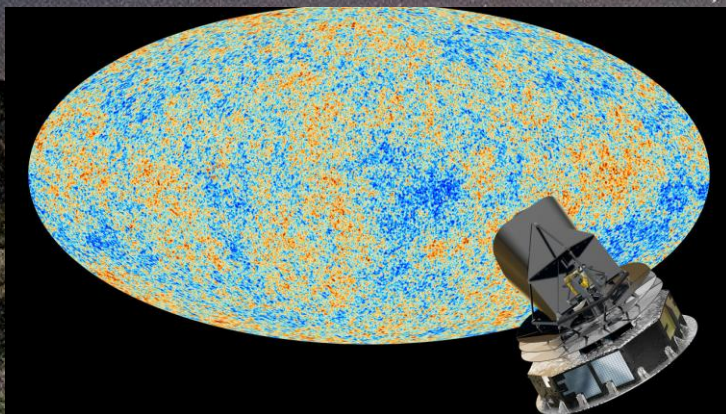
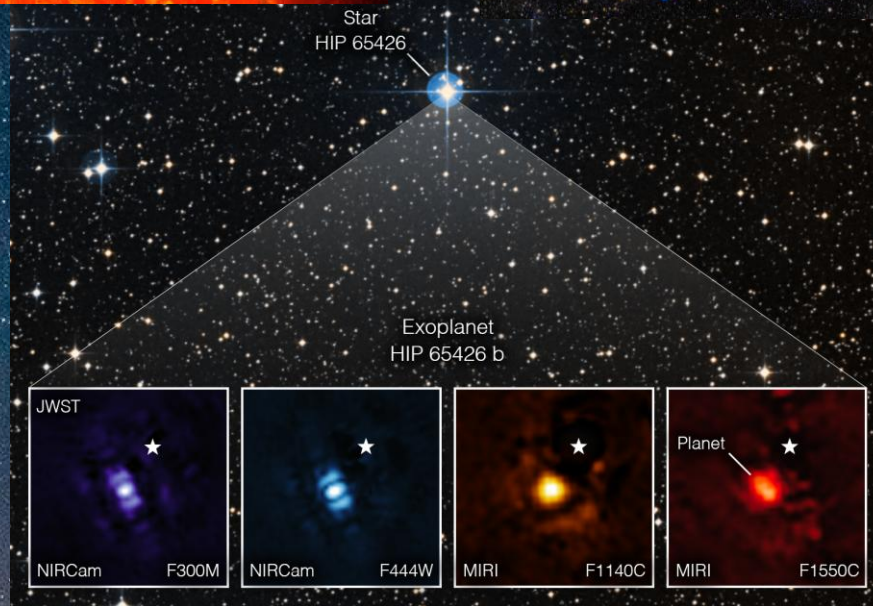
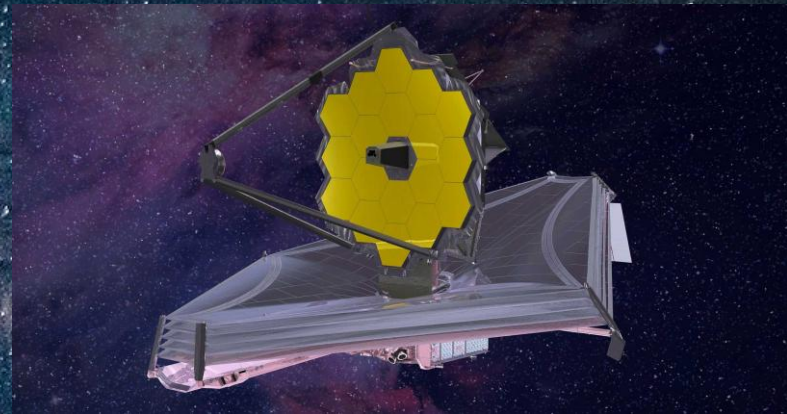
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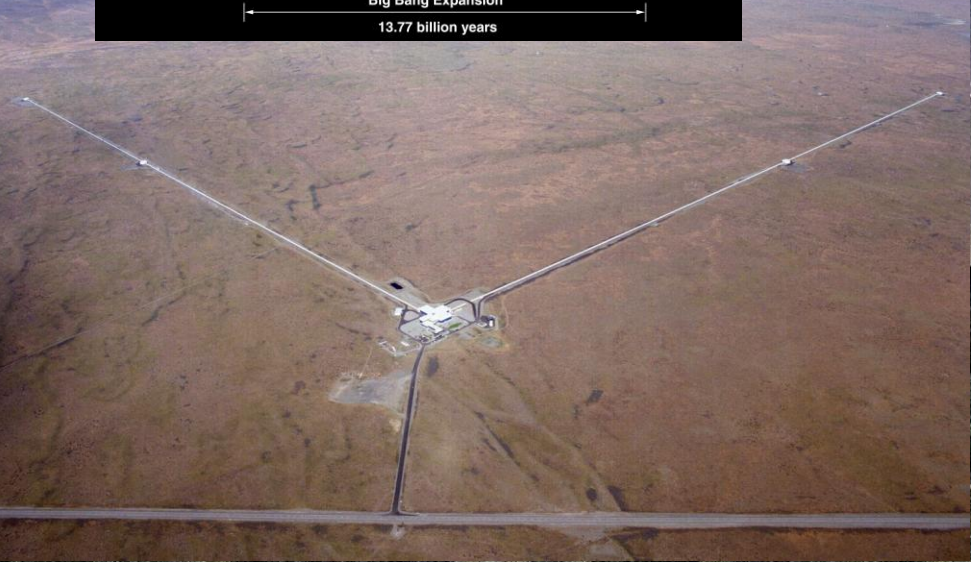
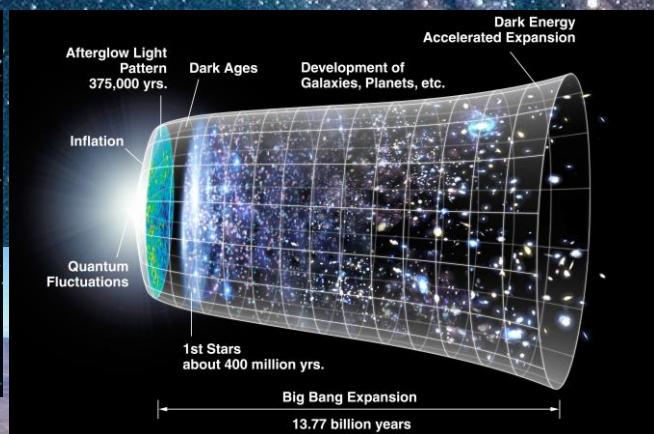
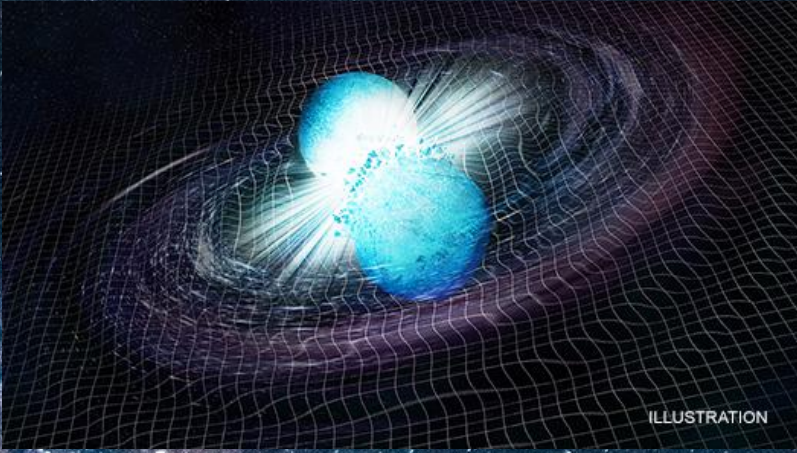






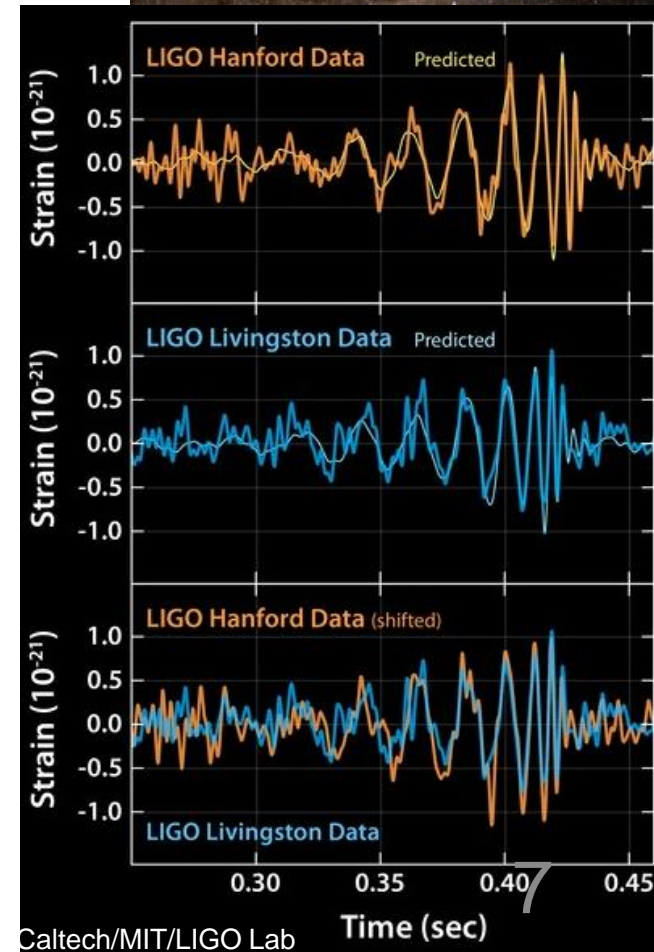
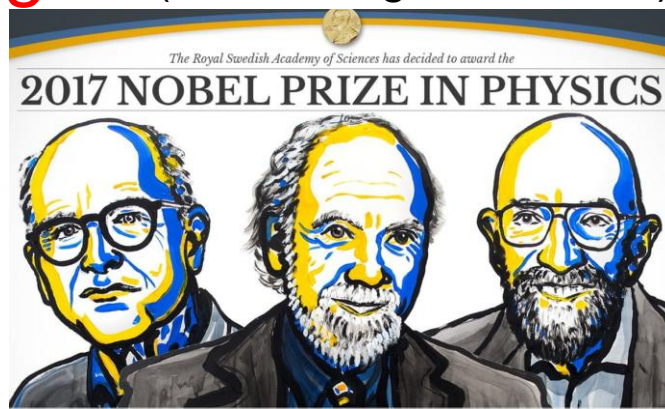
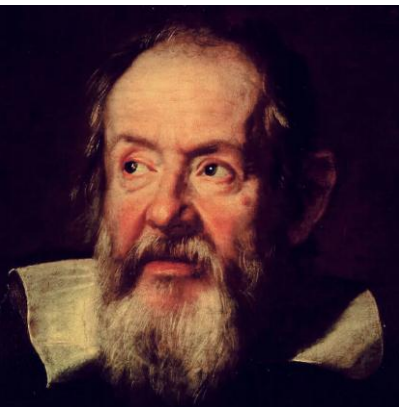






GW150914: First Sound

- **September 14, 2015:**
 - Two LIGO detectors in the US detected gravitational waves from **merging black holes**
 - Beginning of astronomy with **“sound”**
- **1609:** Galileo made telescopes
 - Beginning of astronomy with **“light”** (electromagnetic waves)



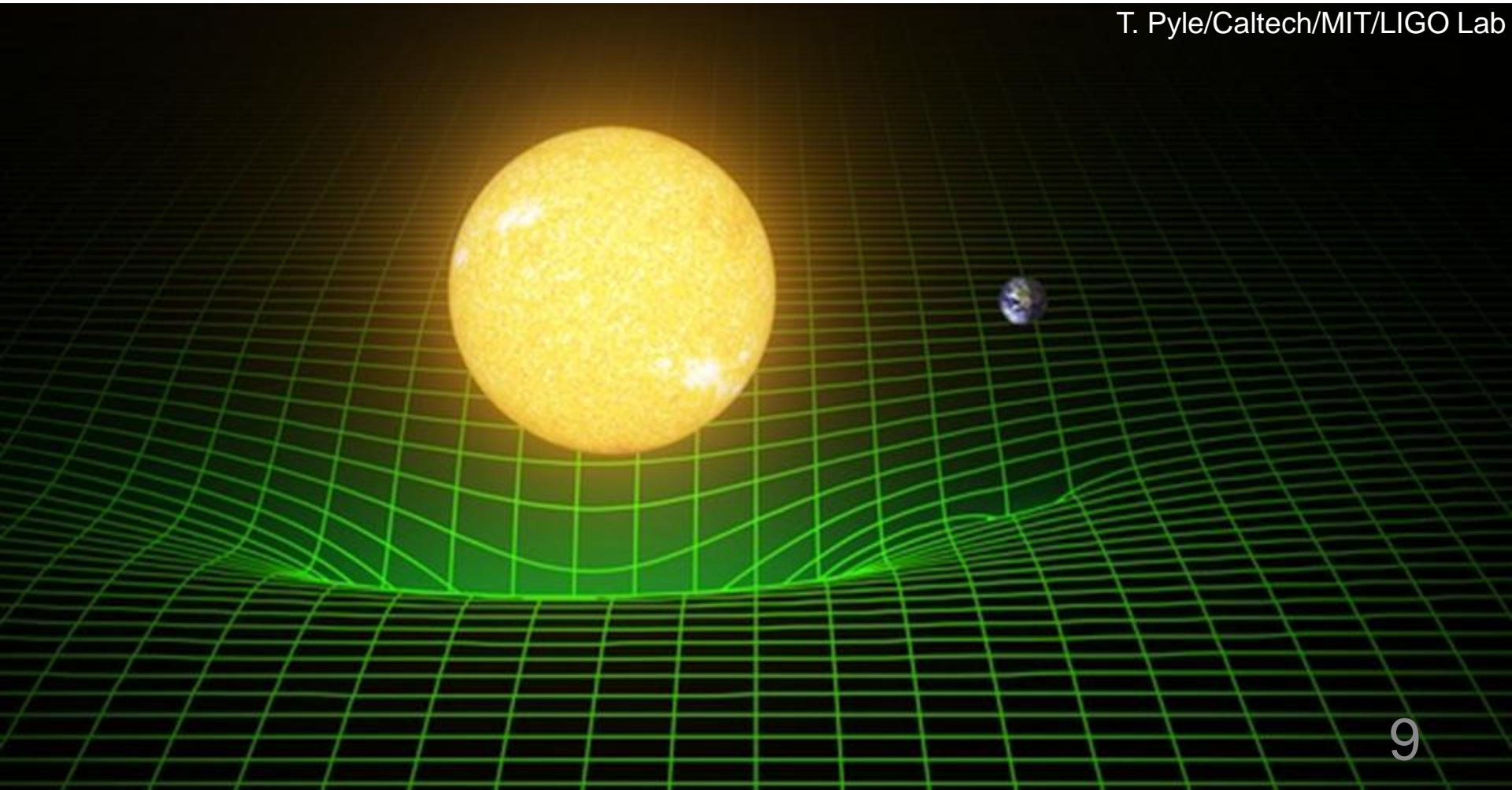
Plan of the Talk

- **What are gravitational waves?**
 - Einstein's general relativity
- **How do we detect them?**
 - Laser interferometer
- **The status of gravitational wave observations**
 - By LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA detectors
- **Next generation detectors**
 - Voyager, Cosmic Explorer, Einstein Telescope
- **Space-based detectors**
 - LISA, DECIGO
- **Particle physics with GW detectors**
 - Ultralight dark matter, quantum gravity

Gravity in General Relativity

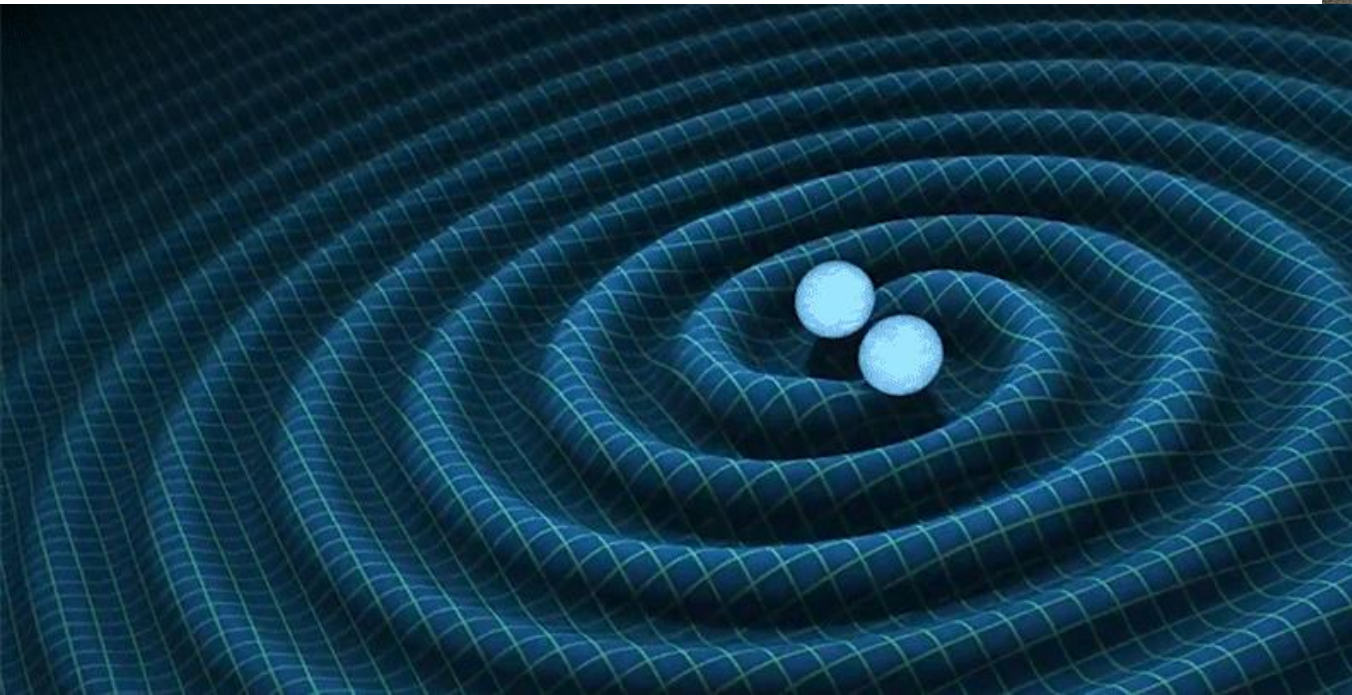
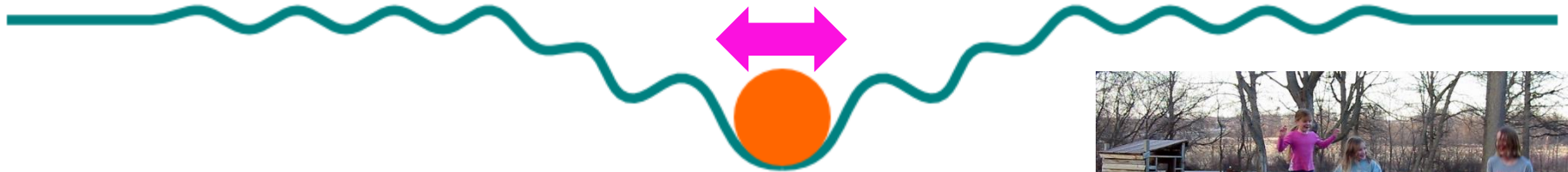
- **space-time bends** with presence of mass
- bending affects motion of objects → **gravity**

T. Pyle/Caltech/MIT/LIGO Lab



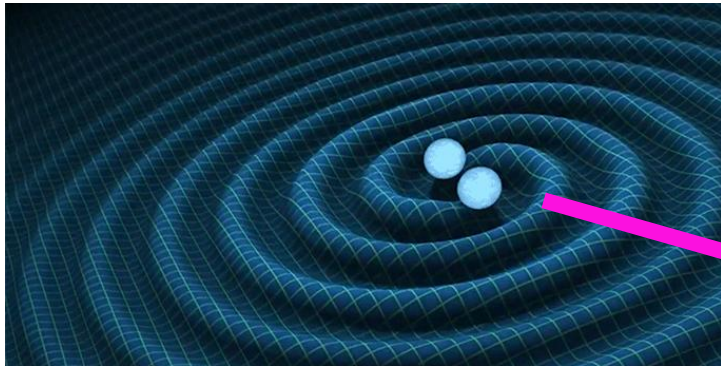
Gravitational Waves

- ripples in space-time created by motion of objects



Characteristics of GWs

- propagates at the **speed of light**
- **quadrupole** radiation (+ mode and x mode)
- high **transmissivity** \leftrightarrow very weak interaction

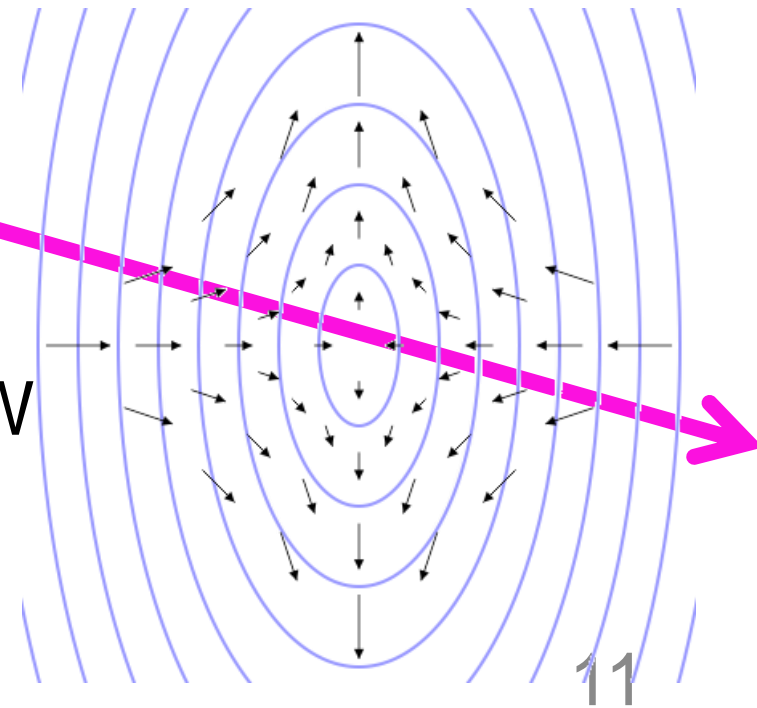


- large mass and large acceleration creates large GW

- GW strain

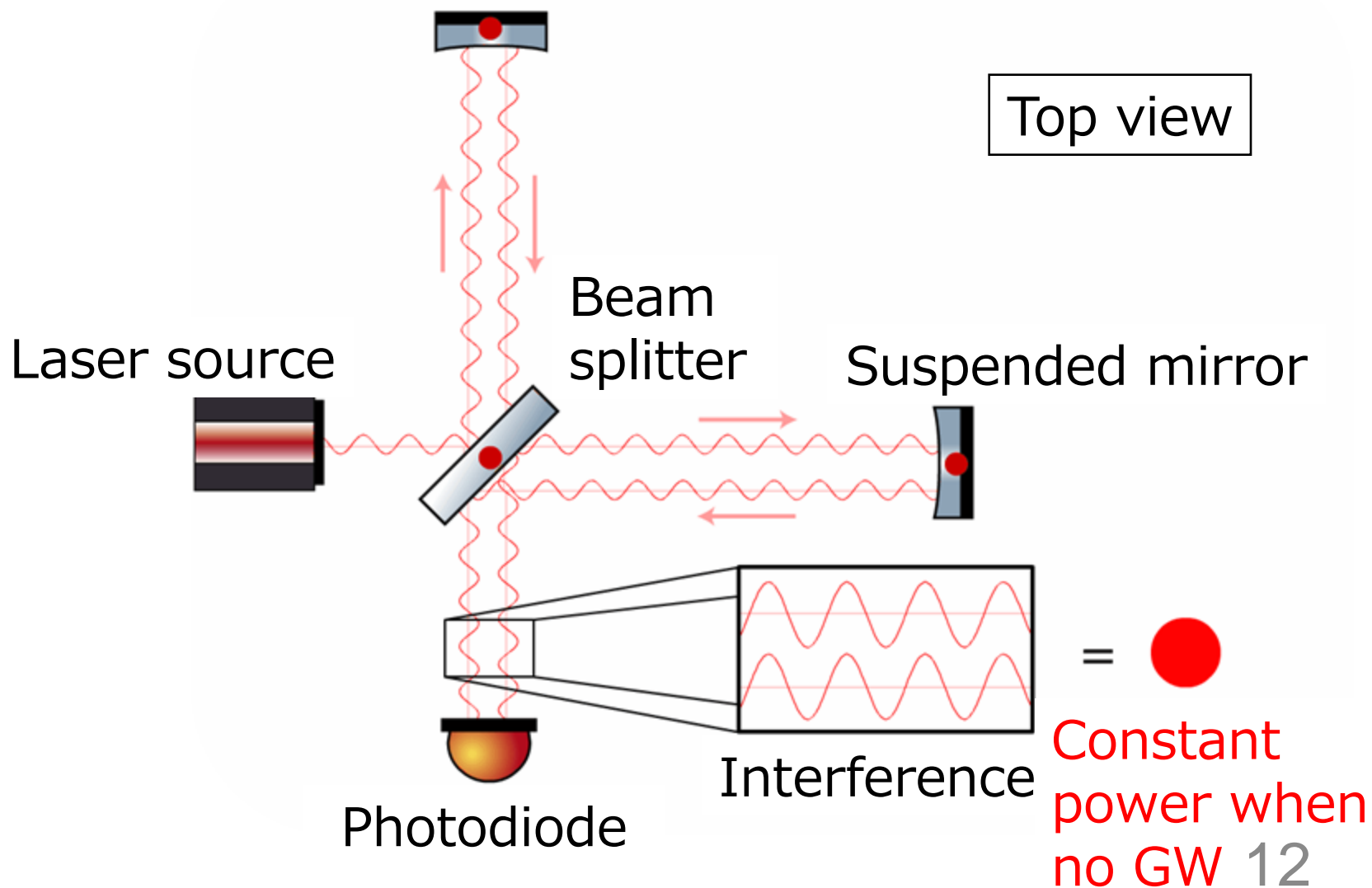
= **fraction of length change**

$$h = \frac{\delta L}{L}$$



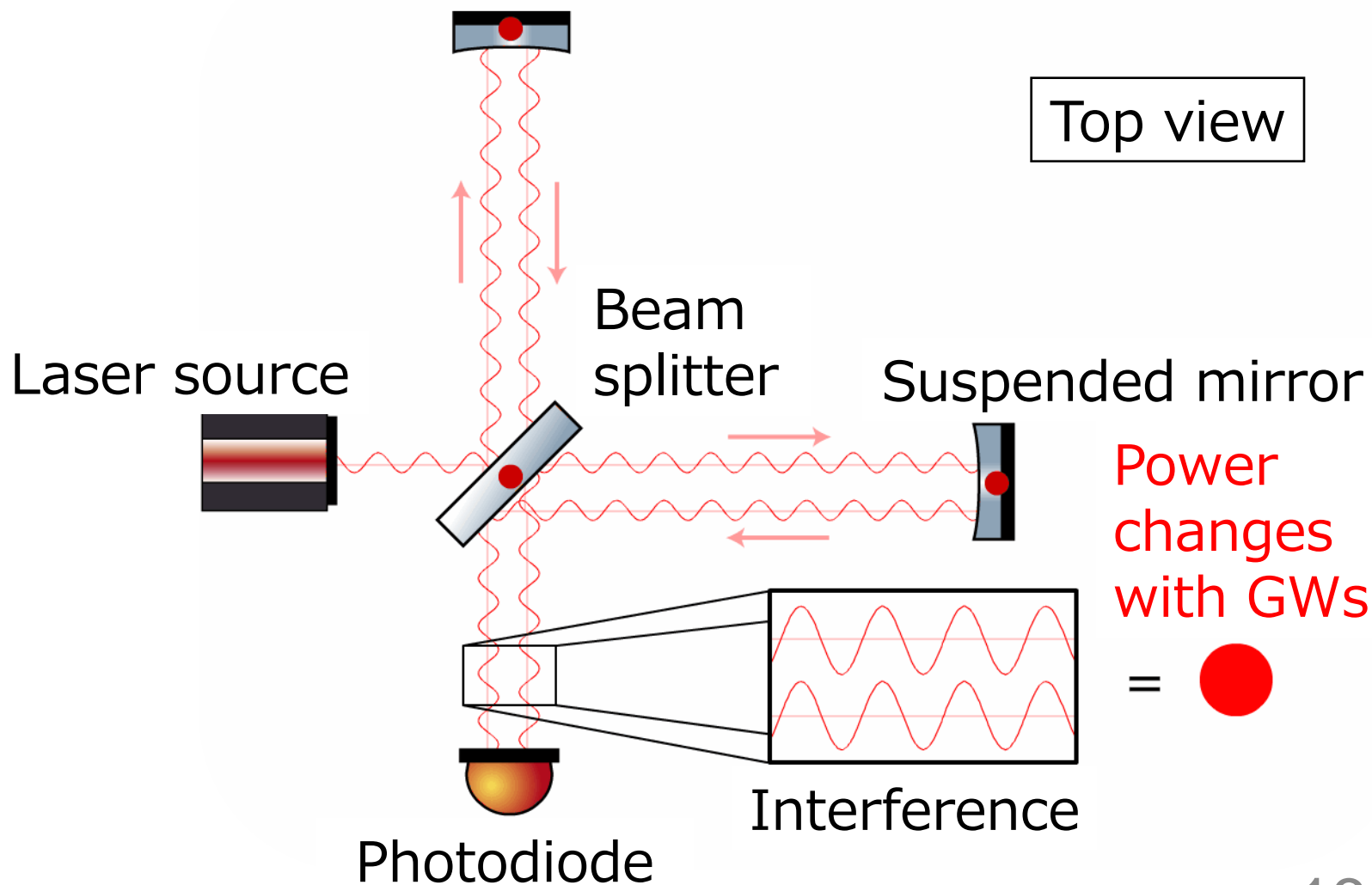
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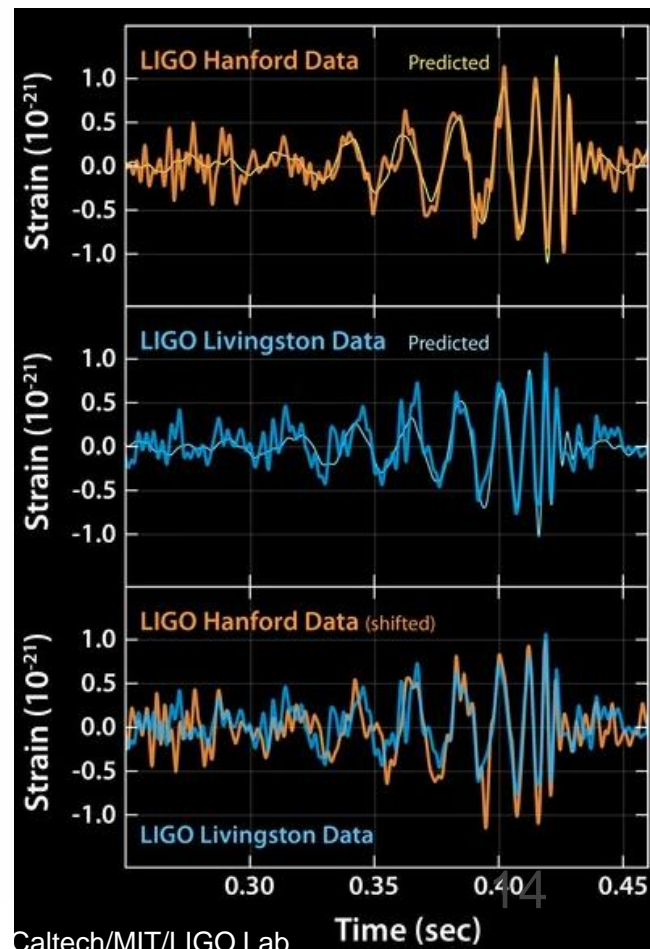
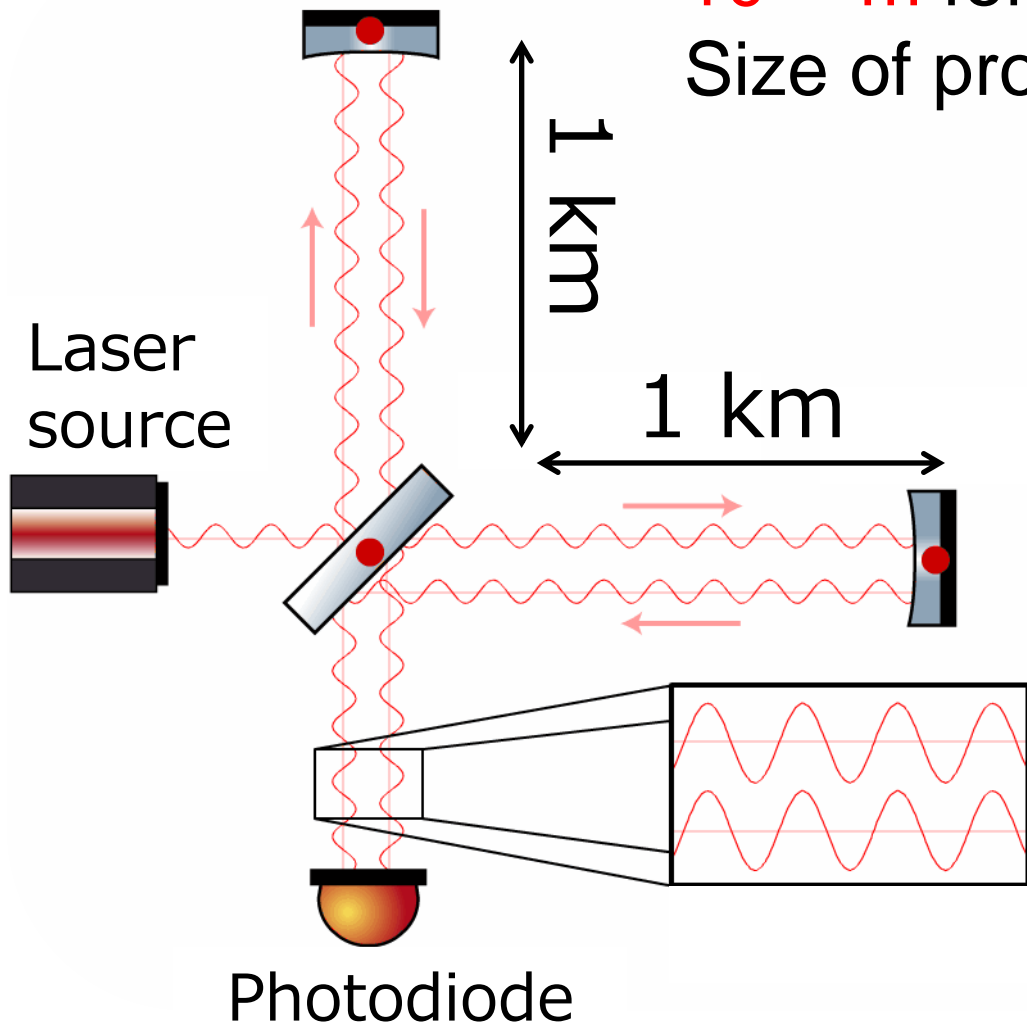
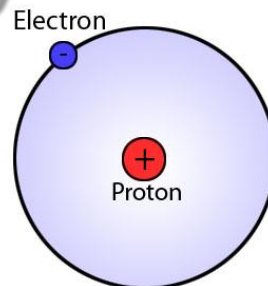


Amplitude of GW is Tiny

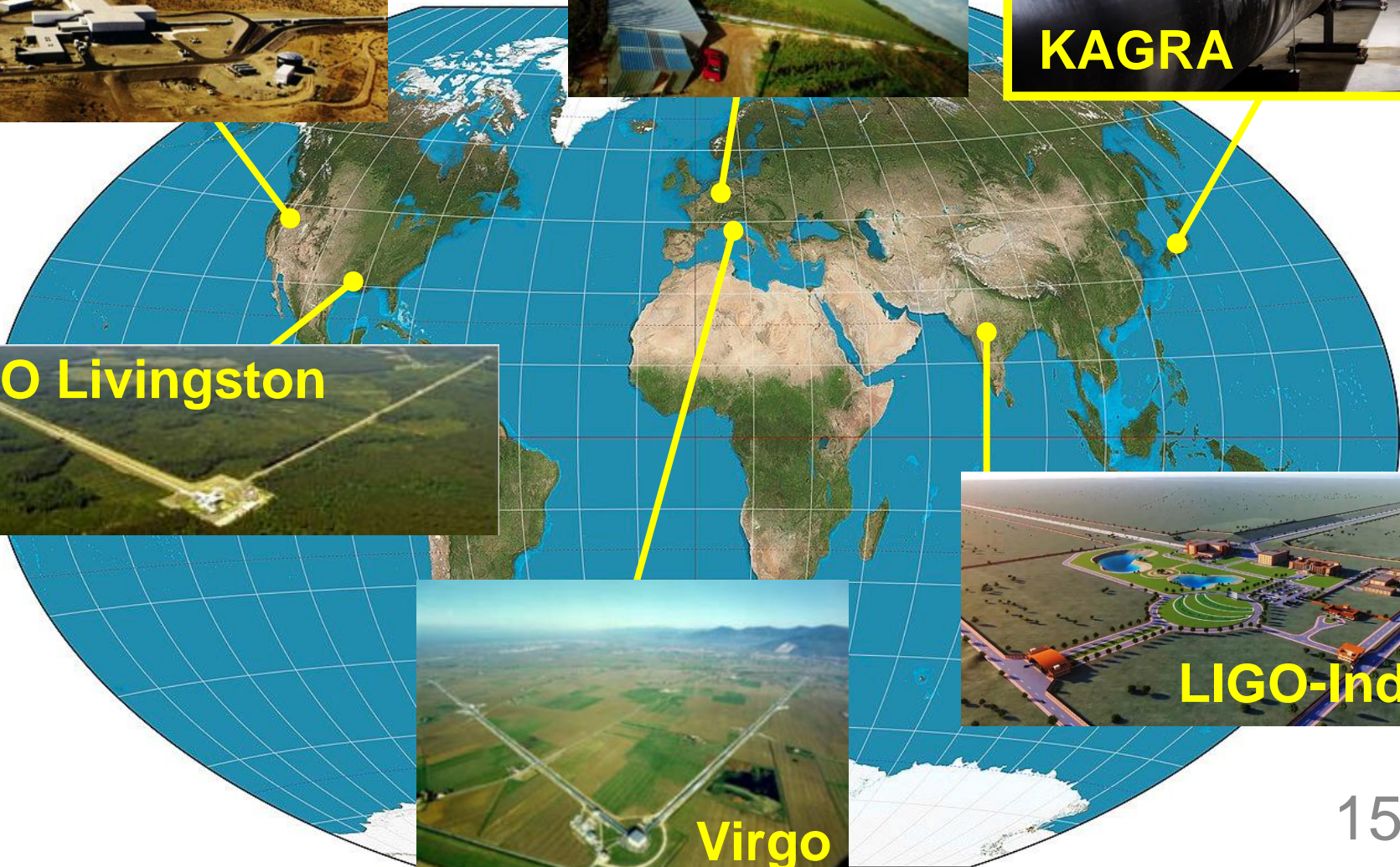
- for example, $h \sim 10^{-21}$

10^{-18} m for 1 km arm

Size of proton: 10^{-15} m

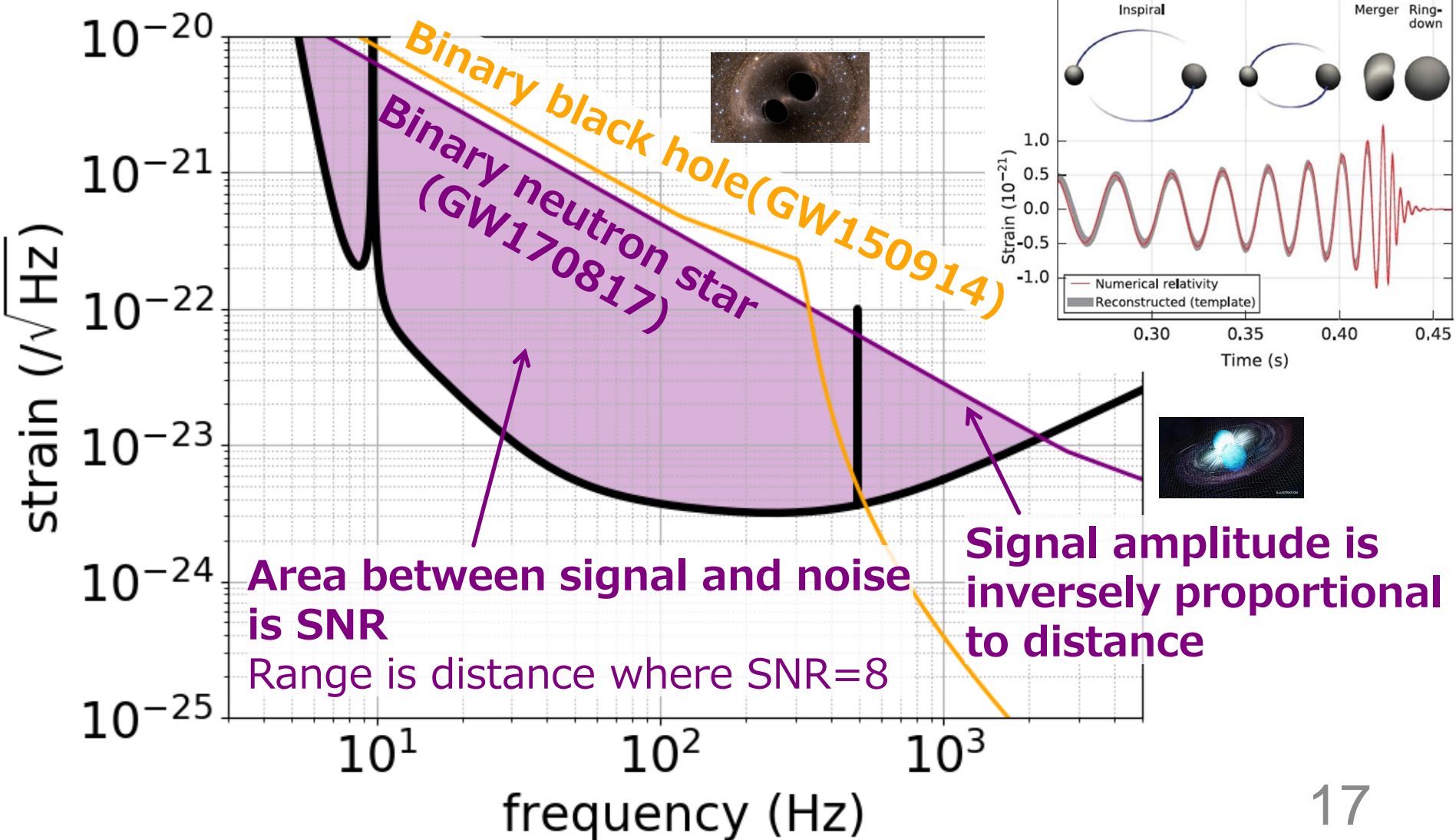


Global Network of GW Detectors



Inspiral Range

- x2 the sensitivity, x8 the detection rate

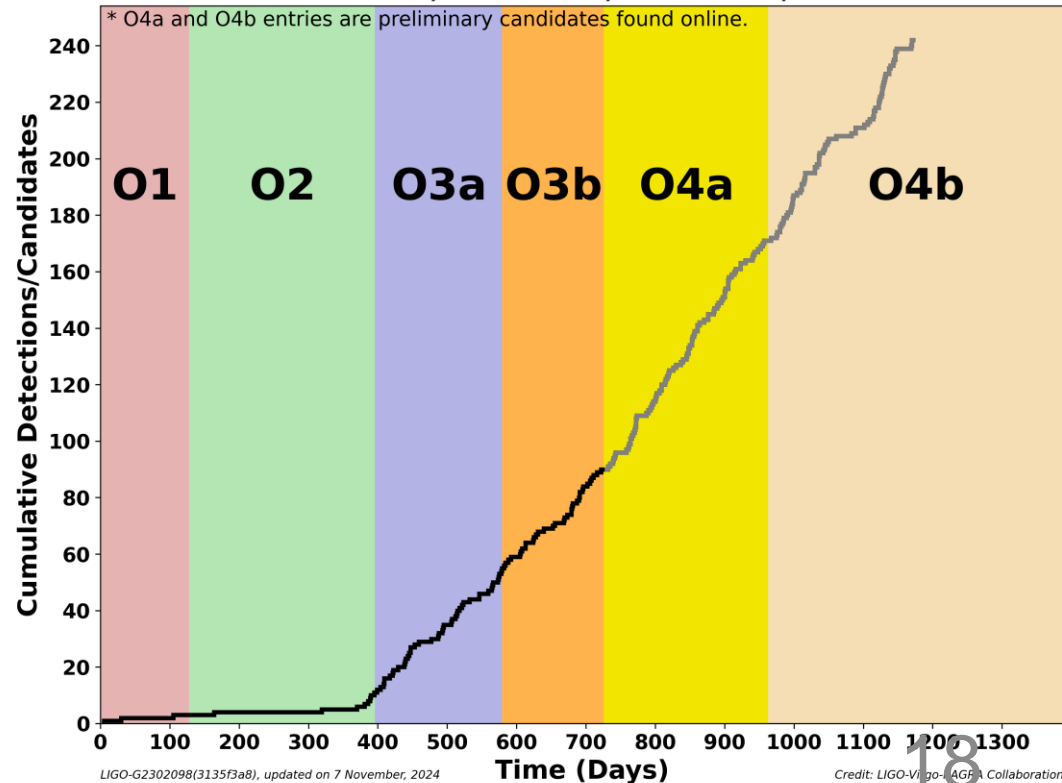


O4 Observing Run

- Started on May 24, 2024
- End on June 9, 2025 (planned)
- **More than 150 events** reported by LIGO and Virgo

[LIGO-G2302098](https://www.ligo.org/science/Gravitational-Wave-Observing-Runs/LIGO-G2302098)

O1+O2+O3 = 90, O4a* = 81, O4b* = 71, Total = 242

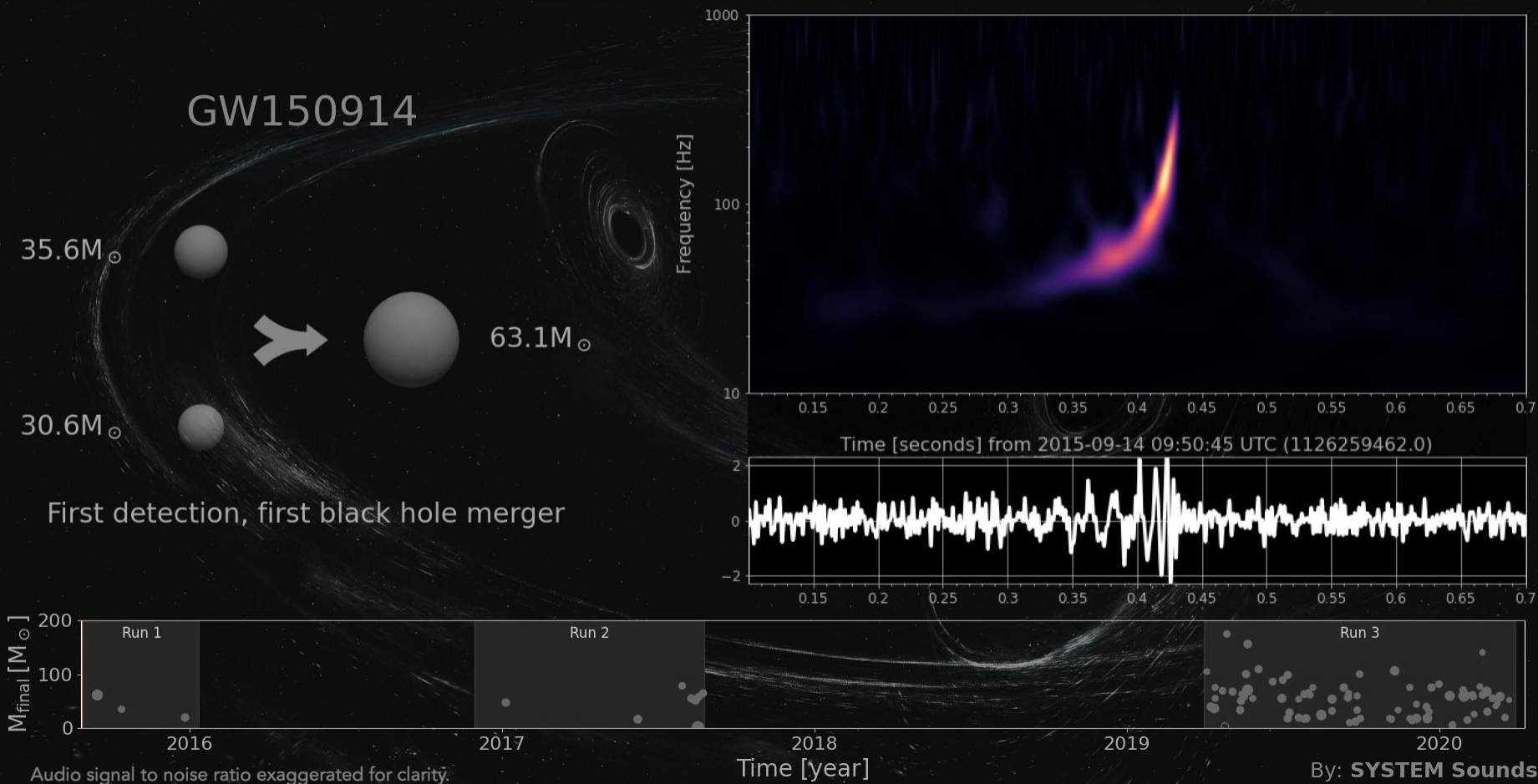


<https://apps.apple.com/jp/app/gravitational-wave-events/id1441897107>

Sound from Binary Coalescences

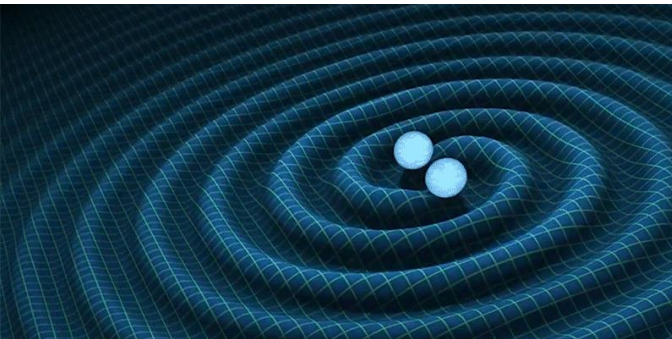
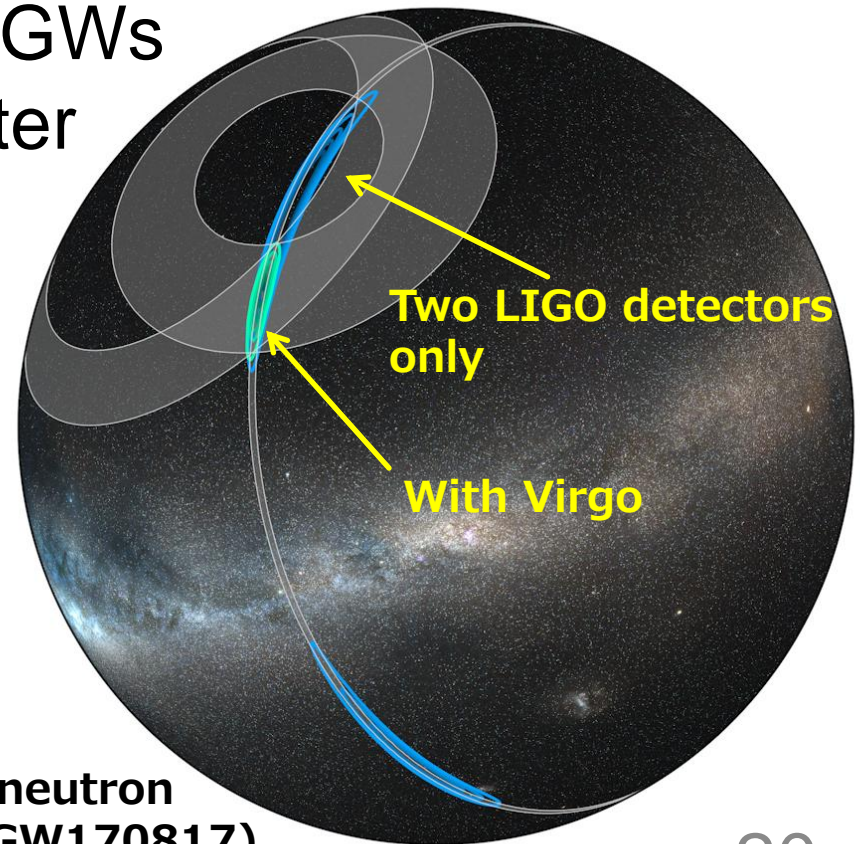
- Louder if closer, tone is higher if mass is lighter

SOUND OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES



Why Multiple Detectors?

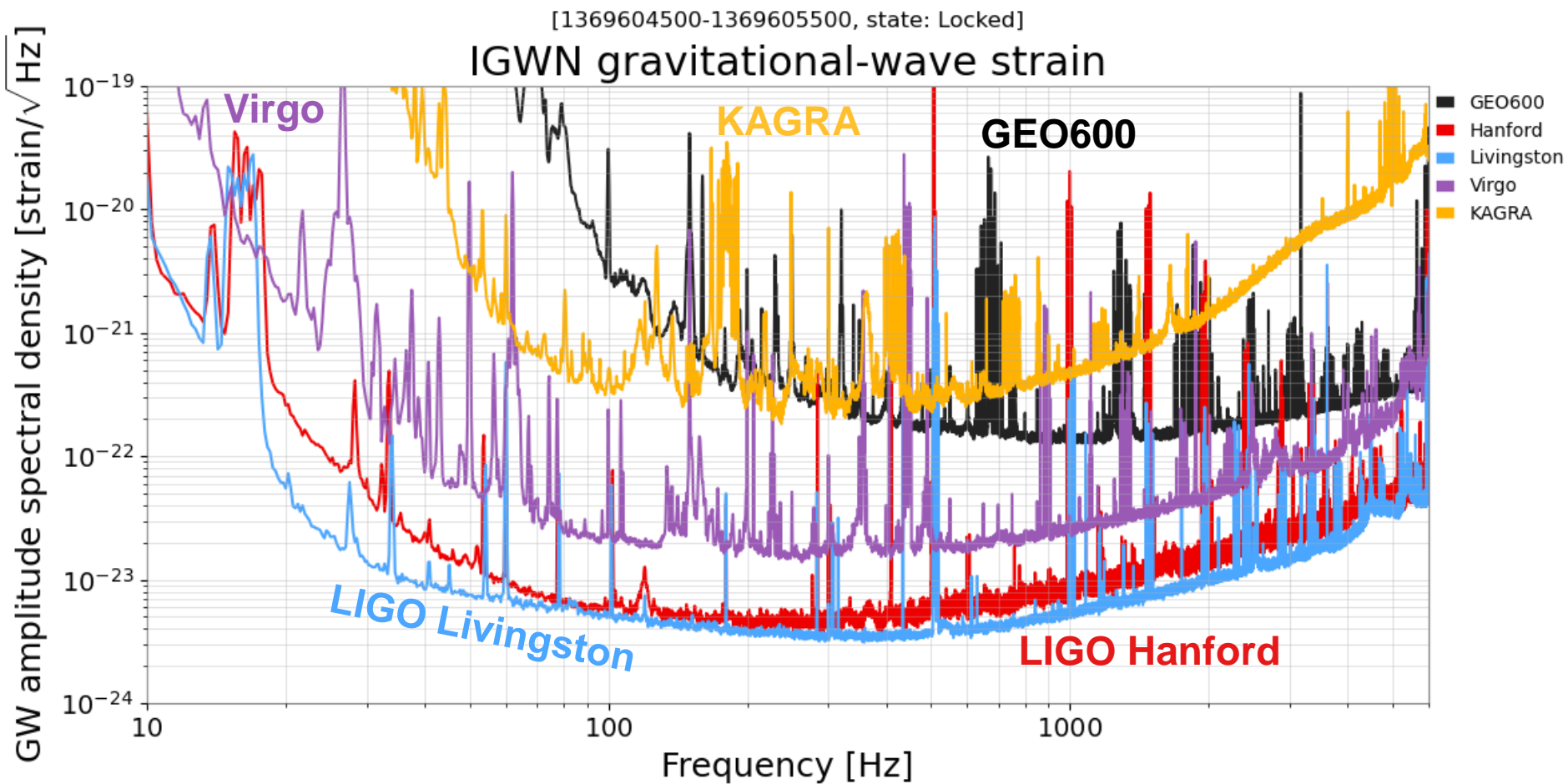
- Triangulation for **sky localization**
→ allows to look for electro-magnetic counterparts (hear and see the event)
- Measure **polarization** of GWs to estimate distance better
→ Hubble constant
- Look for non-standard GW polarizations to **test general relativity**



First binary neutron star event (GW170817)

Sensitivity Curves

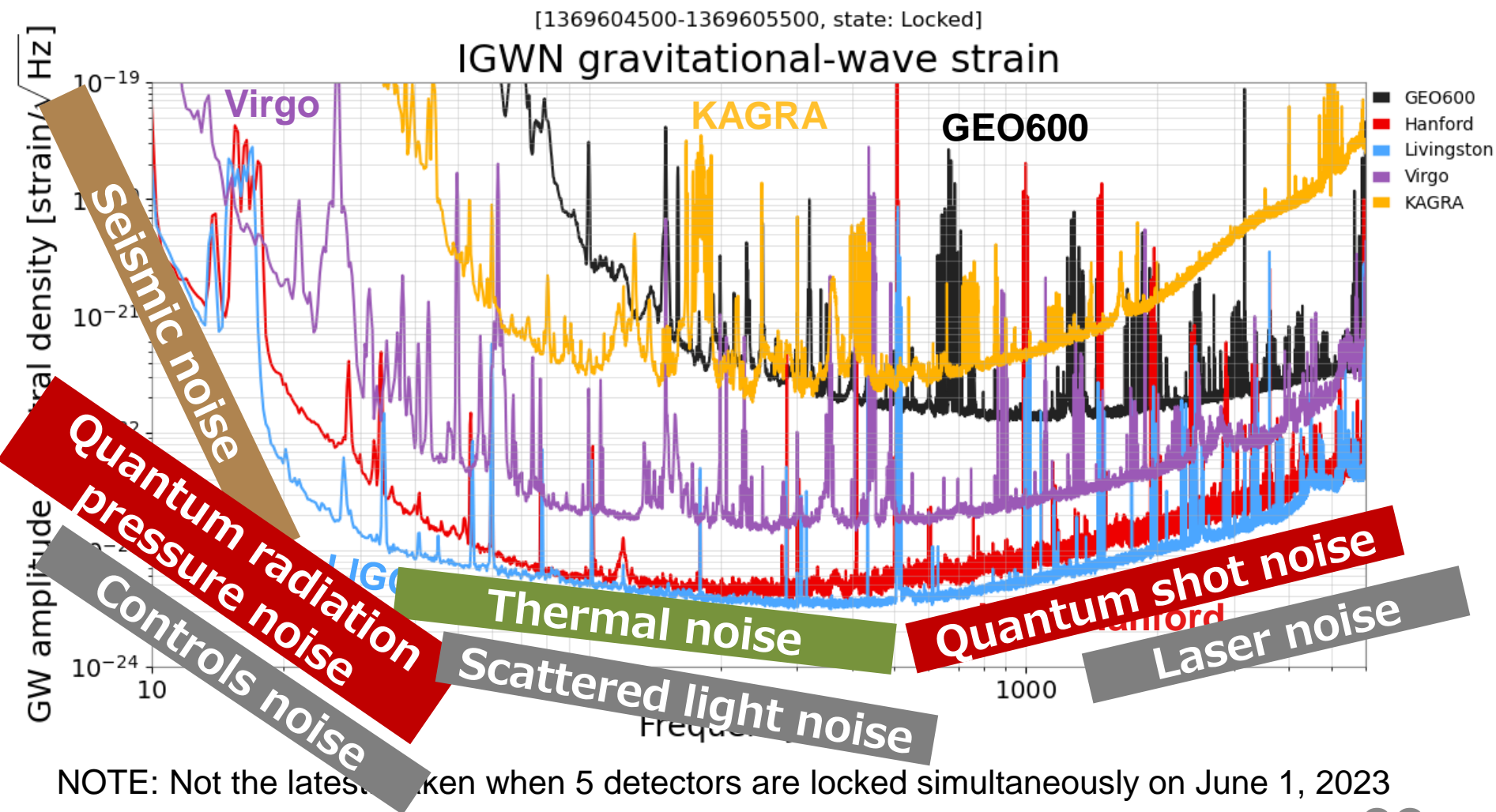
- Smaller the better in y-axis



NOTE: Not the latest. Taken when 5 detectors are locked simultaneously on June 1, 2023

Noise Sources

- Various noises limit the sensitivity

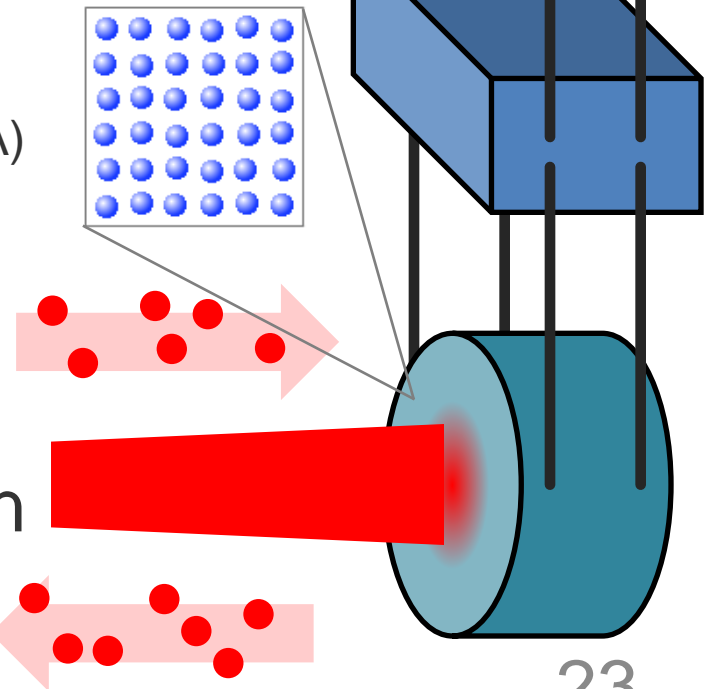


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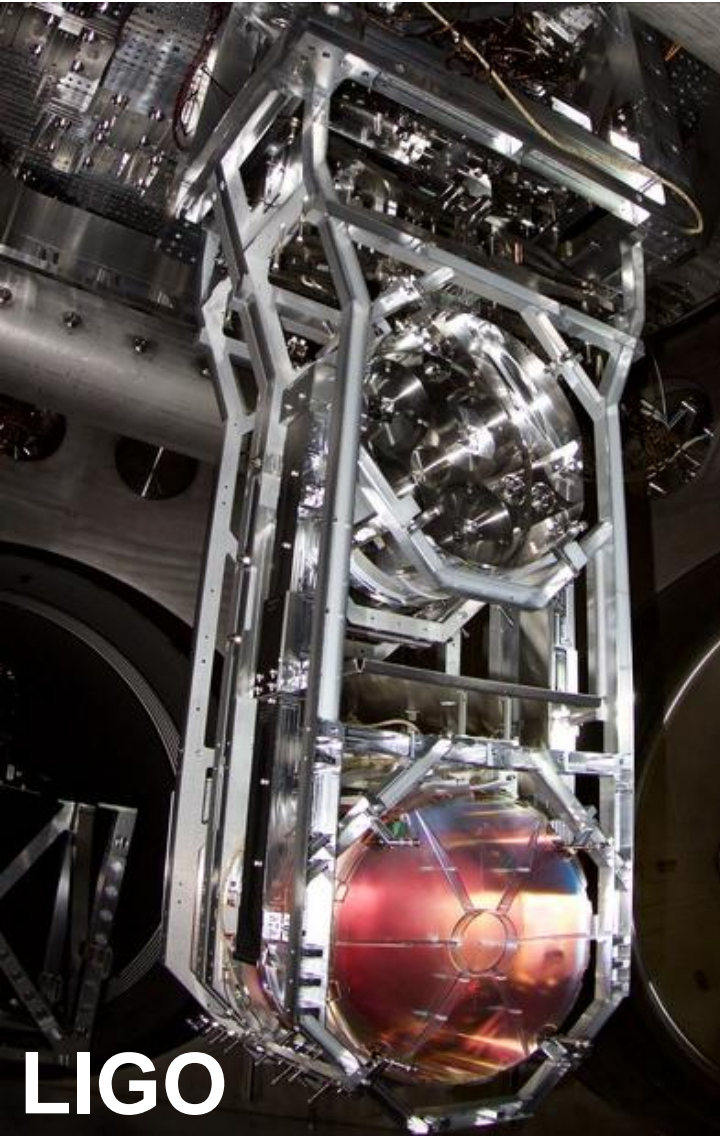
Reducing Noises

- **Seismic noise**
 - Multi-stage suspensions
 - Underground (only KAGRA)
- **Thermal noise**
 - Use materials with low dissipation
 - Larger beam size
 - Cryogenic cooling (only KAGRA)
- **Quantum noise**
 - Squeezing
 - Heavier mirrors
 - Interferometer configuration

- Larger is better $h = \frac{\delta L}{L}$

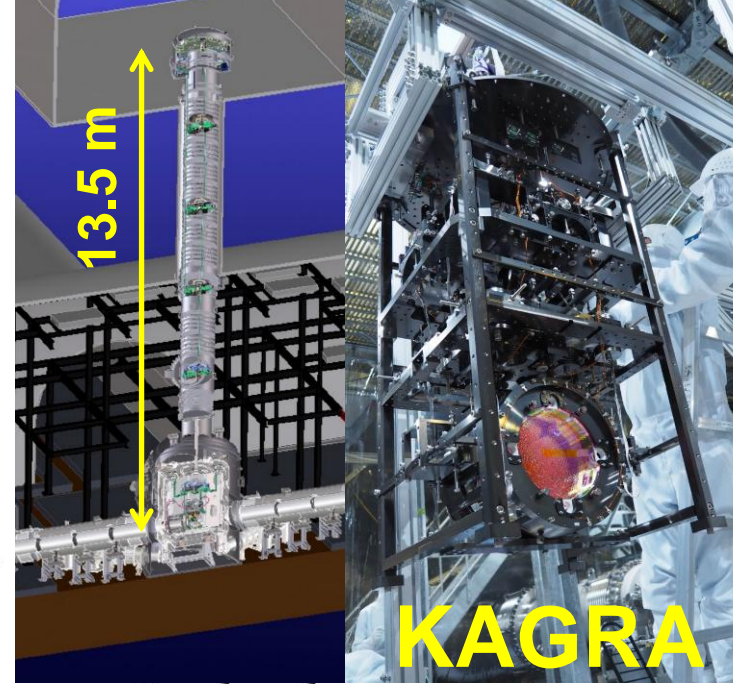
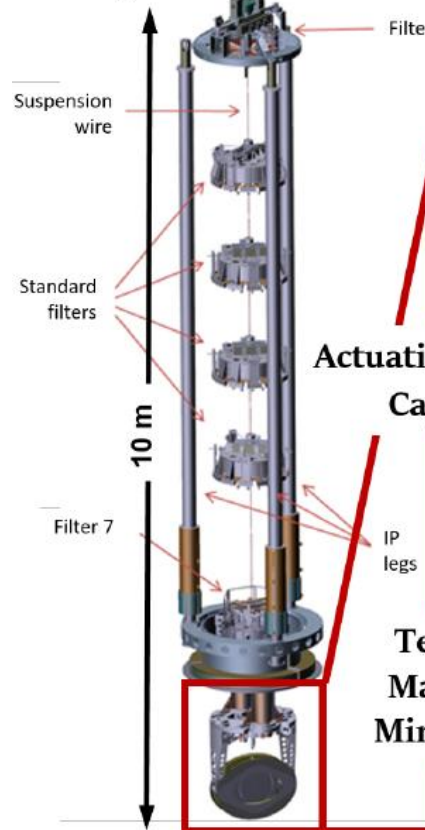


Vibration Isolation Systems



LIGO

Virgo Superattenuator



Payload

KAGRA

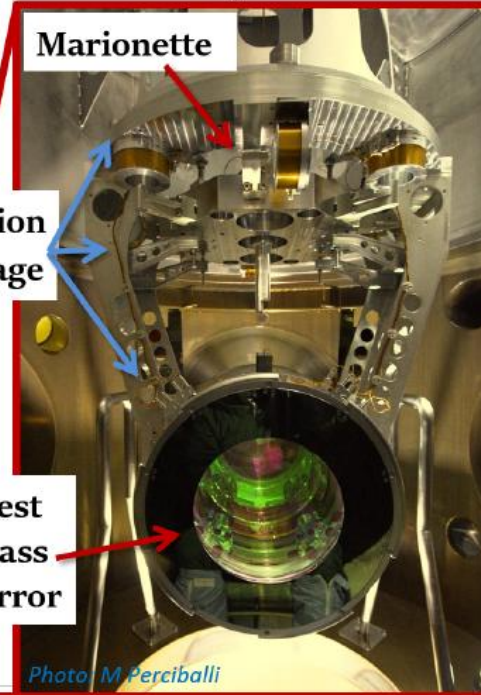
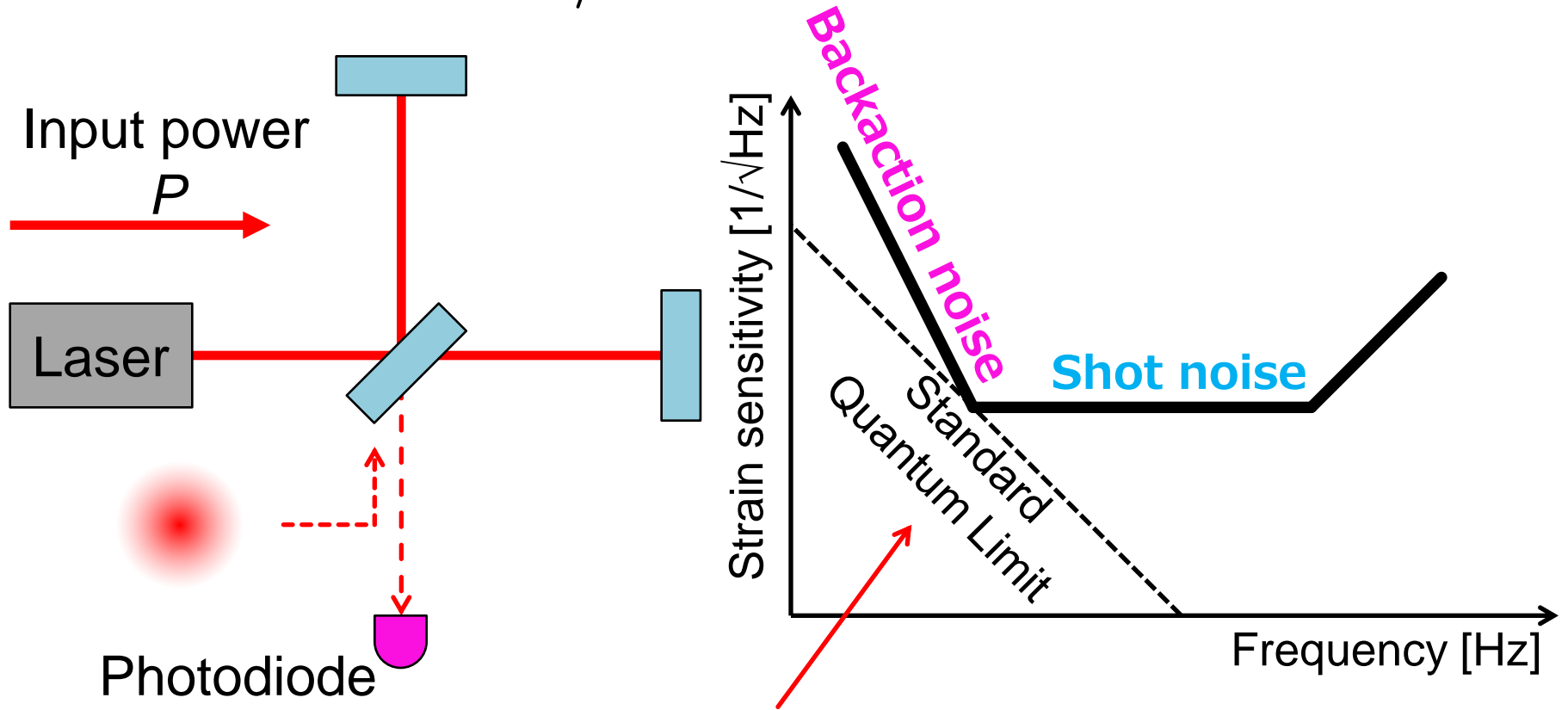


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Quantum Noise

- Shot noise $\propto 1/\sqrt{P}$, Backaction $\propto \sqrt{P}$

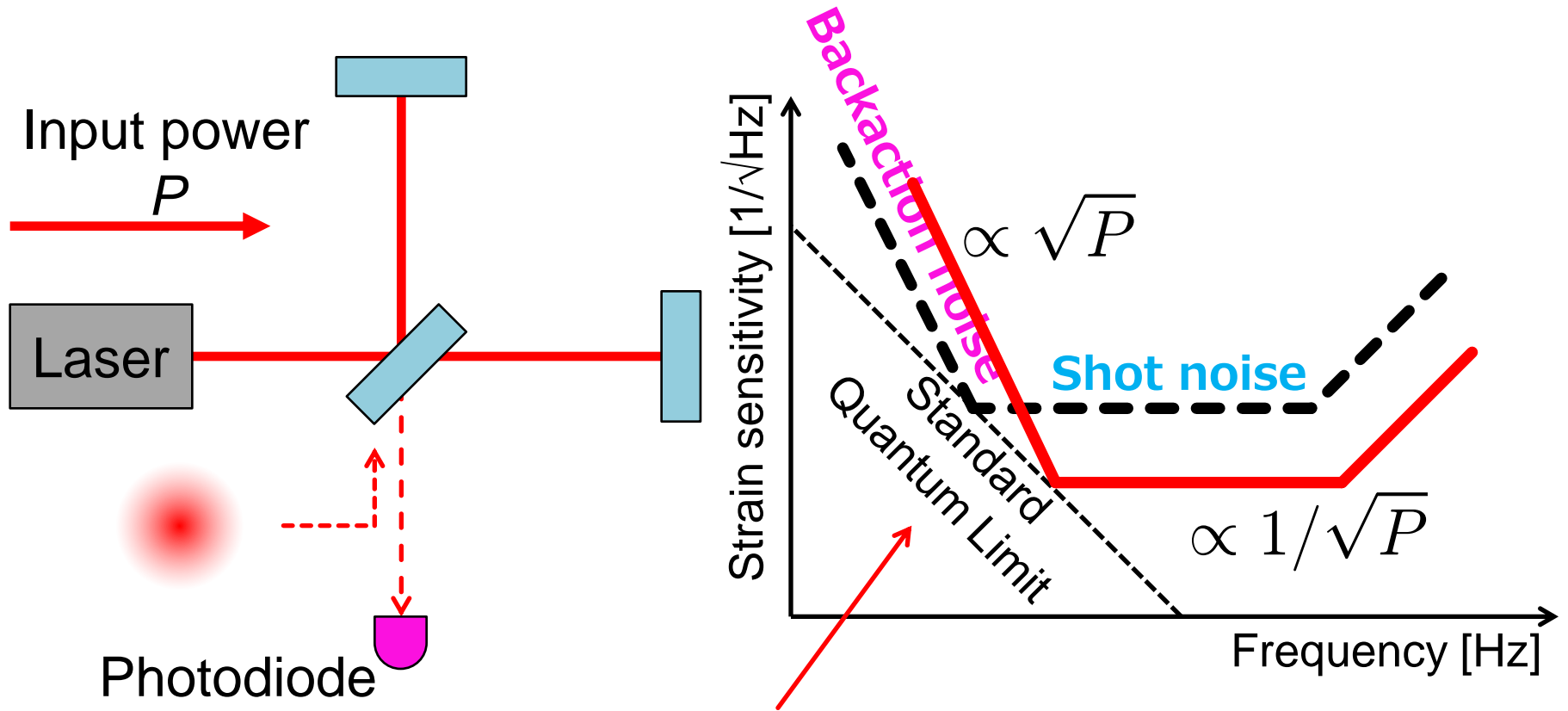


From Heisenberg's uncertainty principle

$$h_{\text{SQL}} = \sqrt{2h_{\text{shot}}h_{\text{rad}}} = \sqrt{\frac{4\hbar}{m\omega^2 L^2}}$$

Quantum Noise

- Cannot beat SQL just by changing the power

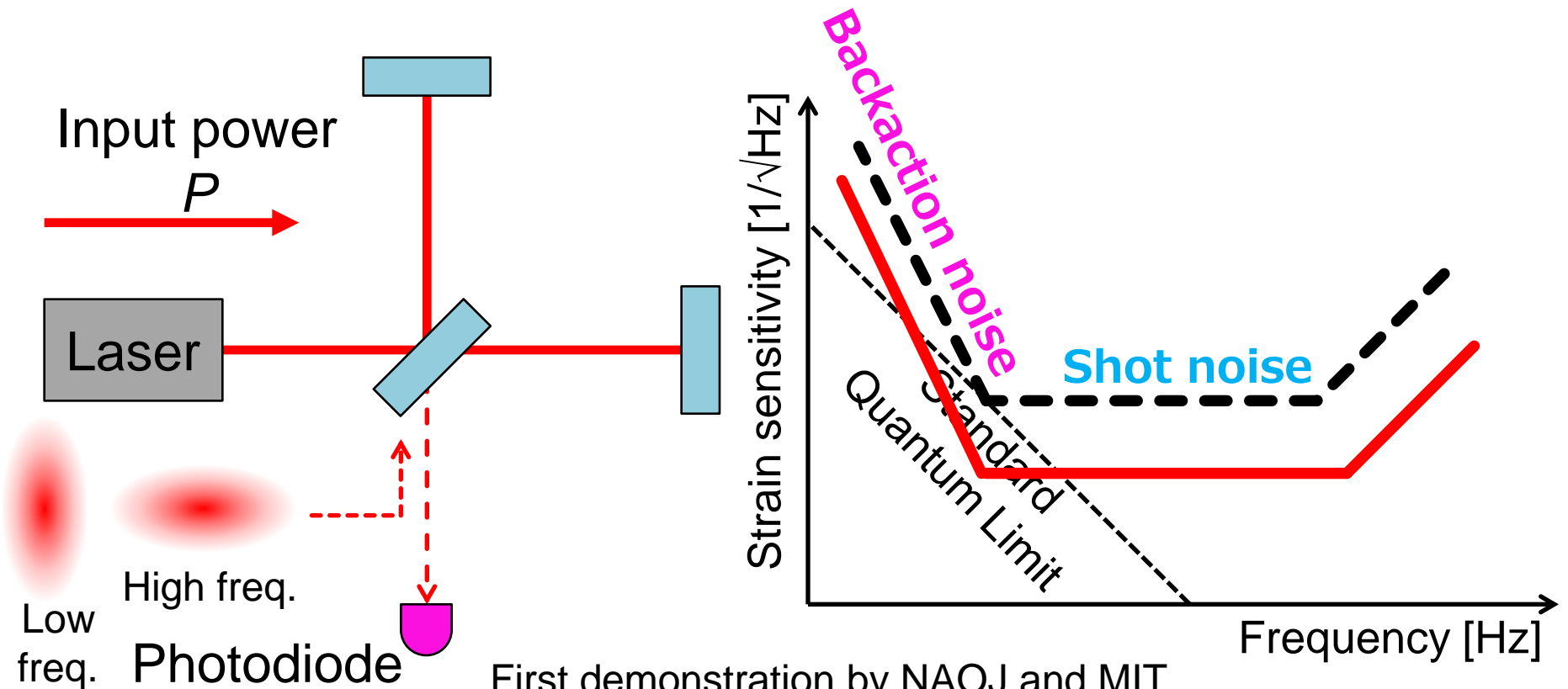


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Frequency Dependent Squeezing

- Can beat SQL



First demonstration by NAOJ and MIT

Y. Zhao+, [PRL 124, 171101 \(2020\)](#)

L. McCuller+, [PRL 124, 171102 \(2020\)](#)

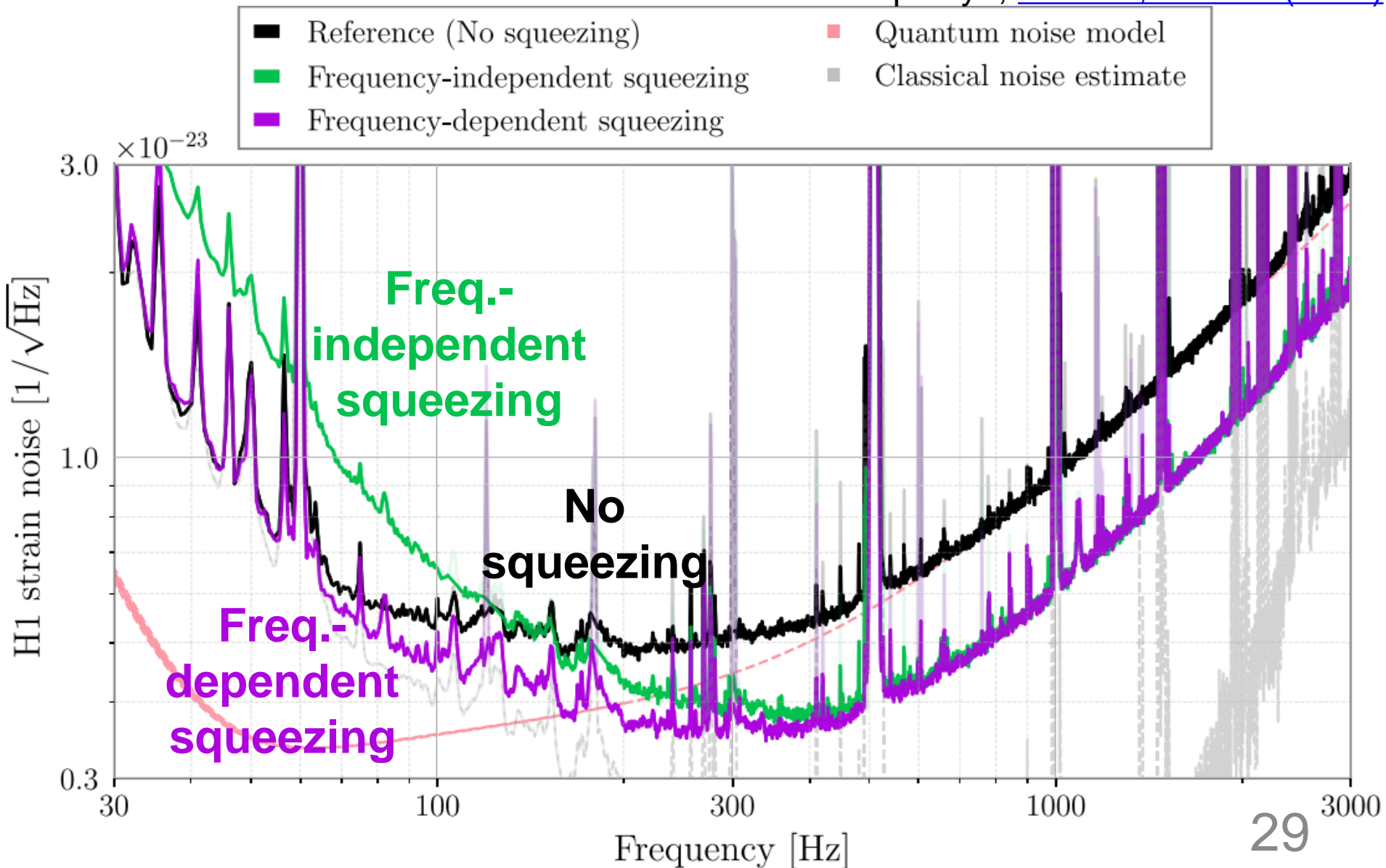
Already installed in LIGO and Virgo

D. Ganapathy+, [PRX 13, 041021 \(2023\)](#)

Virgo, [PRL 131, 041403 \(2023\)](#)

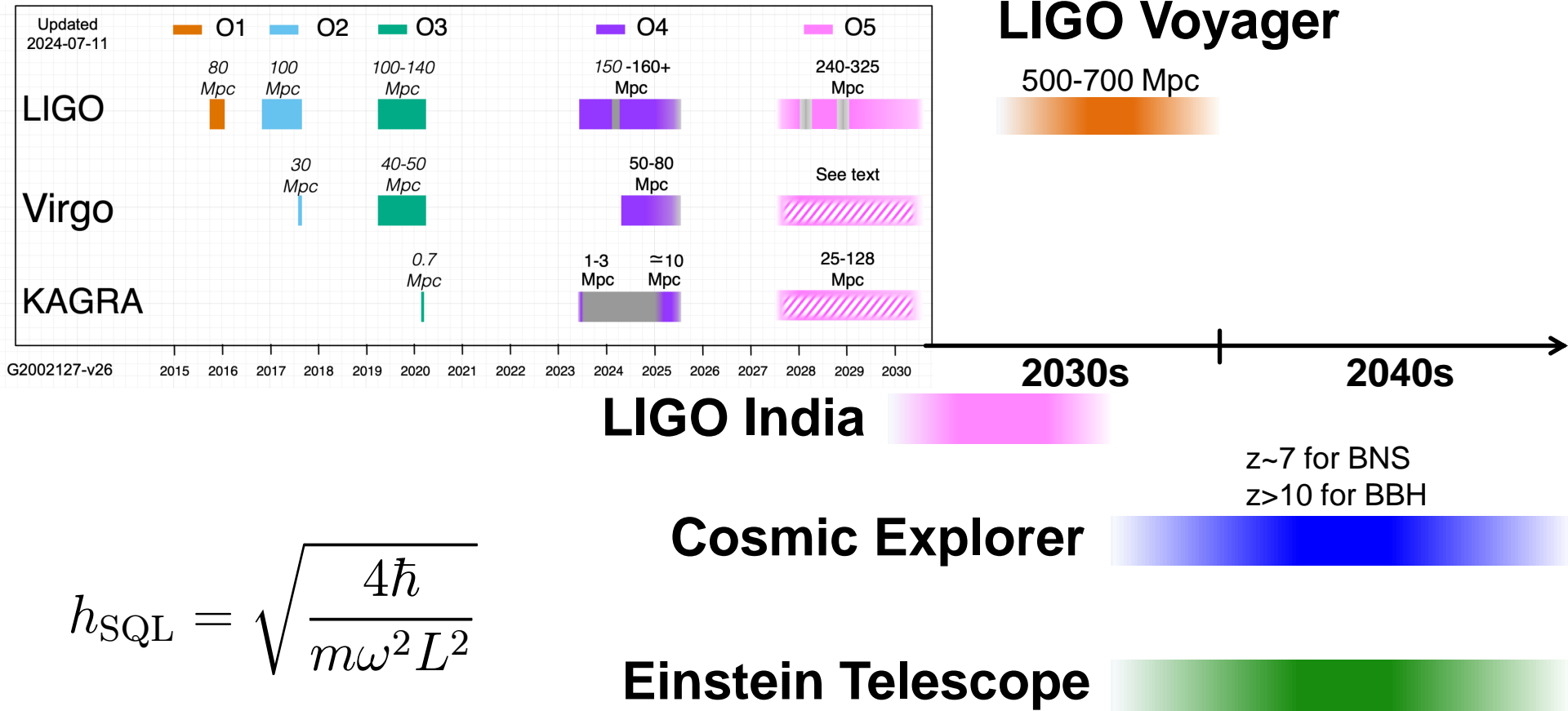
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Next Generation Detectors

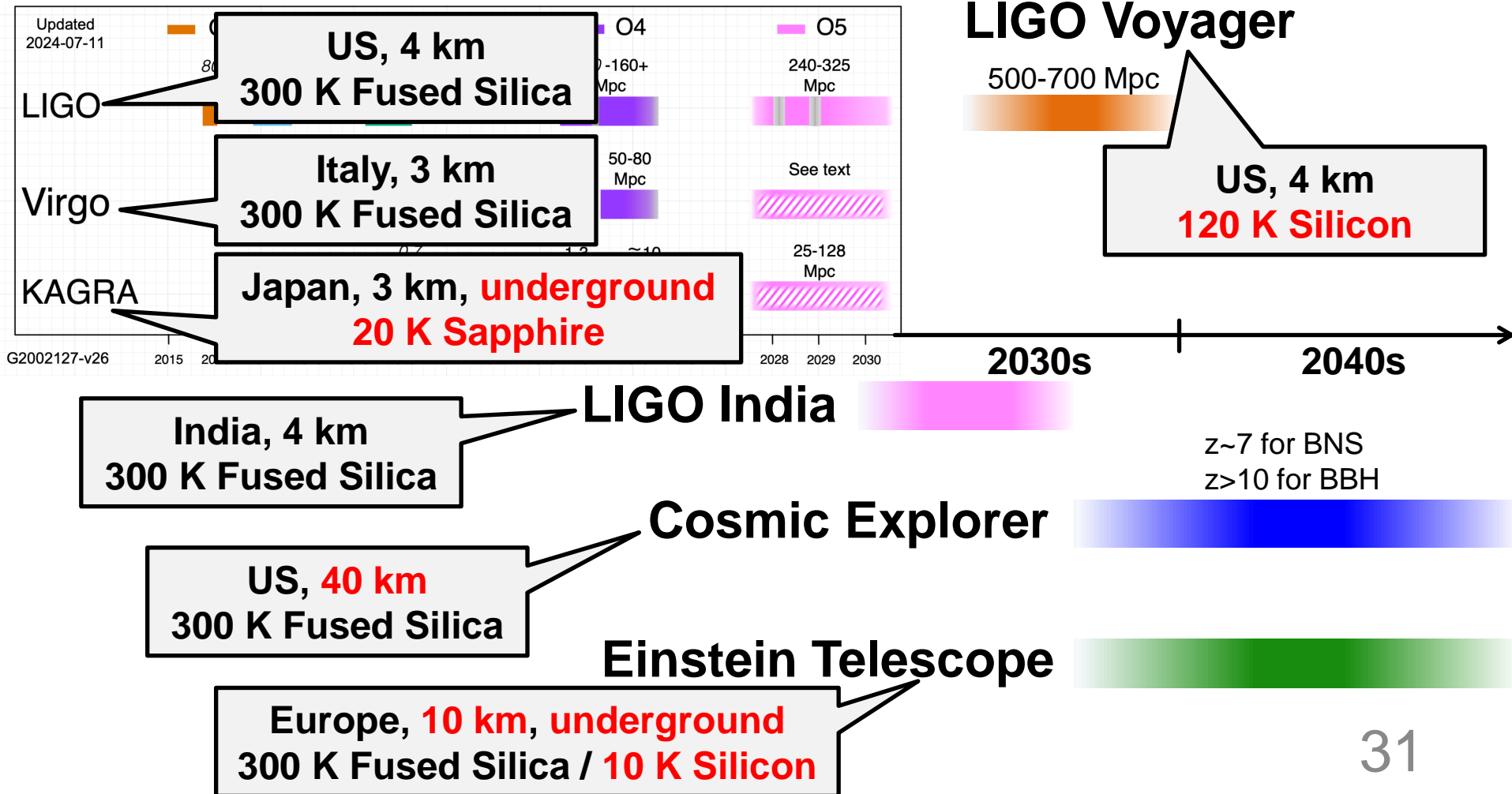
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- 10-40 km plans in the US and Europe



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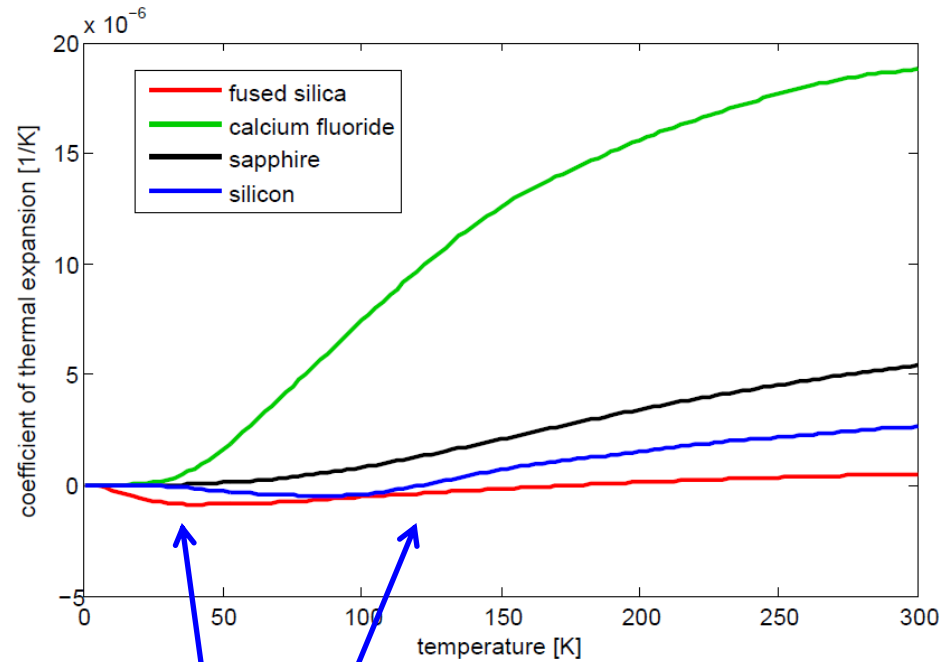
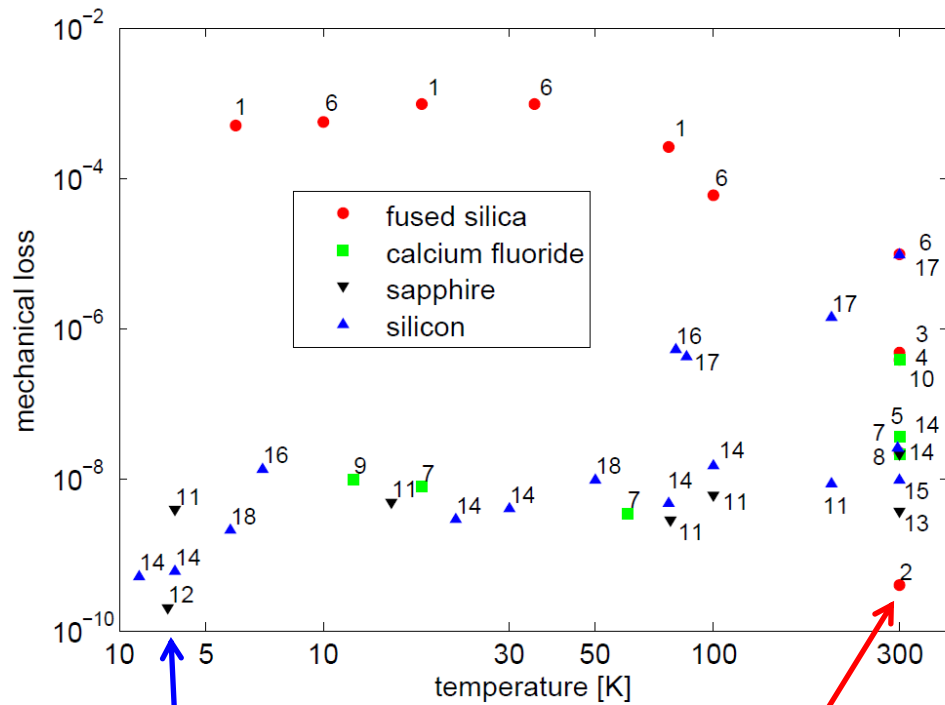
Why Different Mirror Materials?

- Thermal noise $\propto \sqrt{T\phi}$

Temperature

Mechanical loss angle
(temperature dependent)

[ET-027-09](#)



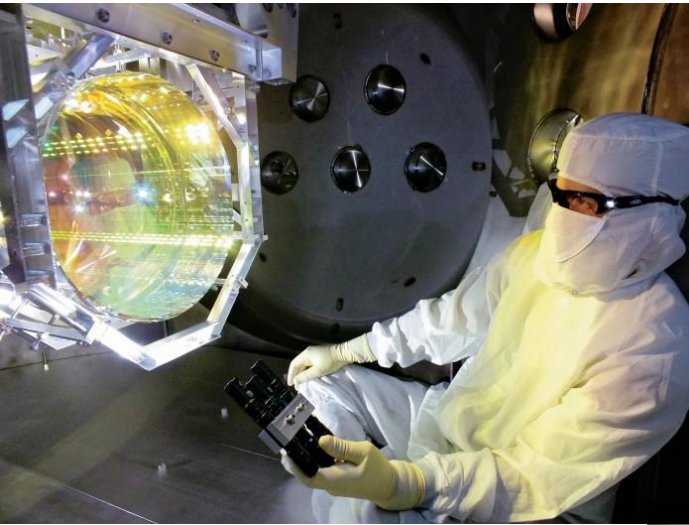
Sapphire / silicon
is good at
cryogenic temp.

Fused silica
is good at
room temp.

Silicon has zero
thermal expansion
at 18 K and 123 K

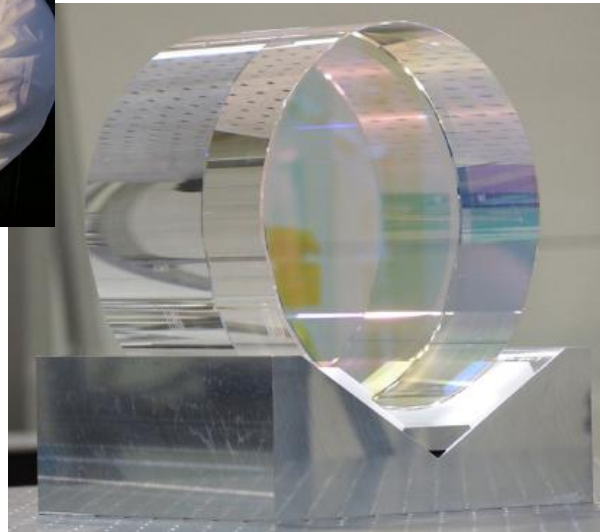
Different Wavelengths

- Different mirror materials require different laser wavelengths

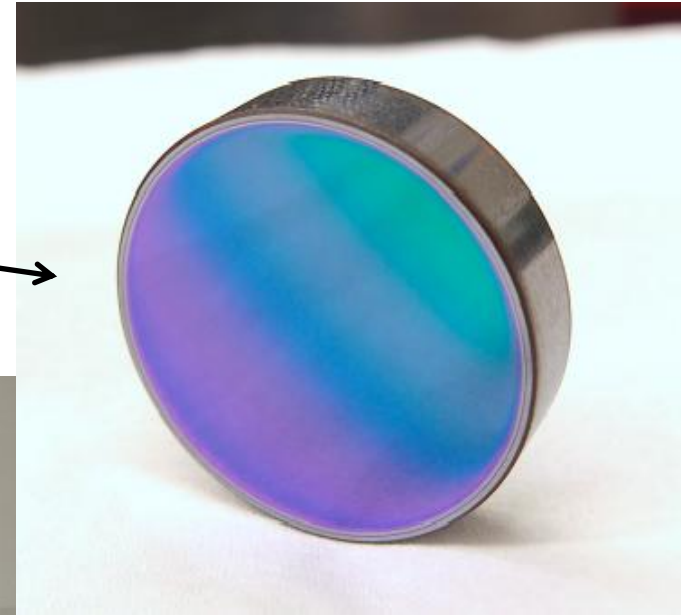


300 K Fused Silica
LIGO, Virgo,
Cosmic Explorer
@ 1064 nm

Amorphus
Crystalline



20 K Sapphire
KAGRA @ 1064 nm



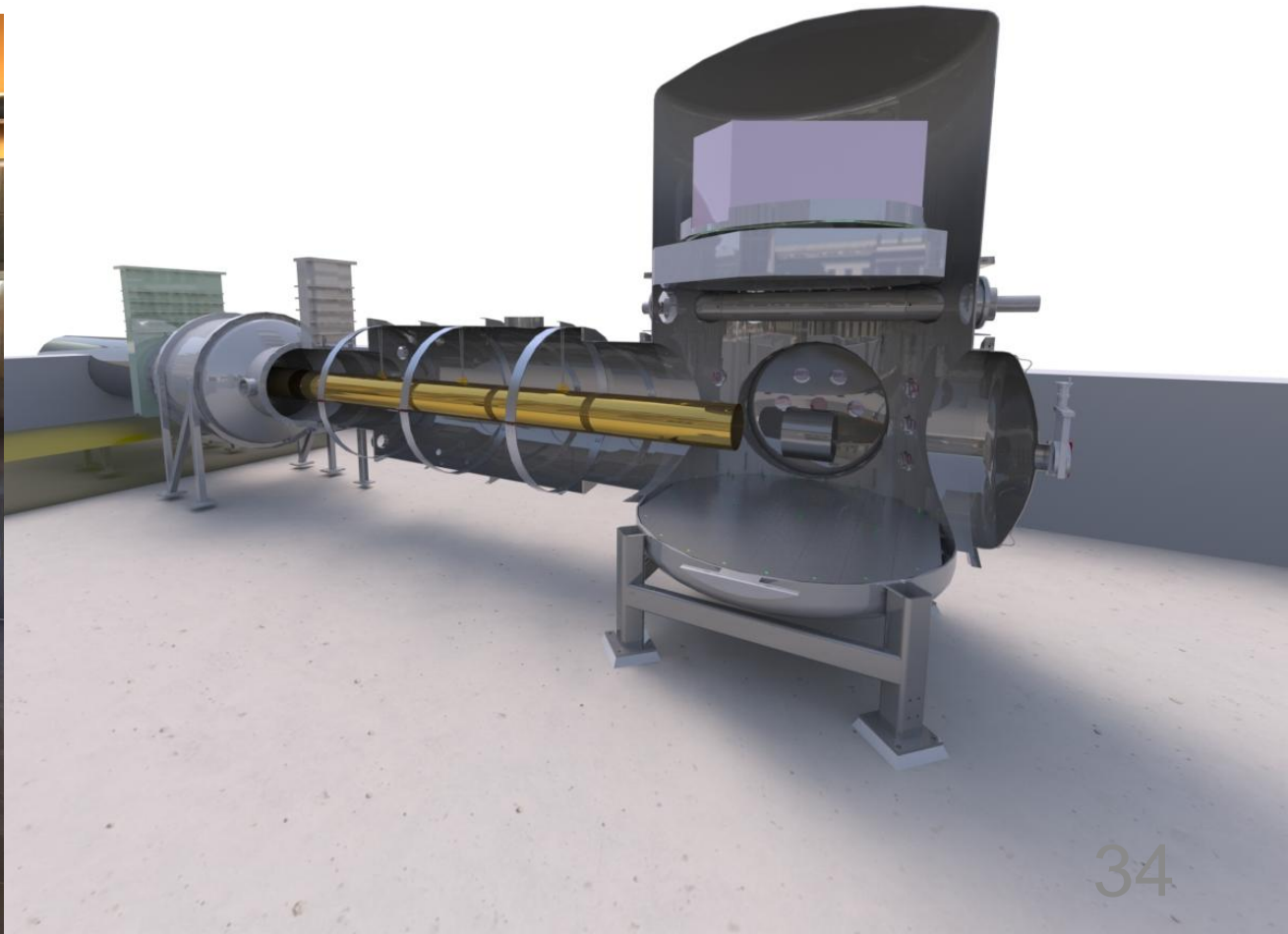
120 K Silicon
Voyager @ 2050 nm
10 K Silicon
Einstein Telescope
@ 1550 nm

LIGO Voyager

- Cryogenic upgrade to existing 4 km LIGO
- Intermediate step towards 10-40 km detectors



Magnetic CZ silicon
(commercially grown
up to 45 cm diameter)



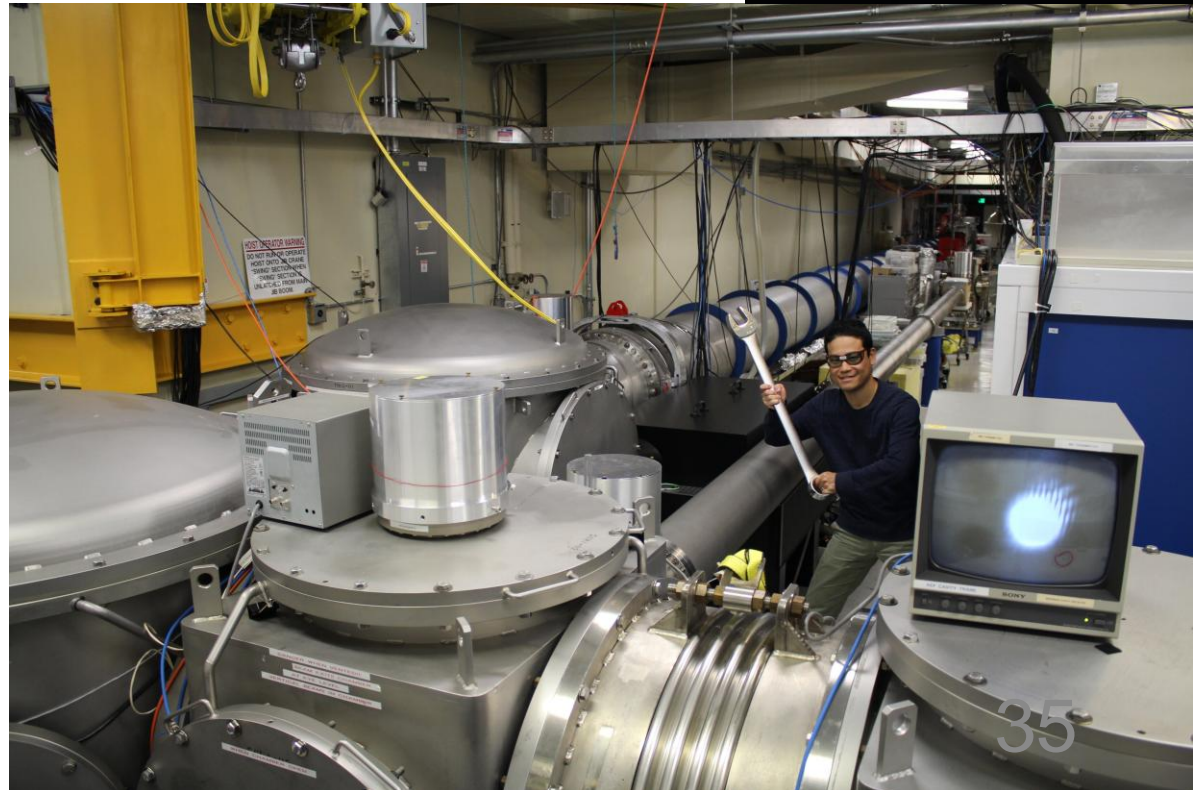
Mariner: 40m Voyager Prototype

- Prototyping key technologies:
 - Silicon test masses
 - Radiative cooling
 - 123 K operation
 - 2050 nm laser

Caltech

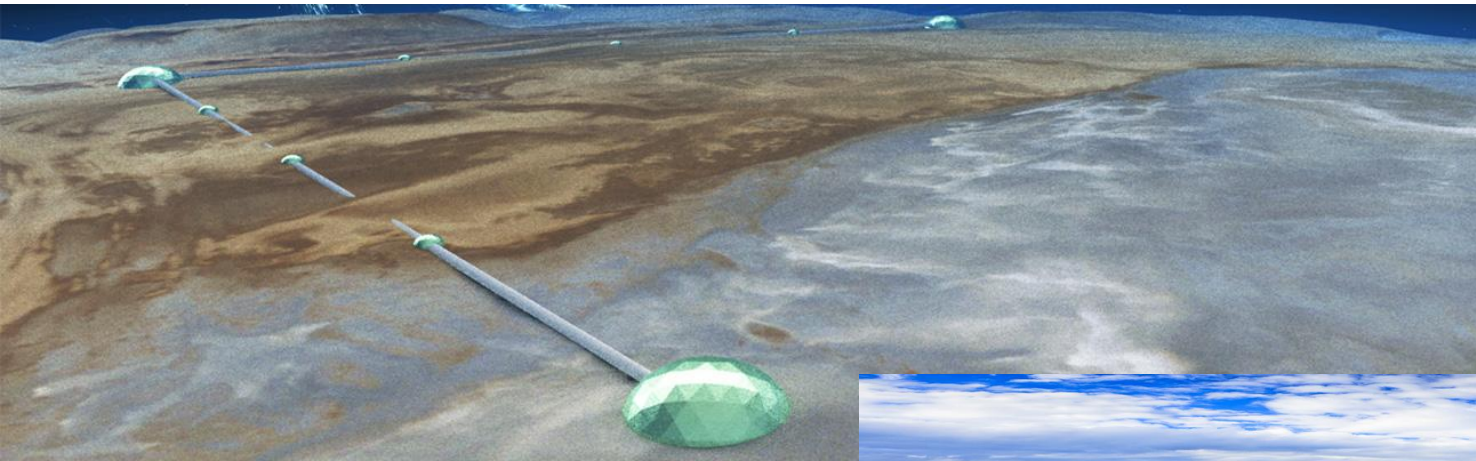


- To be installed
2025

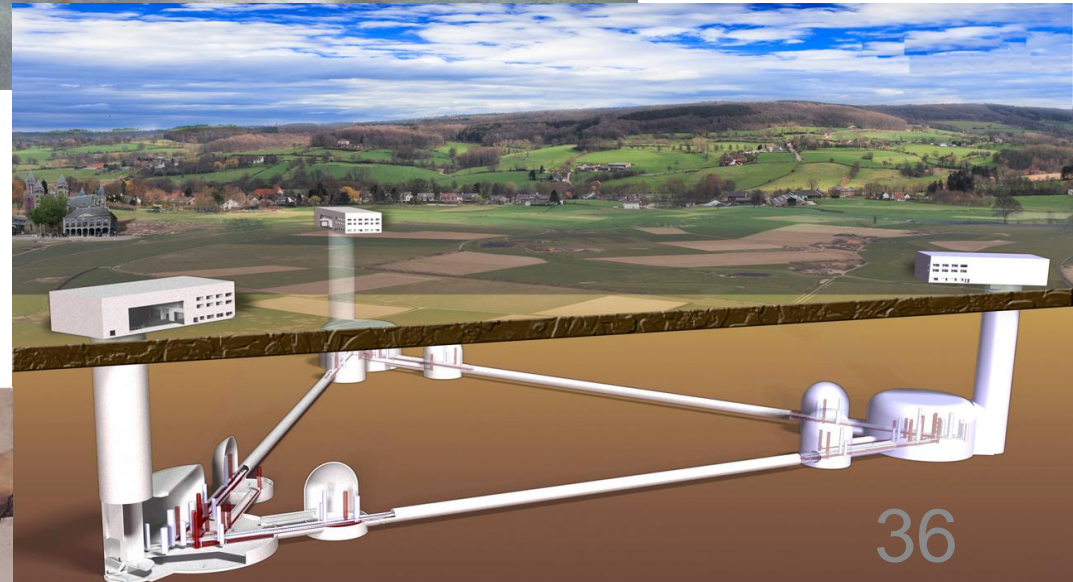


Cosmic Explorer / Einstein Telescope

- CE: 40 km, 300 K fused silica
- ET: 10 km, 300 K fused silica & 10 K silicon



**COSMIC
EXPLORER**

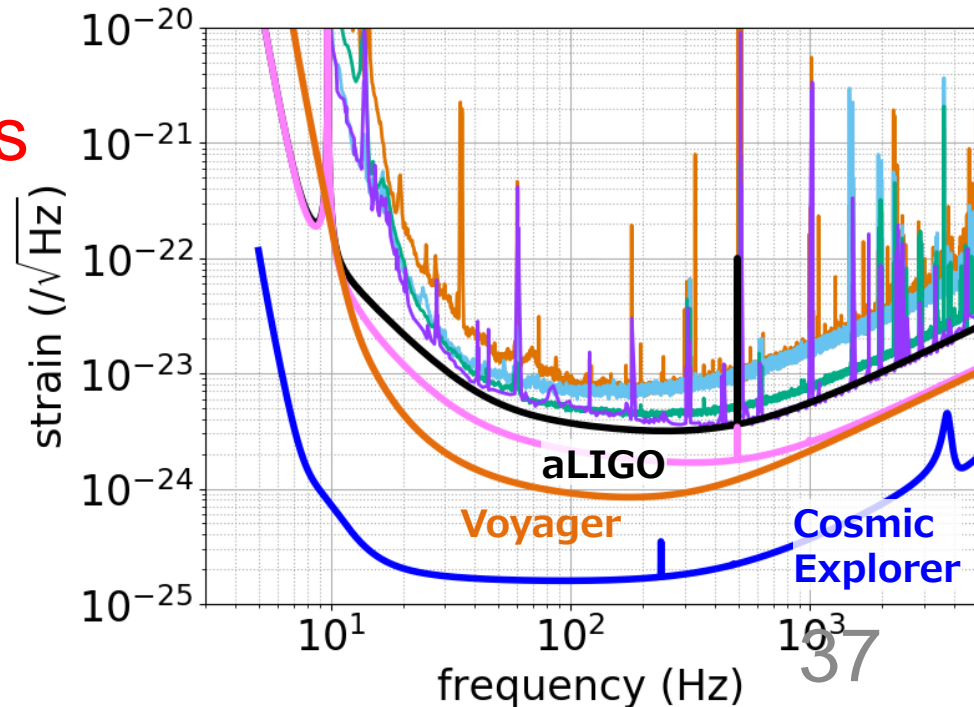


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TELESCOPE

Exciting R&Ds for Next Generations

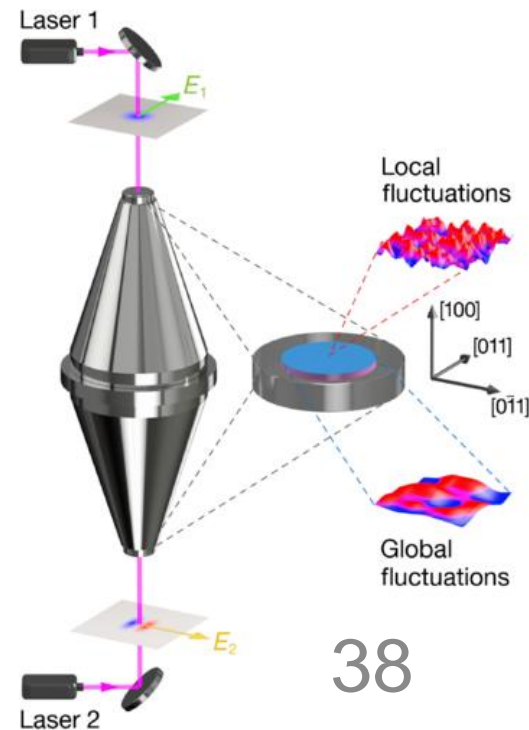
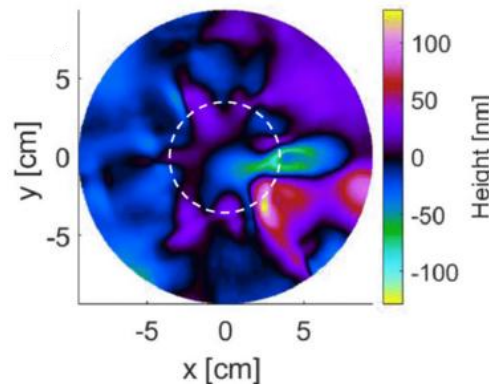
- Stable, high-power laser at **1.5-2 μm**
- High quantum efficiency photodiodes for 2 μm
- **Large silicon** mirror (φ 45 cm, 200 kg)
 - Low **birefringence**
 - Low absorption
- Low thermal noise
high-reflective coatings
- **Suspensions** for large mirrors
- **High power** handling

... and more



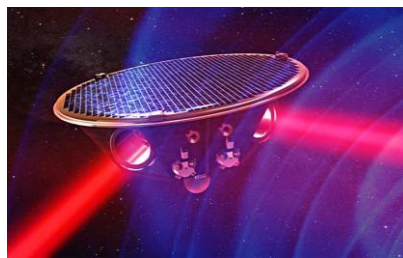
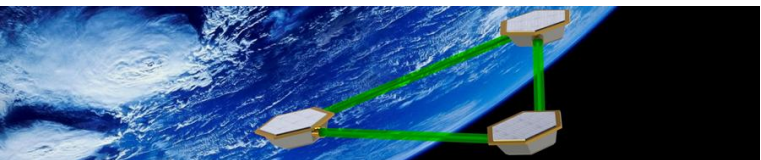
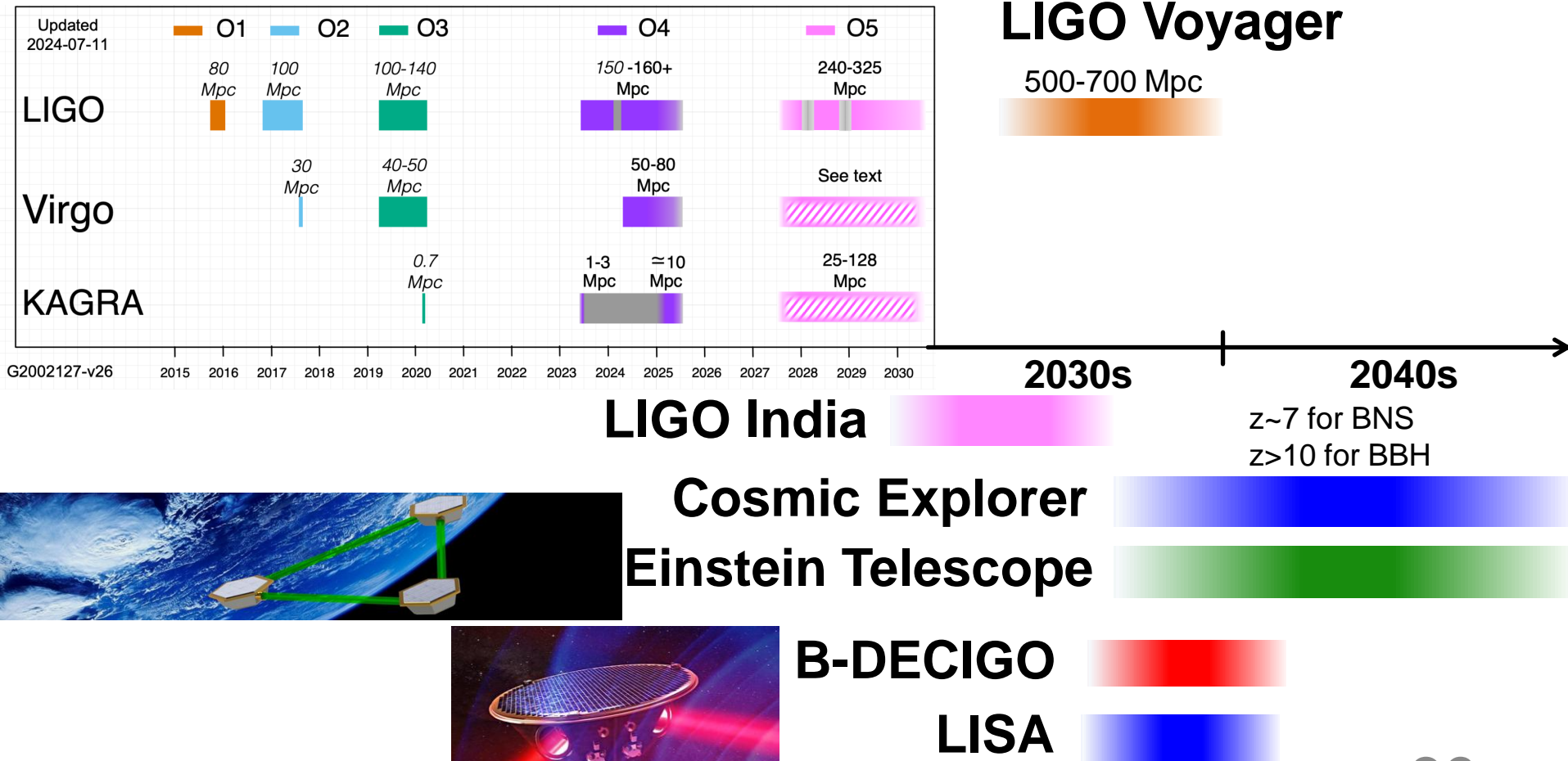
Birefringence and Its Fluctuations

- Birefringence ($\Delta n \sim 10^{-7}$ for silicon) needs to be small for reducing optical losses
- **Birefringence fluctuations** will also be additional phase noise ($\delta(\Delta n) < 10^{-15} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$) YM+, [PRD 109, 022009 \(2024\)](#)
- Excess birefringence noise reported by PTB/JILA
J. Yu+, [PRX 13, 041002 \(2023\)](#)
- **Inhomogeneous birefringence** experiences from KAGRA sapphire
H. Wang, ... , YM, [PRD 110, 082007 \(2024\)](#)
- Active research ongoing to study their effects and mitigation schemes



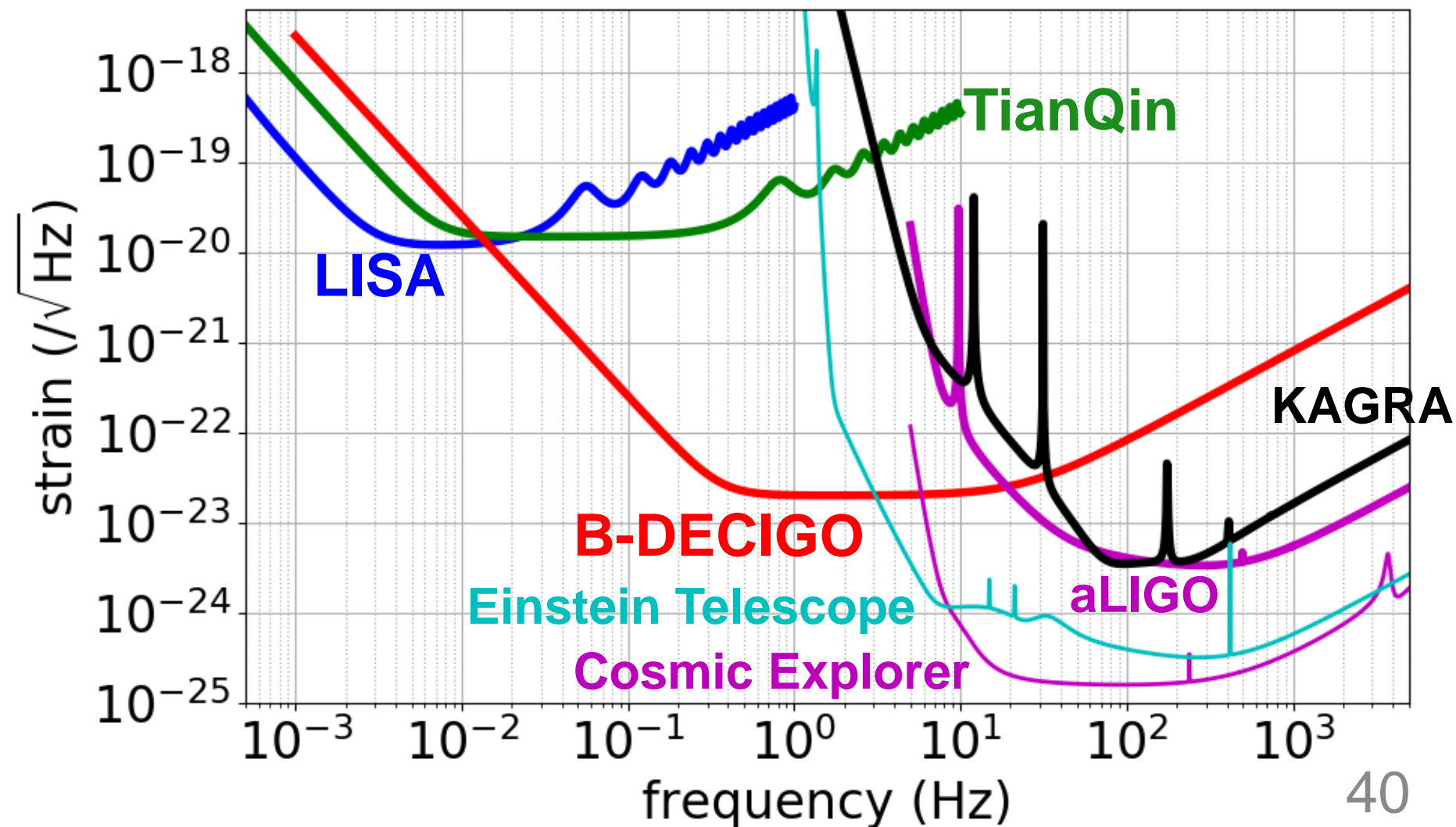
Space-Based Detectors in 2030s

- Aiming **below 10 Hz** which is inaccessible with ground-based detectors (no seismic noise)

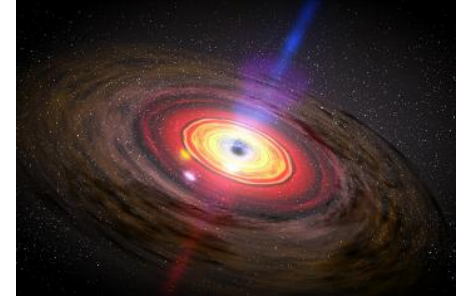


Space-Based Detectors: Sensitivity

- LISA at 1-10 mHz, DECIGO at 0.1-1 Hz

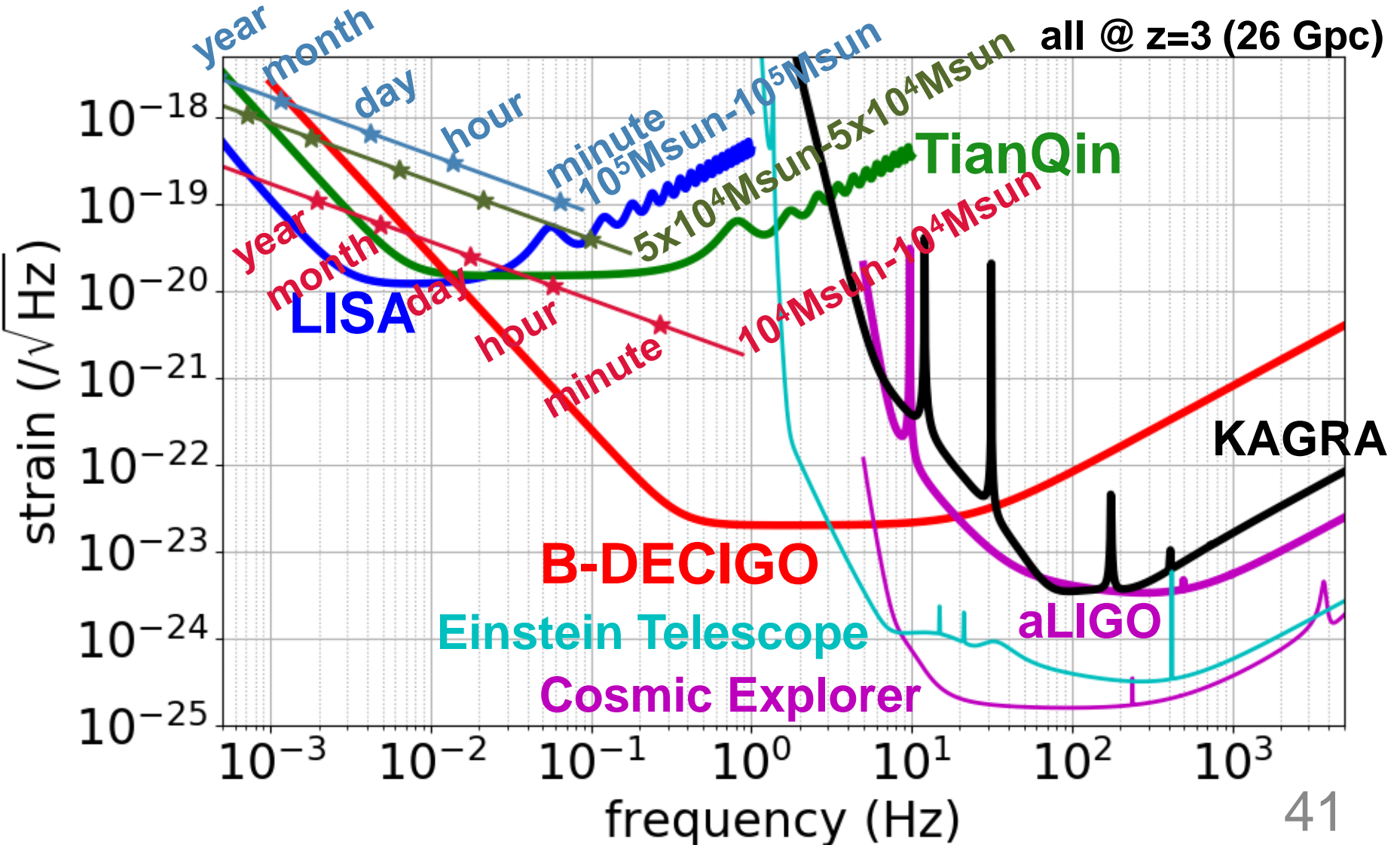


Super Massive Blackholes



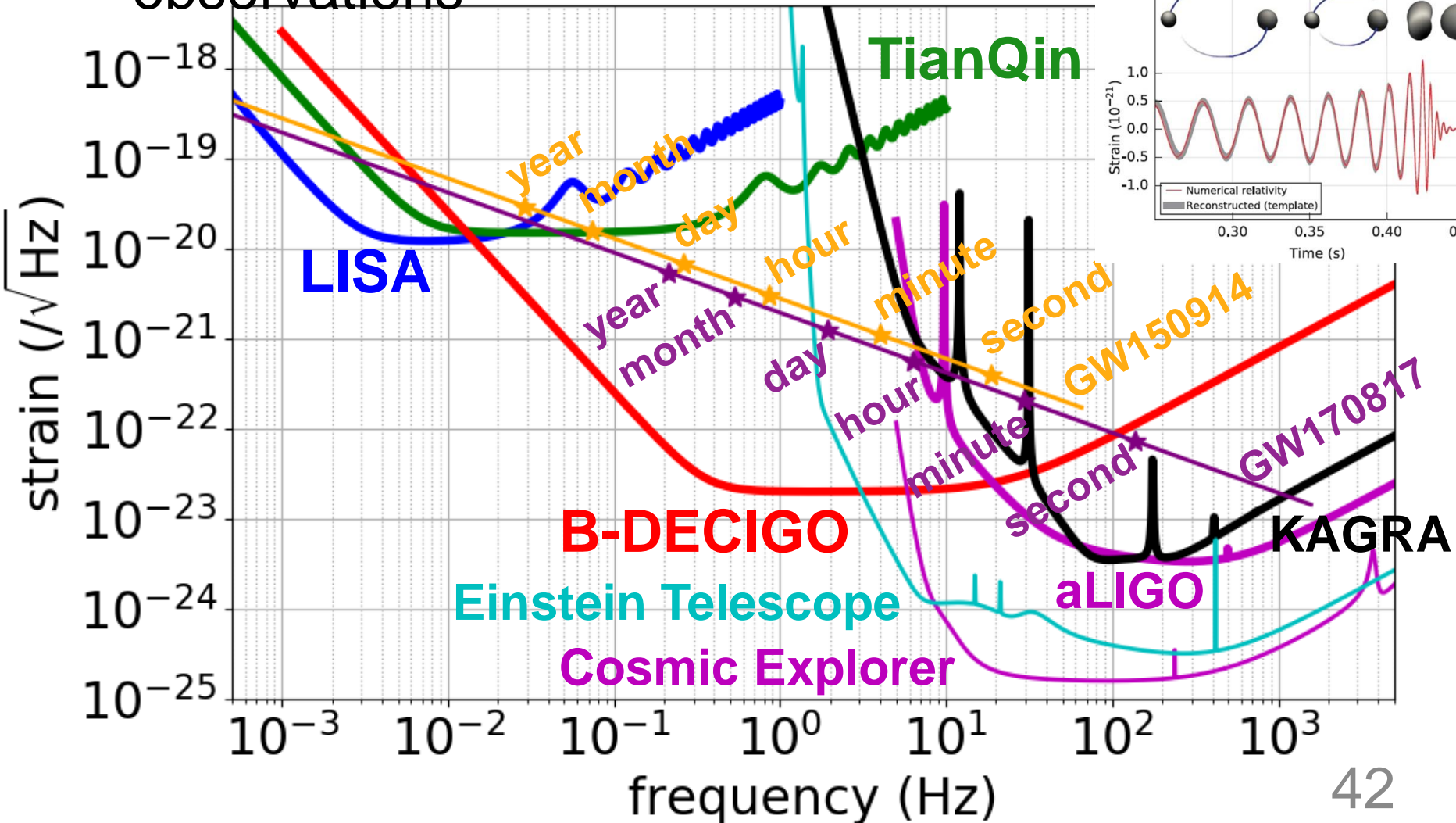
- LISA observes SMBH binaries

all @ z=3 (26 Gpc)



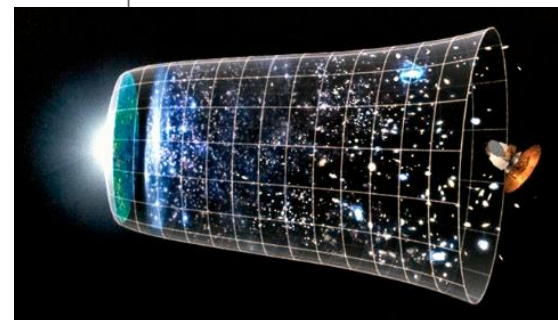
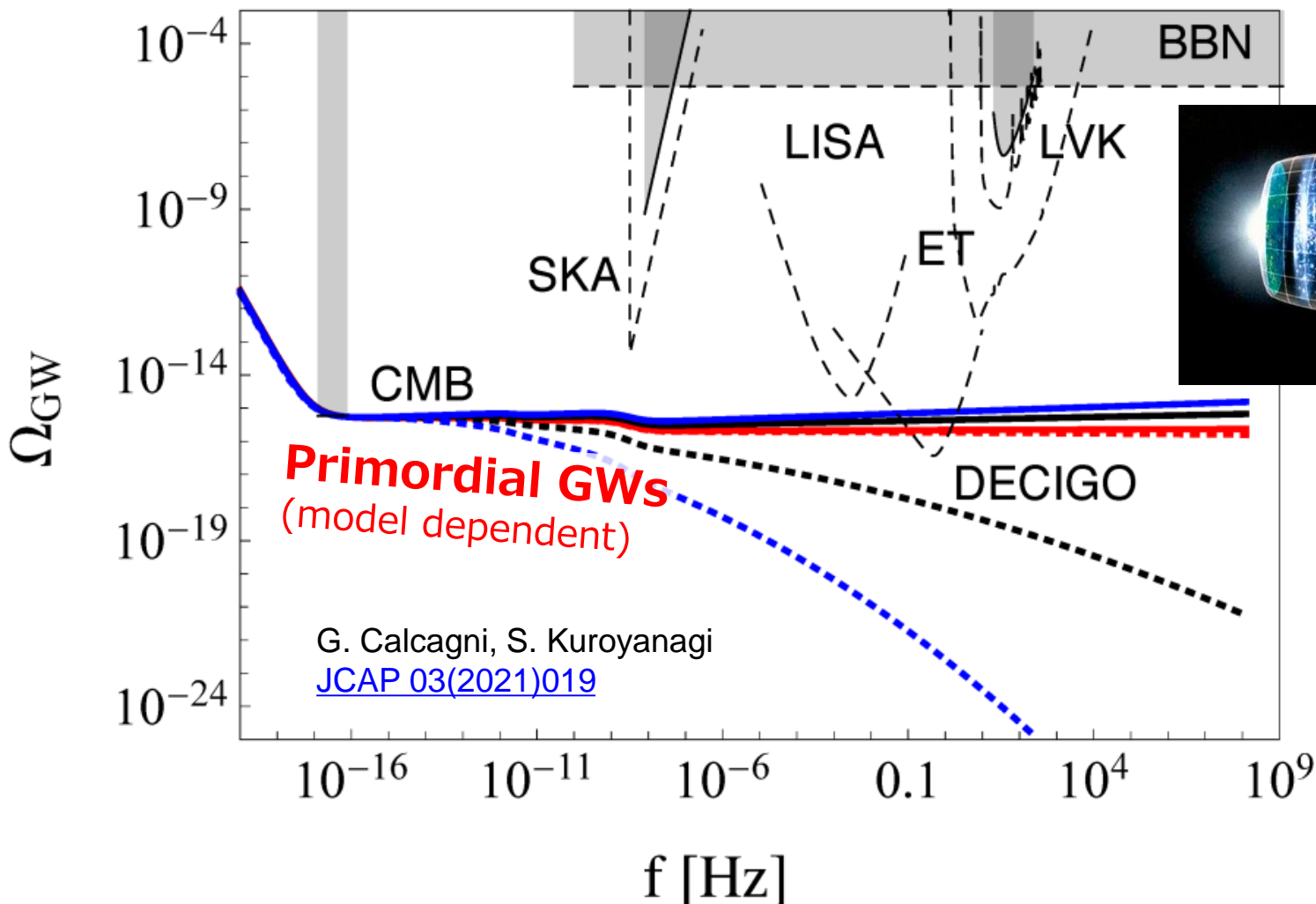
Multi-band Observations

- DECIGO can **predict merger time** for follow up observations



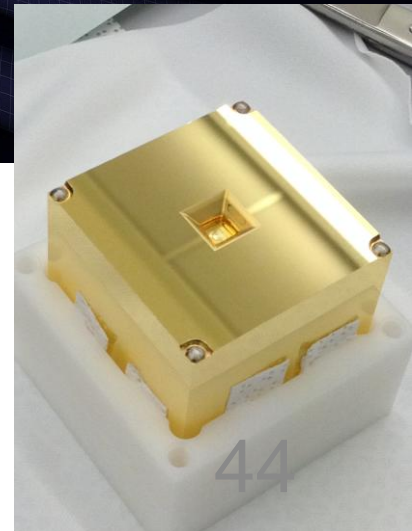
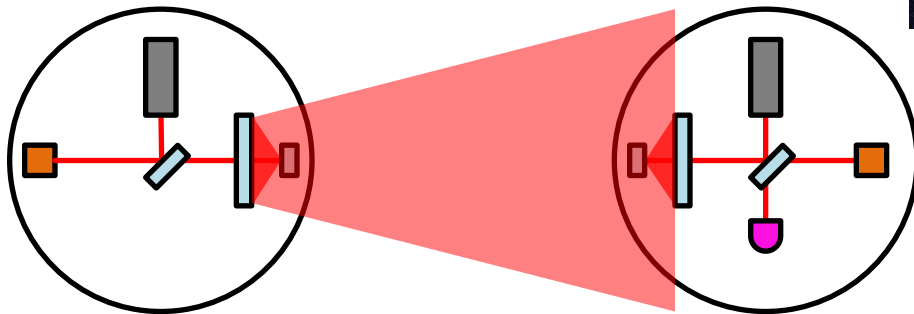
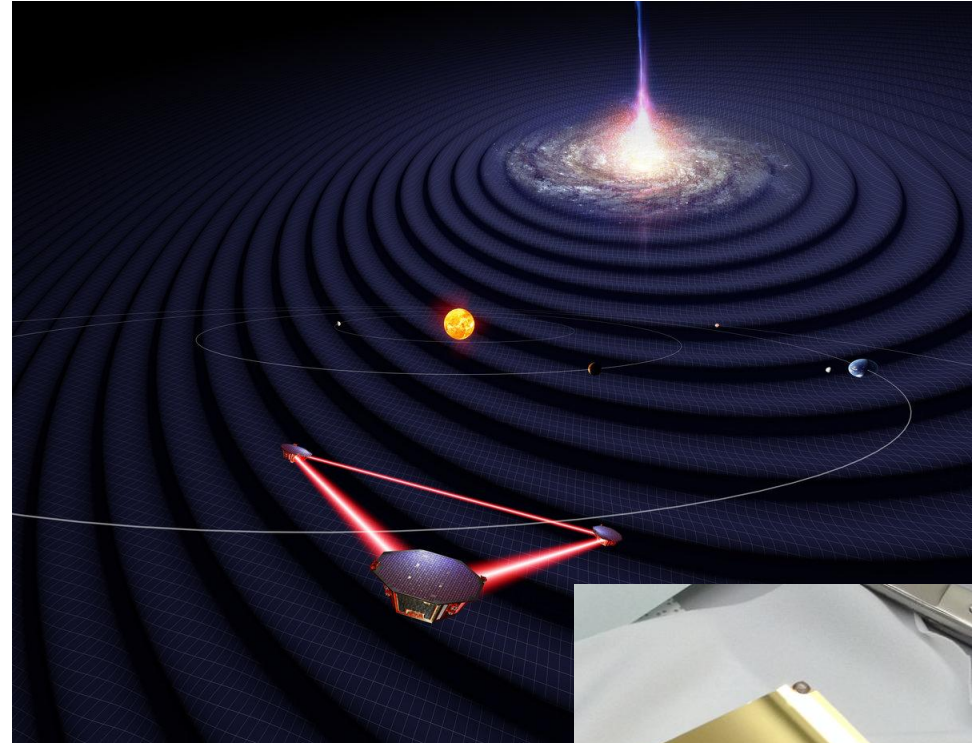
Primordial GWs from Inflation

- DECIGO band is suitable for observing **primordial gravitational waves**



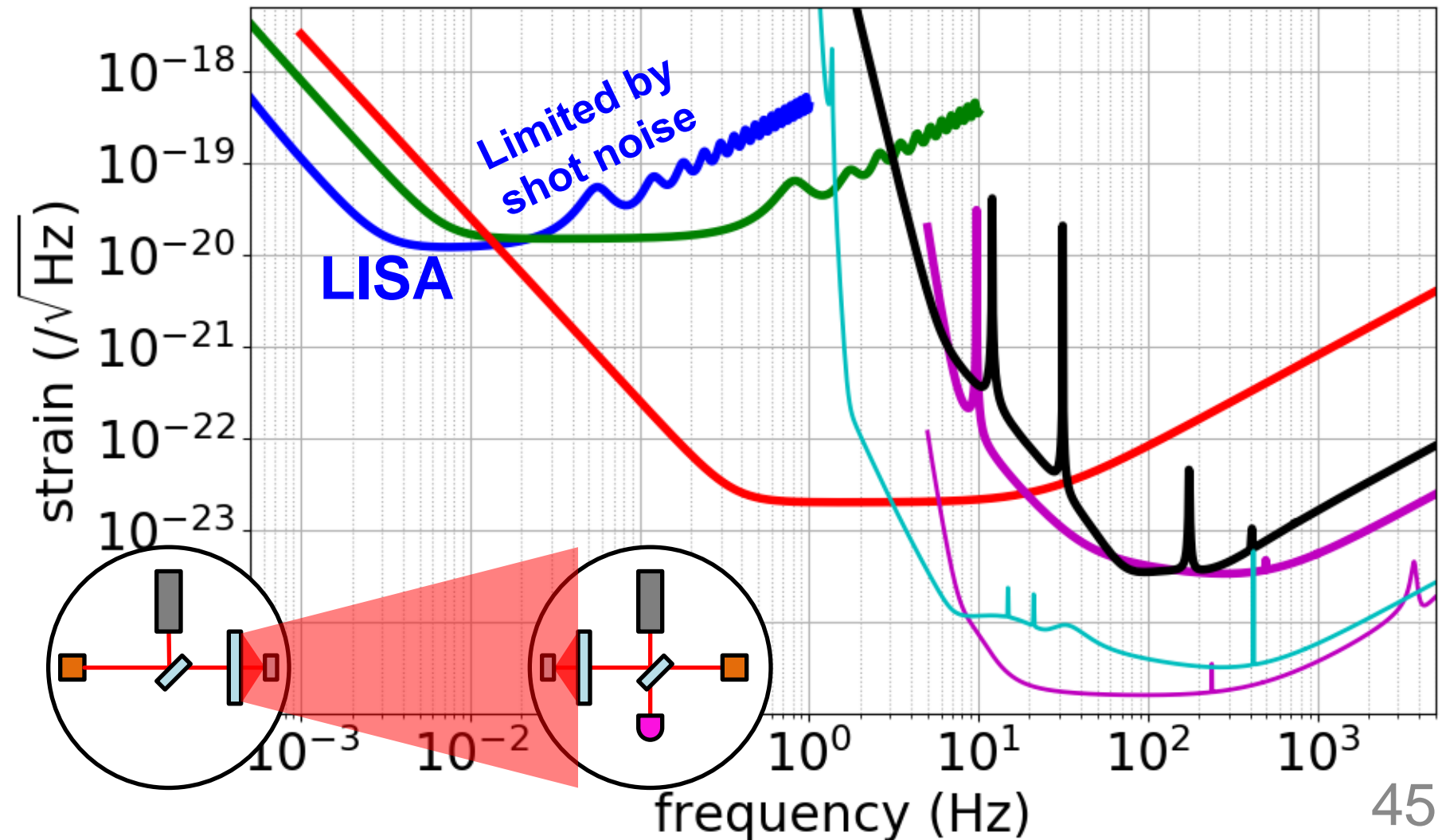
LISA to be Launched Mid-2030s

- Three satellites, 2.5×10^6 km arms
- Free-fall demonstrated with LISA Pathfinder in 2016
- Optical transponder: Measures phase of laser beam



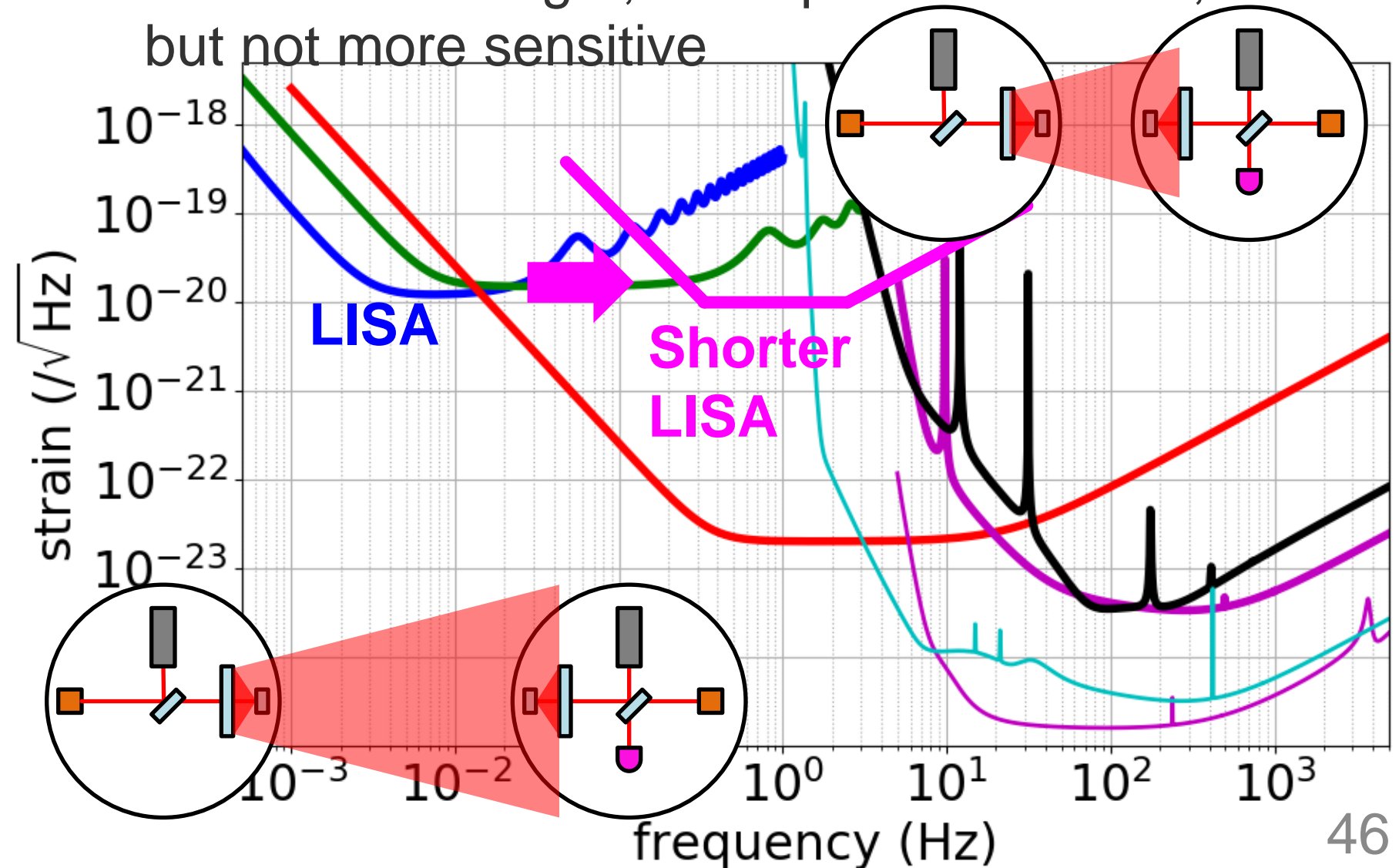
LISA Sensitivity Curve

- 1 W emitted, ~ 100 pW received



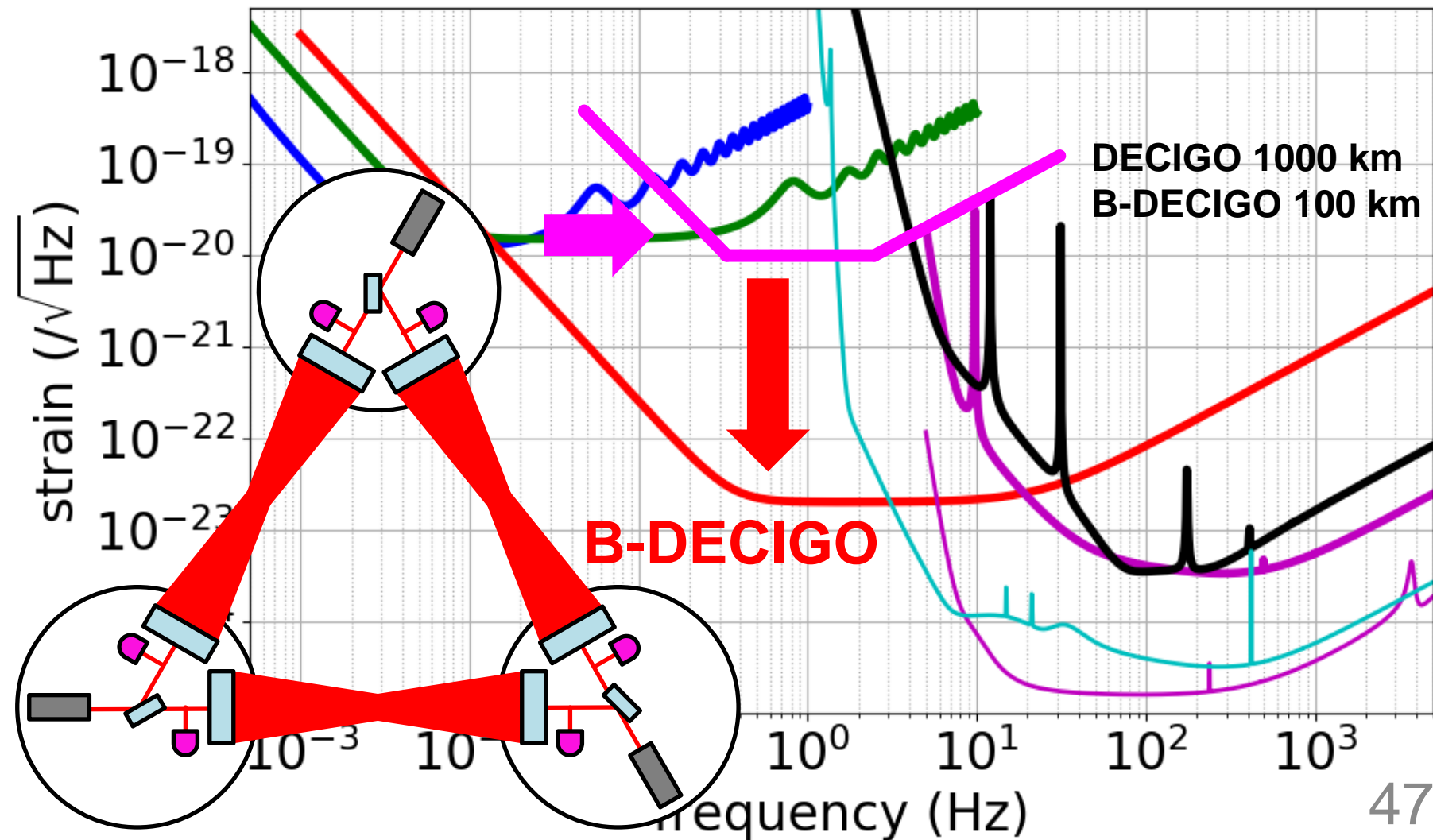
Shorter LISA will not be DECIGO

- Shorter arm length, more power received, but not more sensitive



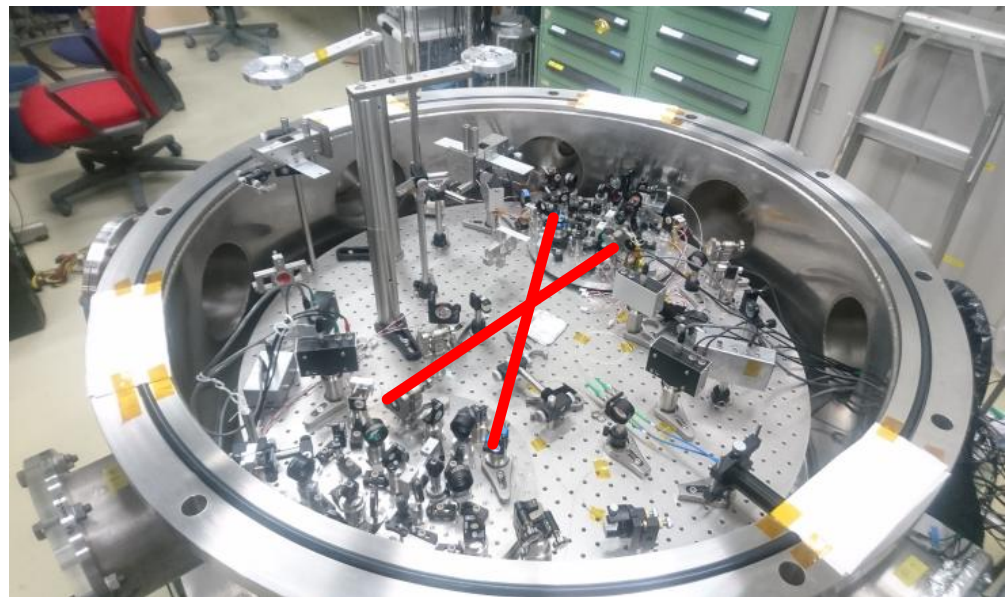
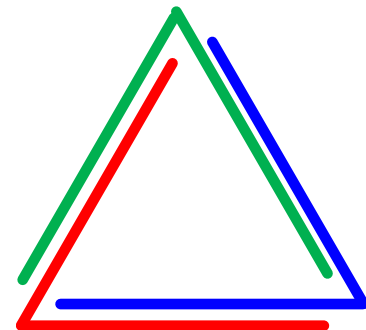
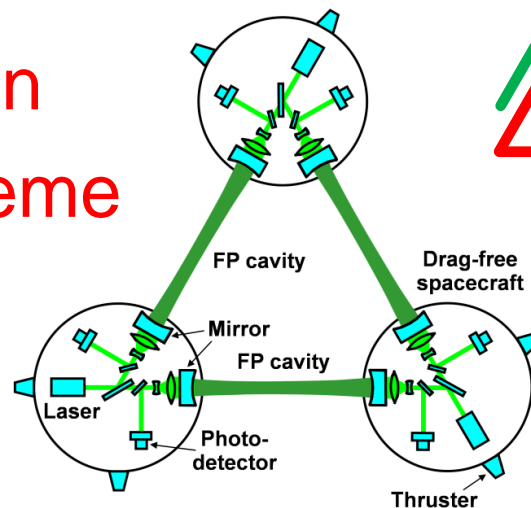
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- Form an optical cavity to enhance the sensitivity



Exciting R&Ds for DECIGO

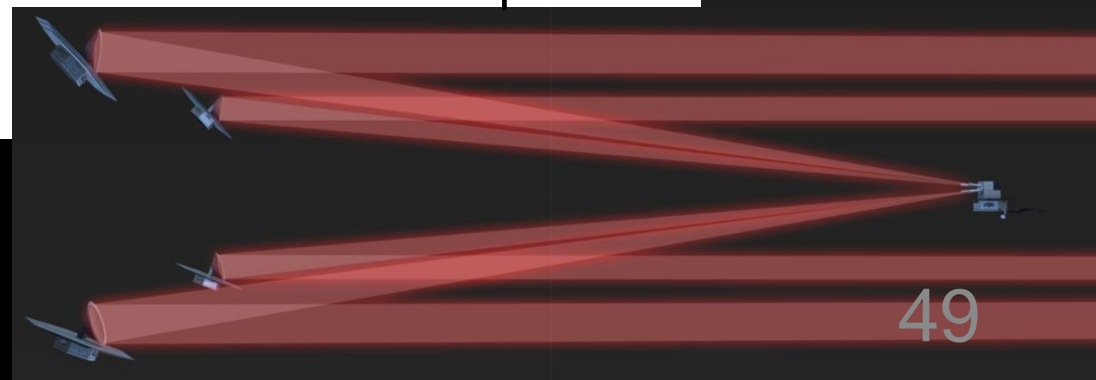
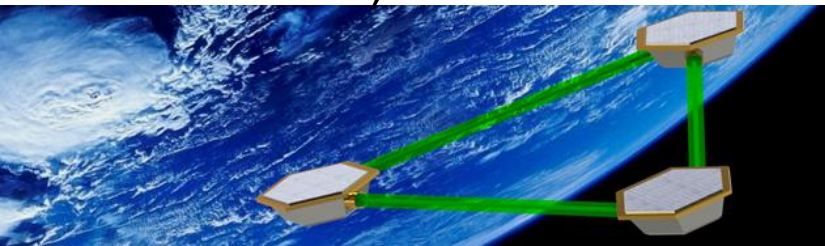
- Interferometer **configuration**
 - Interferometer **control scheme**
Demonstration experiments
at UTokyo
 - Stable laser source
 - Initial **link acquisition**
 - Low noise thrusters
 - Drag-free controls
 - Orbit and satellite controls
- ... and more!



SILVIA Project

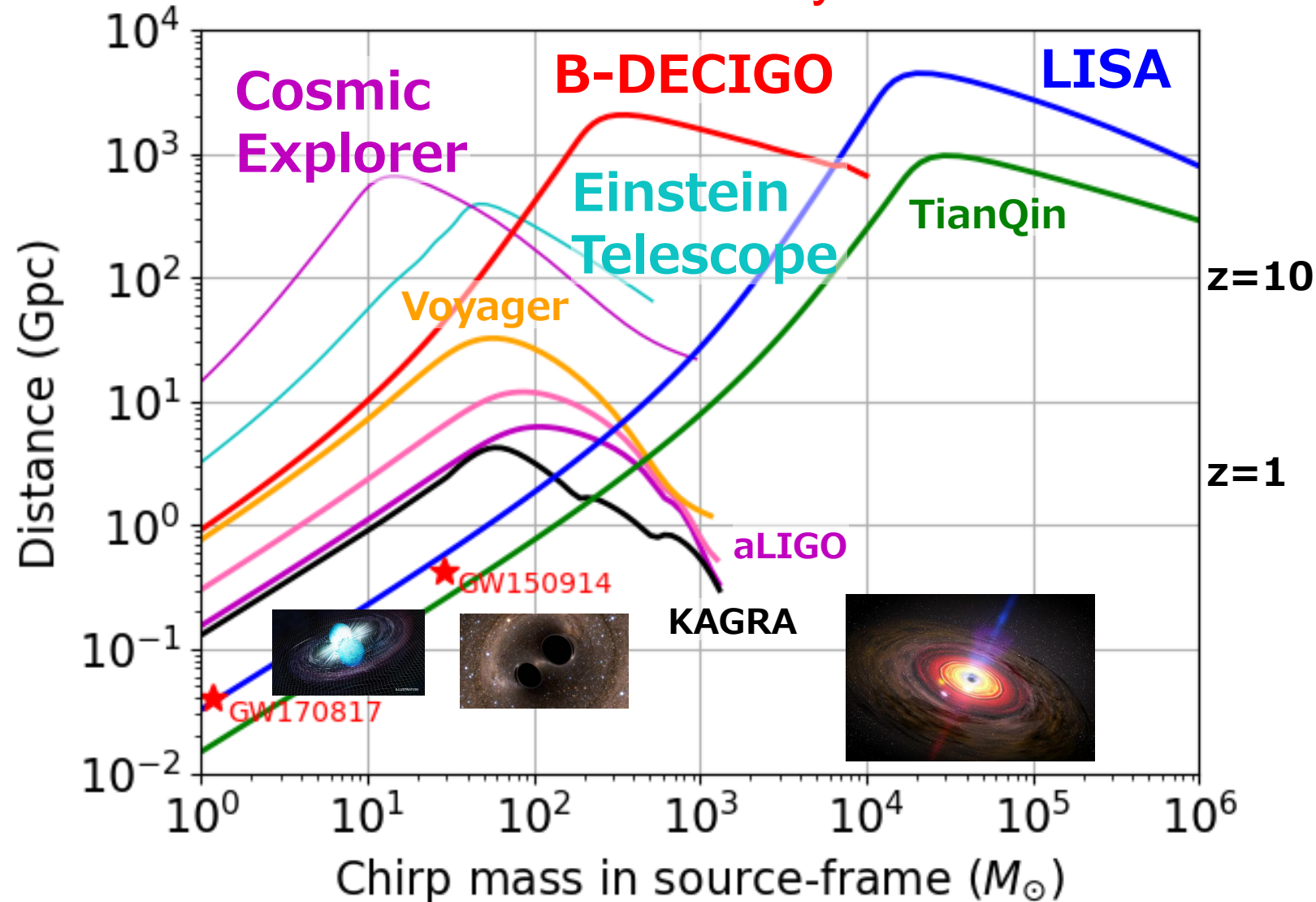


- **S**pace **I**nterferometer **L**aboratory **V**oyaging towards **I**nnovative **A**pplications
- Demonstration of **ultra-precision formation flying** with laser interferometer between satellites
- For DECIGO, LIFE etc.
- Proposal submitted to JAXA in Feb 2020 (currently at mission definition phase of JAXA's small satellite mission)



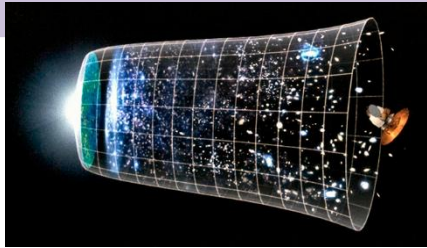
Astrophysical Reach to Binaries

- Covers **entire universe by 2030s**

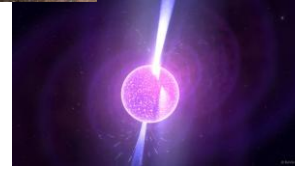
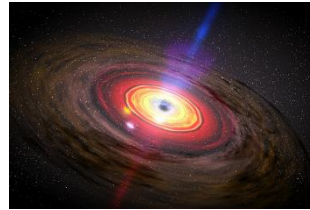
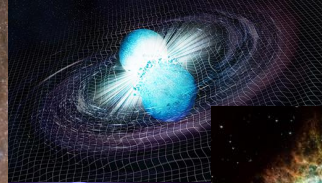


Gravitational Wave Spectrum

Stochastic background from inflation



More massive



Period
age of universe

year

hour

sec

msec

Freq.
Hz

10^{-15}

10^{-12}

10^{-9}

10^{-6}

10^{-3}

1

10^3

Pulsar timing

Ground-based interferometers



CMB B-mode

Doppler tracking

Space interferometers

Resonant bars

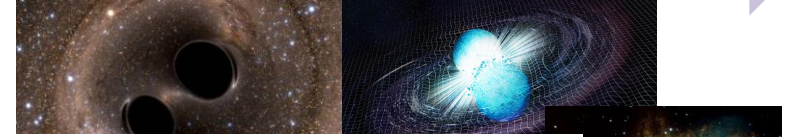


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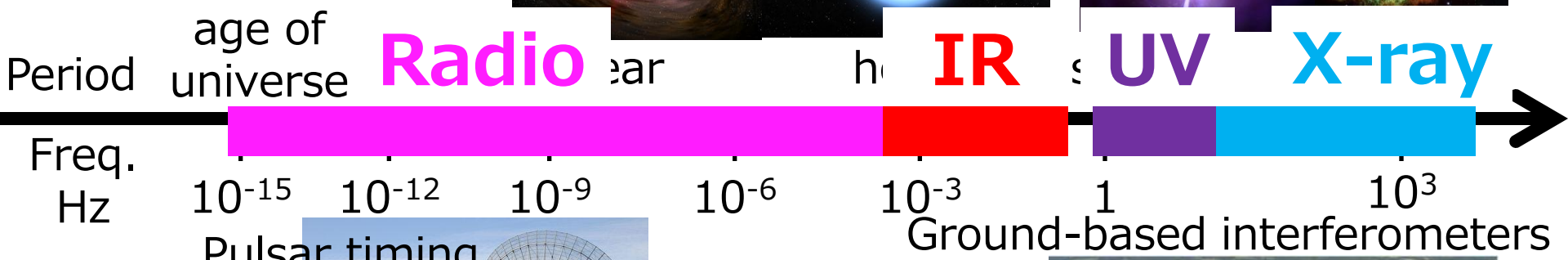


Stochastic background from inflation

More massive



If frequency is multiplied by 10^{15} ...



CMB B-mode



Doppler tracking



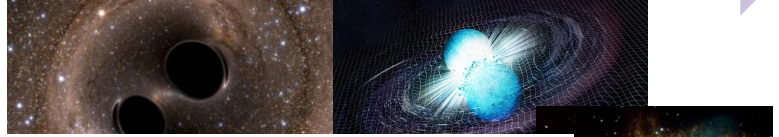
Space interferometers



Resonant bars



Gravitational Wave Spectrum



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Particle Physics with GW Detectors

Tiny forces from vector DM

LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA, [PRD 105, 063030 \(2022\)](#)
LIGO/Virgo O3 analysis
LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA, [PRD 110, 042001 \(2024\)](#)
KAGRA O3GK analysis

Speed of light changes from axion DM

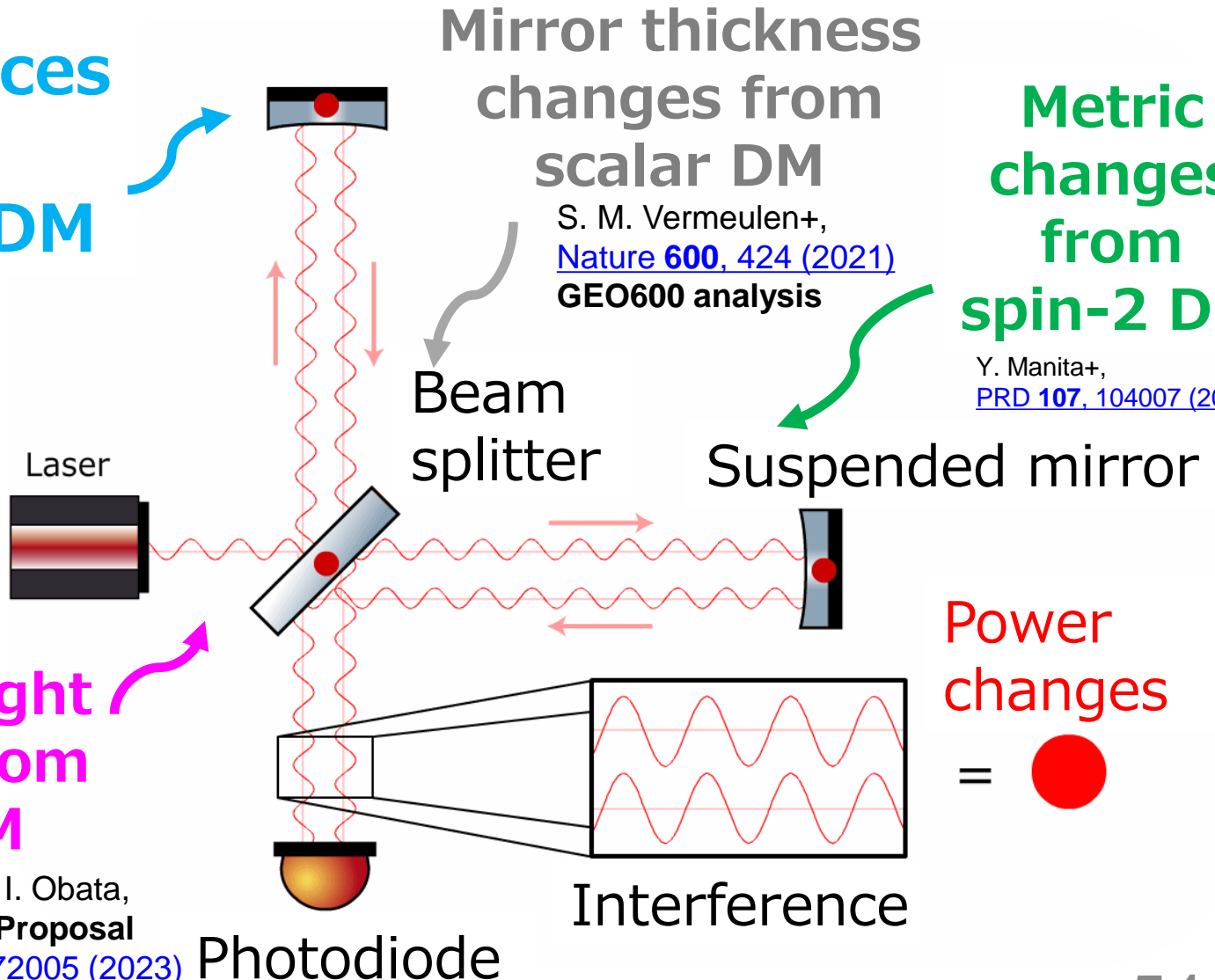
K. Nagano, T. Fujita, YM, I. Obata, [PRL 123, 111301 \(2019\)](#) Proposal
Y. Oshima+, [PRD 108, 072005 \(2023\)](#)
Table-top experiment DANCE analysis

Mirror thickness changes from scalar DM

S. M. Vermeulen+, [Nature 600, 424 \(2021\)](#)
GEO600 analysis

Metric changes from spin-2 DM

Y. Manita+, [PRD 107, 104007 \(2023\)](#)



Interference

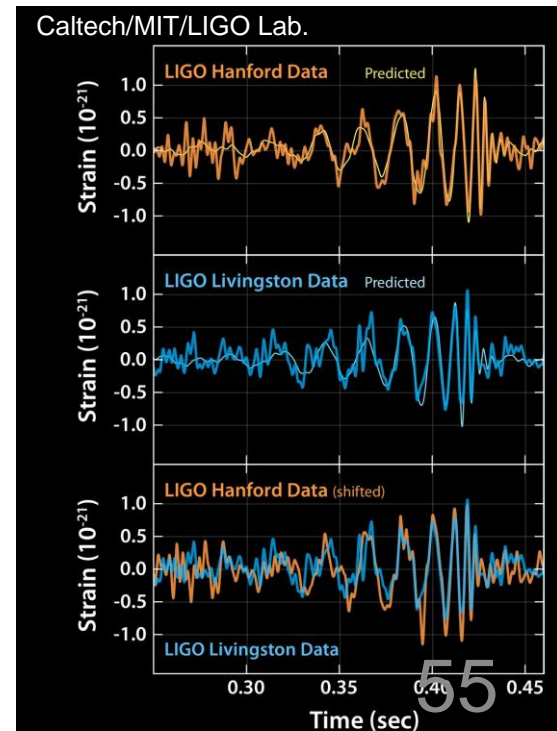
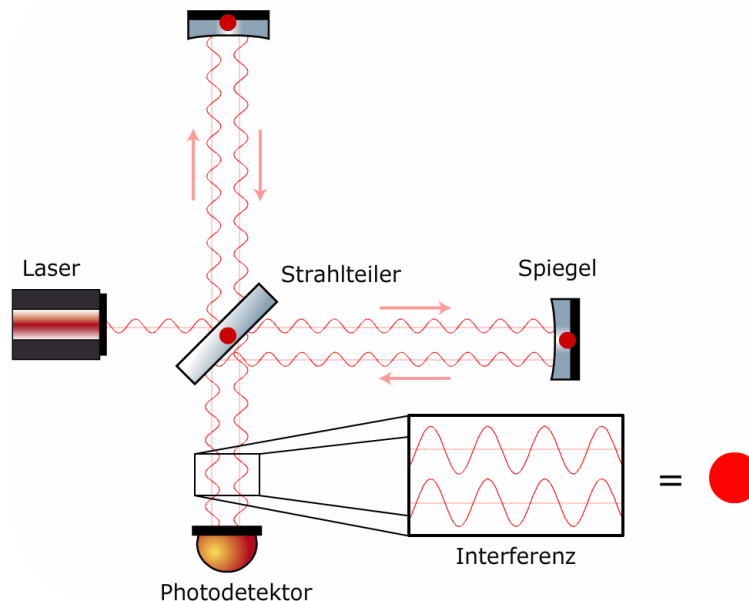
Ultralight DM with Interferometers

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

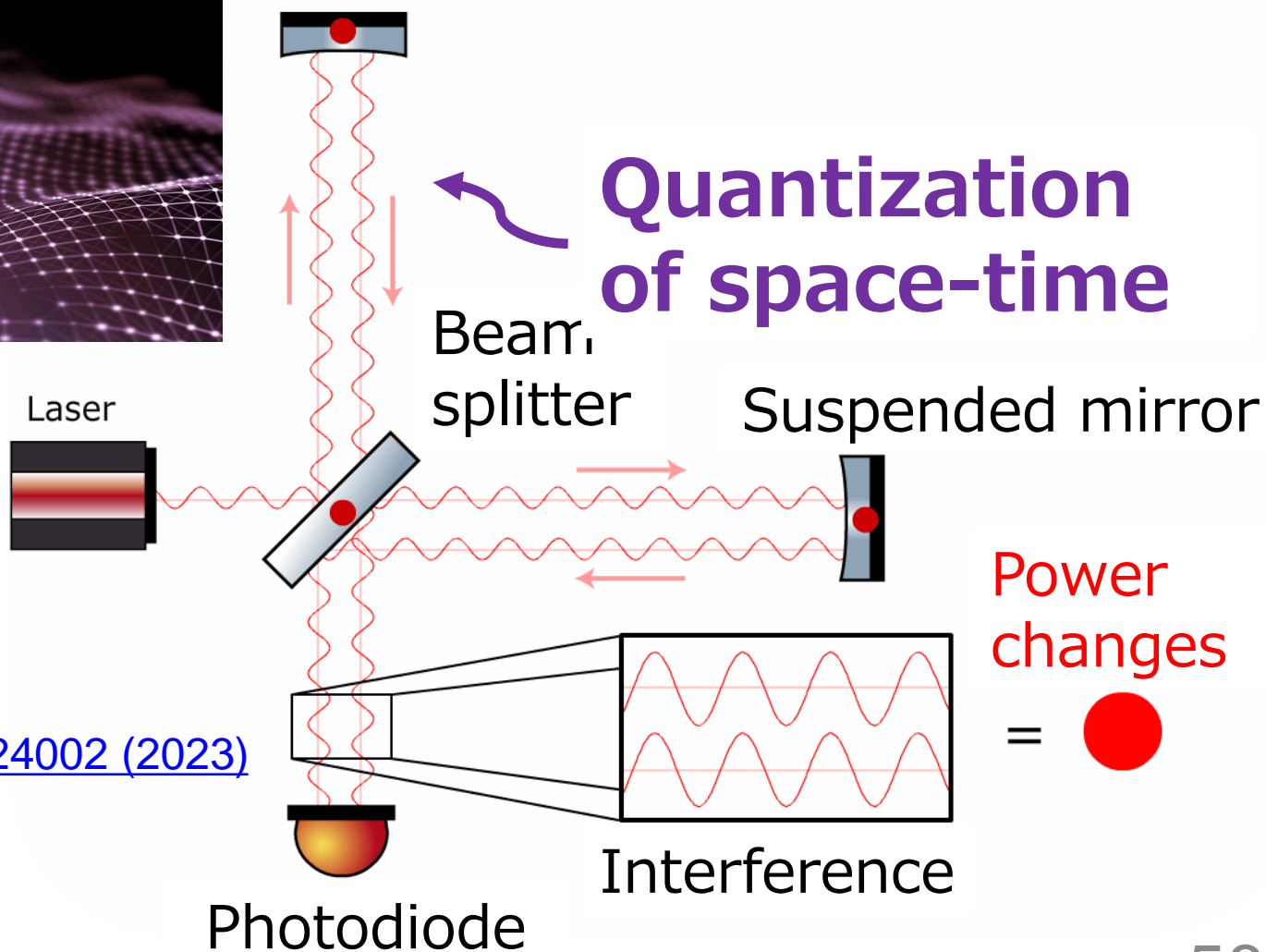
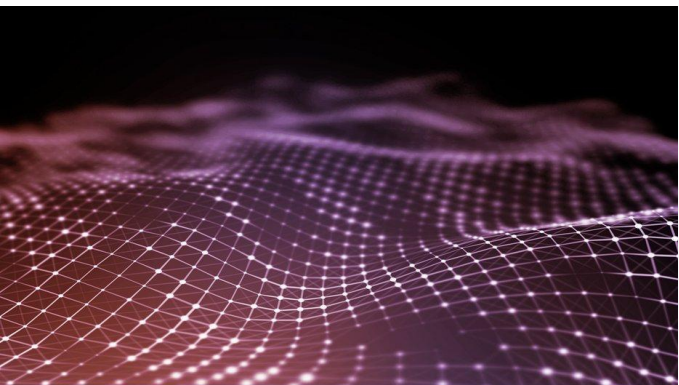
- Behaves as **classical waves**

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

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



Particle Physics with GW Detectors



K. M. Zurek,
[arXiv:2205.01799](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.01799)

D. Li+, [PRD 107, 024002 \(2023\)](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.01799)

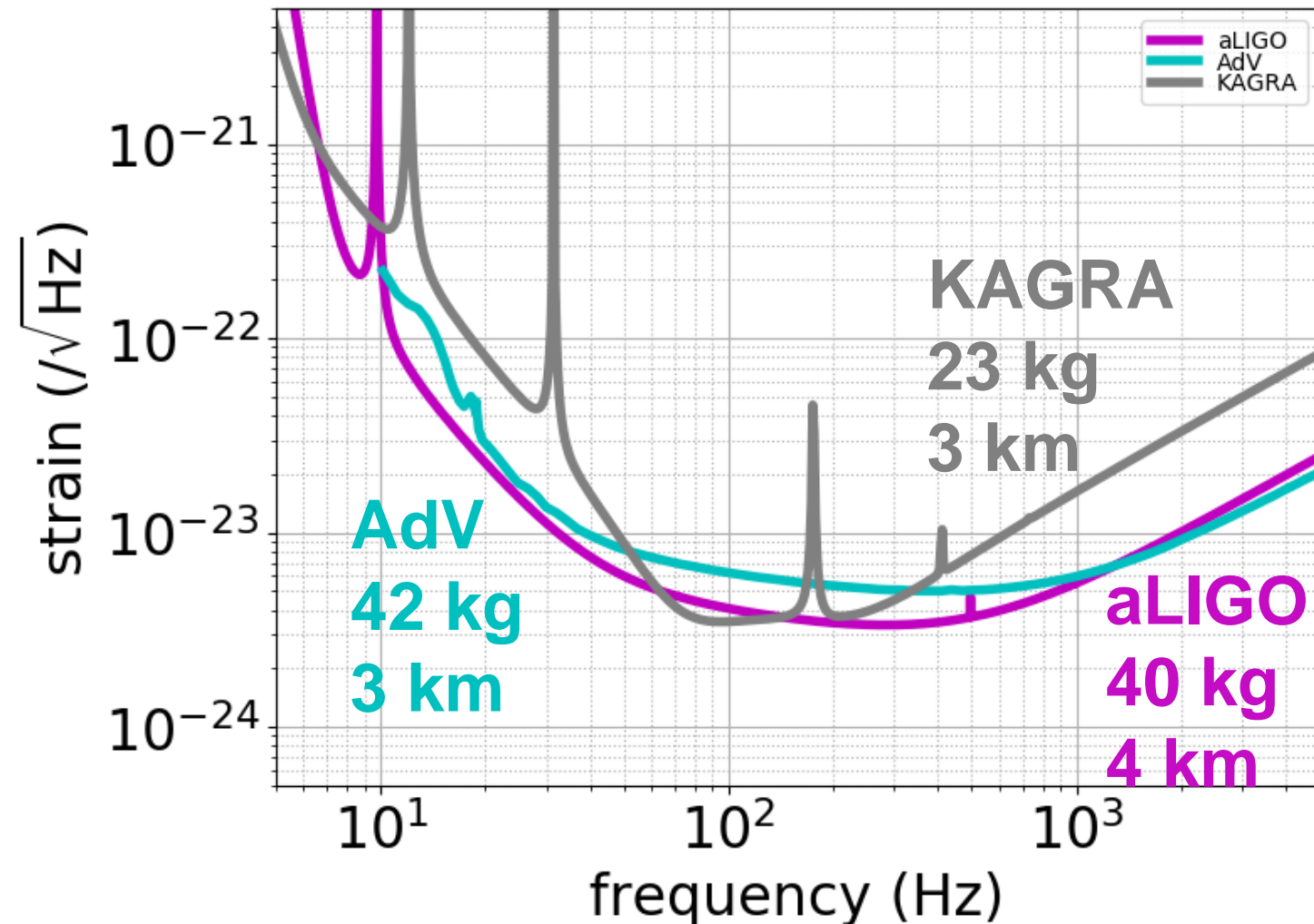
Summary

- Gravitational wave astronomy and physics have just begun
- **Detector developments** will directly enhance observational science
- **Next generation** detectors enable observations of **binary coalescences from entire universe**
- **Space based** detectors enable **multi-band** observations and observation of gravitational wave background from **inflation**
- *Future is bright and yours to shape!*

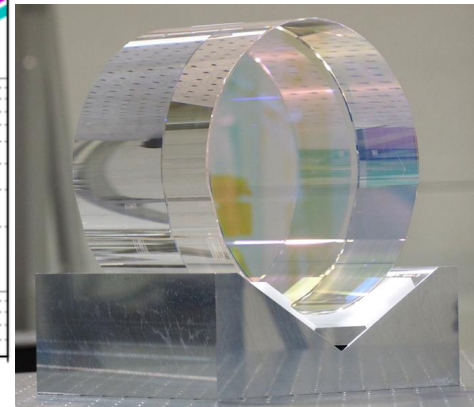
Additional Slides

KAGRA Design Sensitivity

- Not good at low freq. because of **thick and short** fiber (35 cm, ϕ 1.6 mm) to extract heat, and **lower mass**

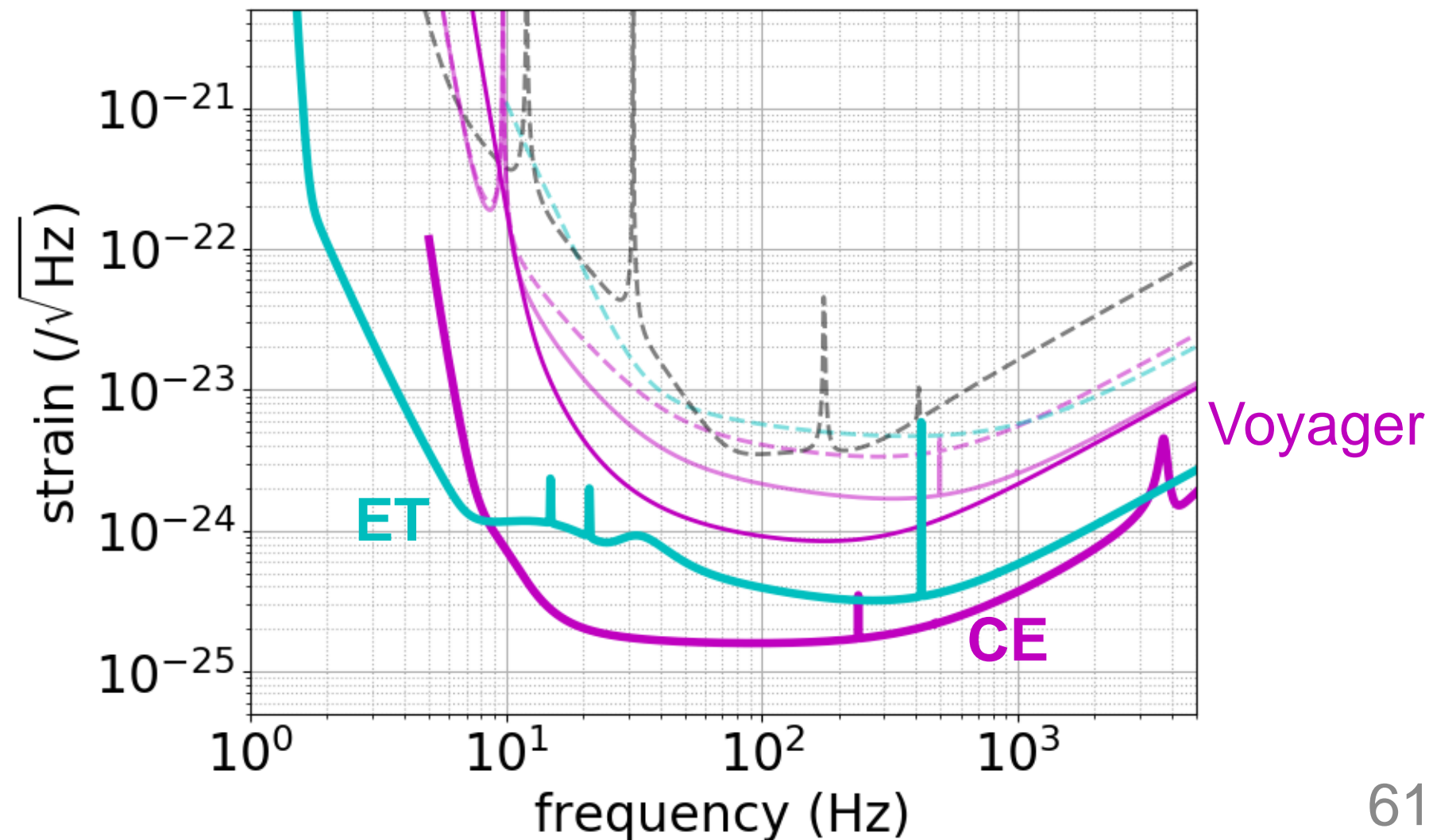


23 kg was the largest available sapphire mirror



Sensitivity of Next Generations

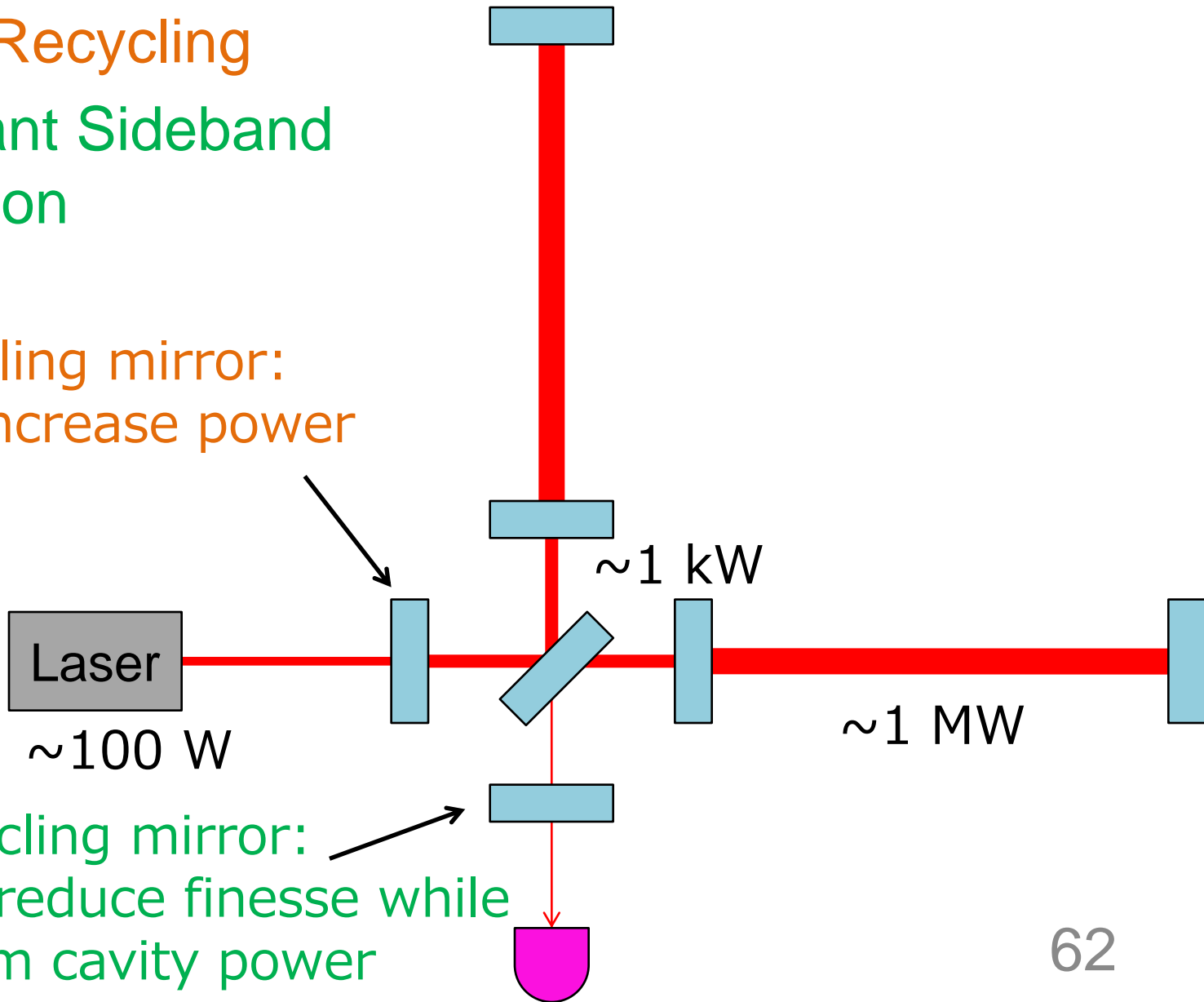
- An order of magnitude improvement



Resonant Sideband Extraction

- Power Recycling
- Resonant Sideband Extraction

Power recycling mirror:
Effectively increase power



Signal recycling mirror:
Effectively reduce finesse while
keeping arm cavity power

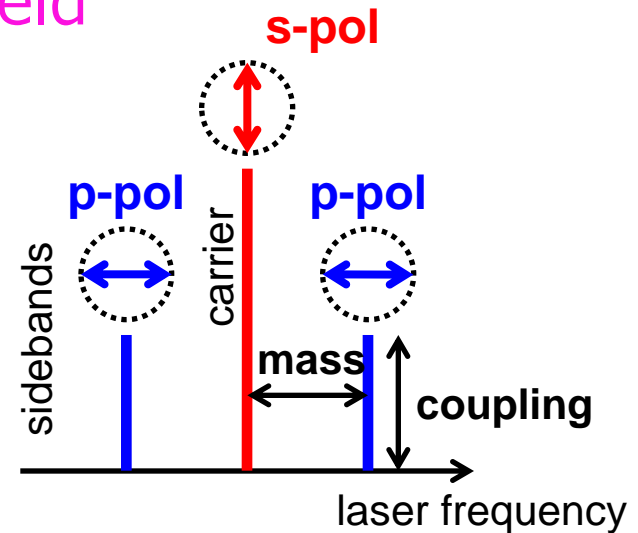
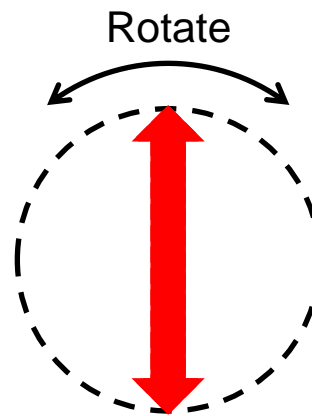
Polarization Modulation from Axions

- 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

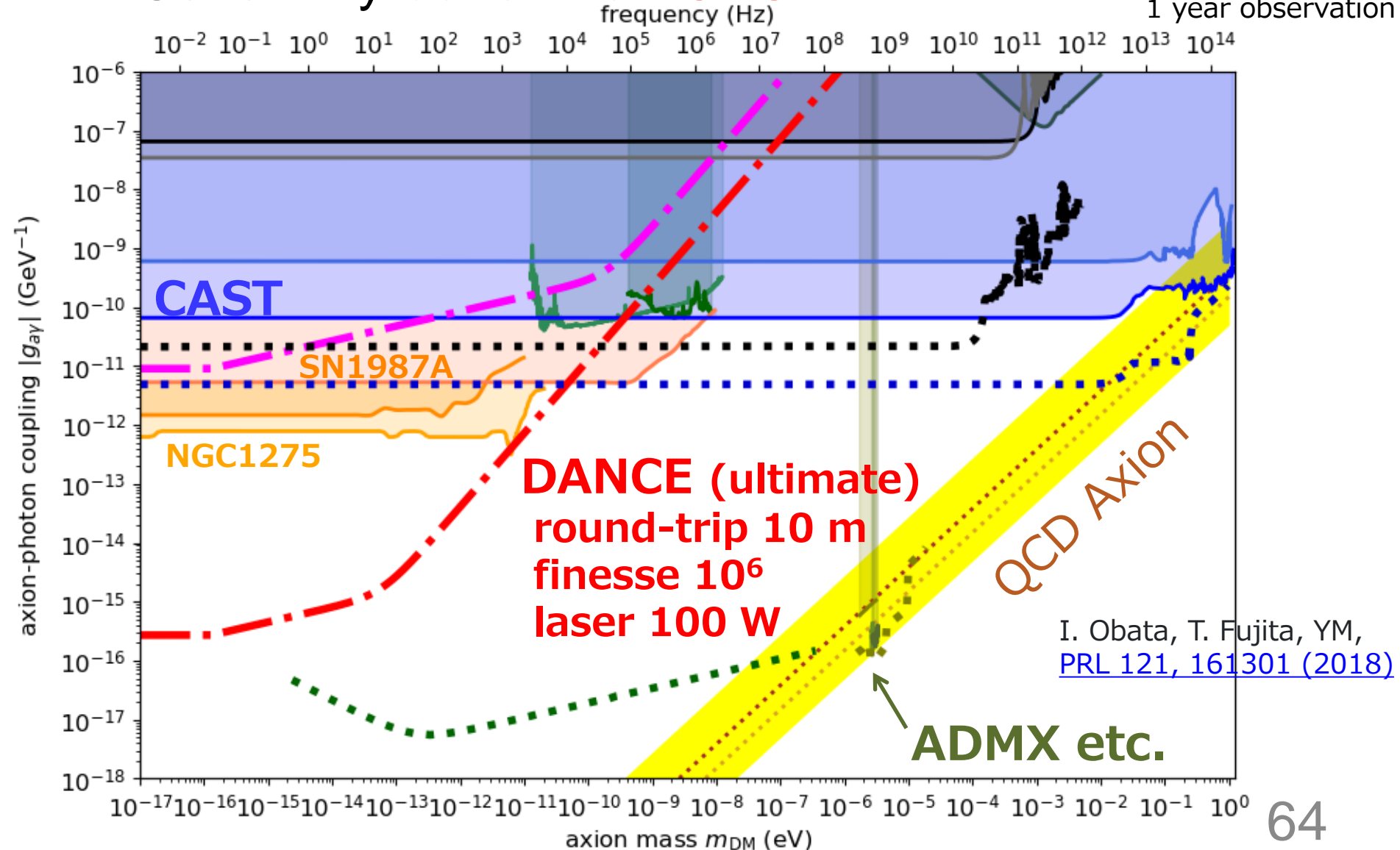
- Linear polarization will be **modulated**
p-pol sidebands will be generated from s-pol
- Search can be done **without magnetic field**



Sensitivity of DANCE

- Sensitivity **better than CAST limit**

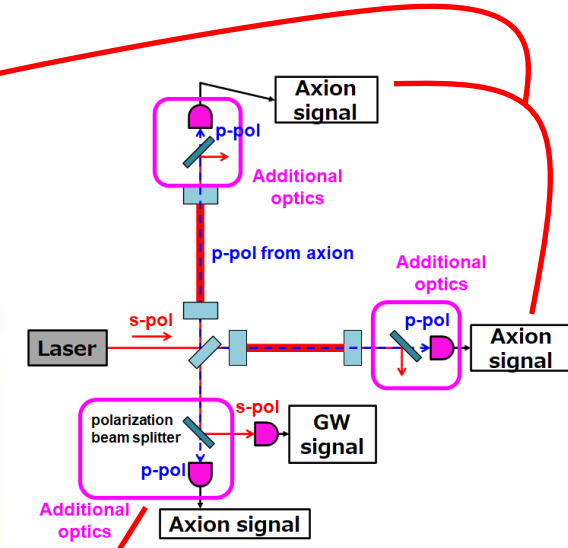
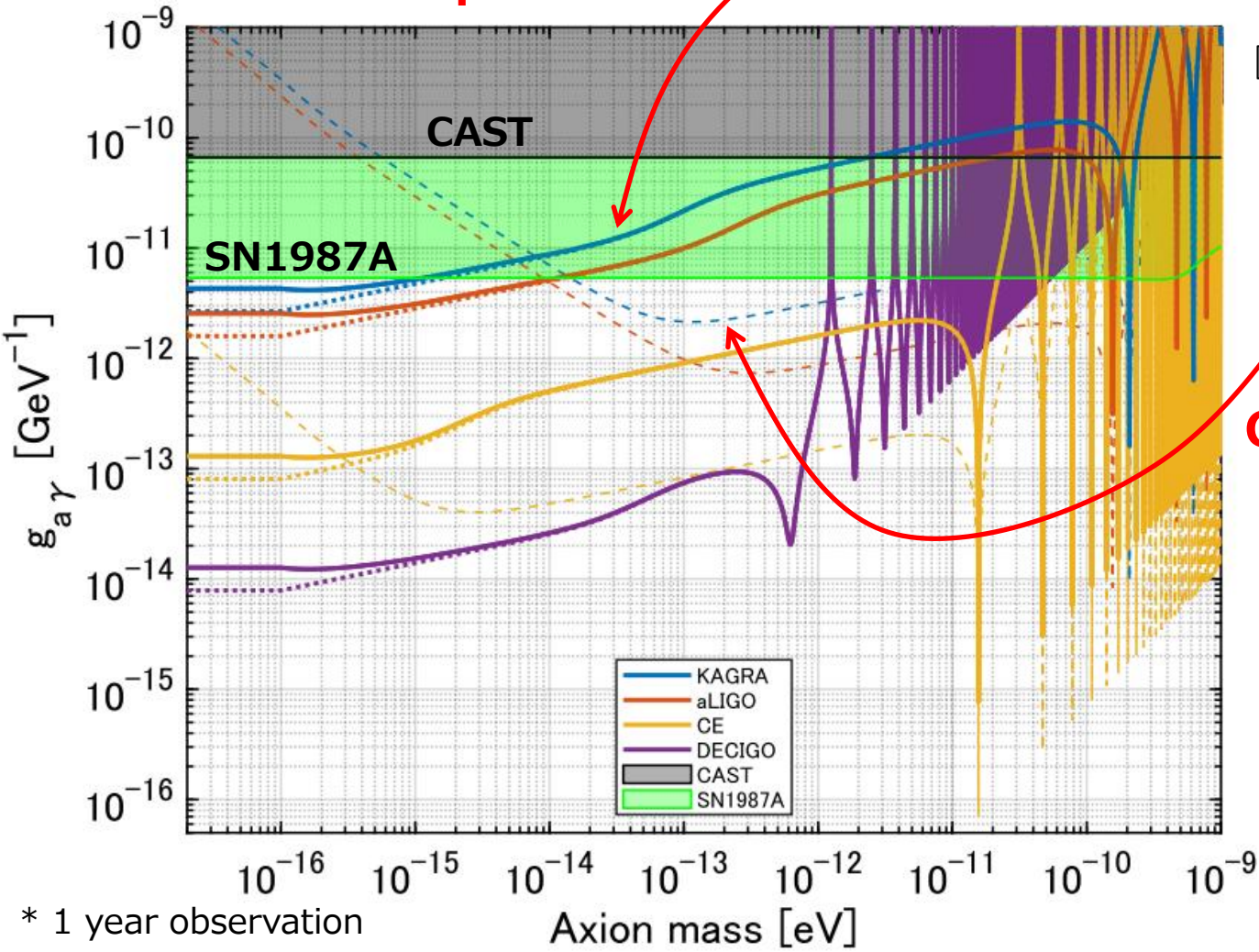
* Shot noise limited
1 year observation



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[PRL 121, 161301 \(2018\)](#)

Axion Sensitivity

Arm cavity transmission ports



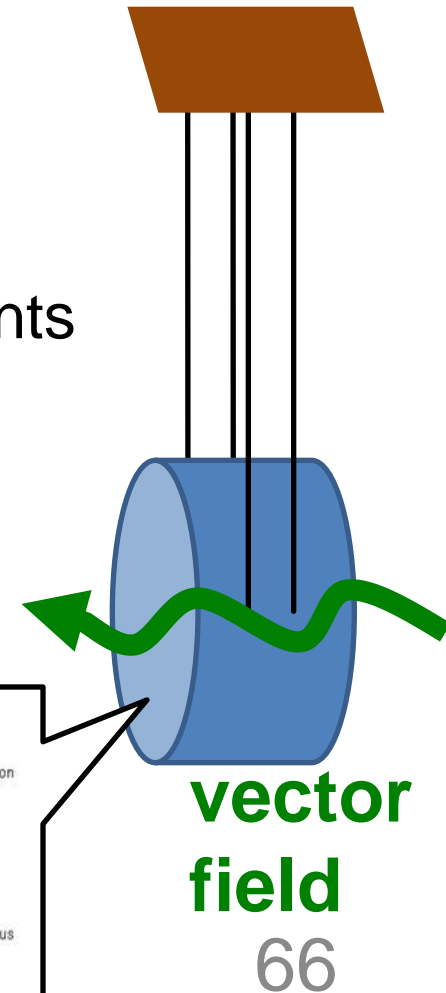
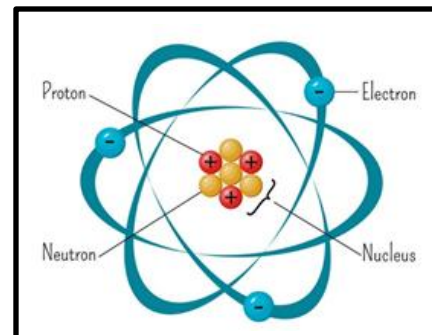
GW detection port

Complemental search using different ports

* 1 year observation

Vector Boson

- Possible **new physics** beyond the standard model:
New gauge symmetry and vector boson
- New vector 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
- Vector boson DM
gives **oscillating force**



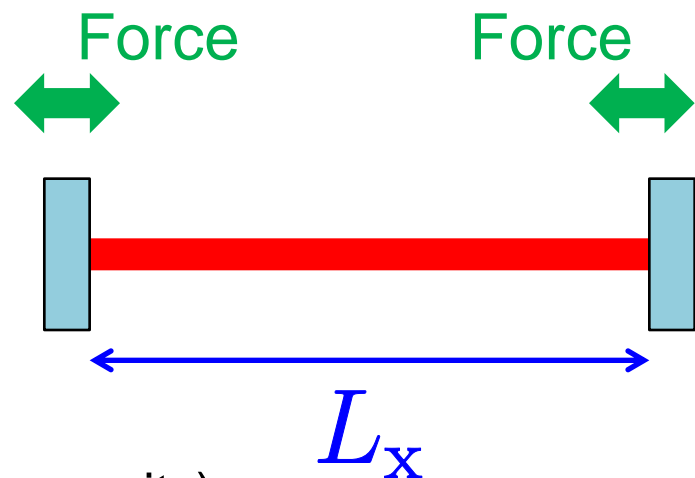
Oscillating Force from Vector Field

- 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)
 vector 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 $\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}$)

- Vector boson mass and coupling can be measured by measuring the **oscillating** mirror displacement
- Almost no signal for symmetric cavity if cavity length is short (phase difference is 10^{-5} rad @ 100 Hz for km cavity)



- How about using interferometric **GW detectors**?

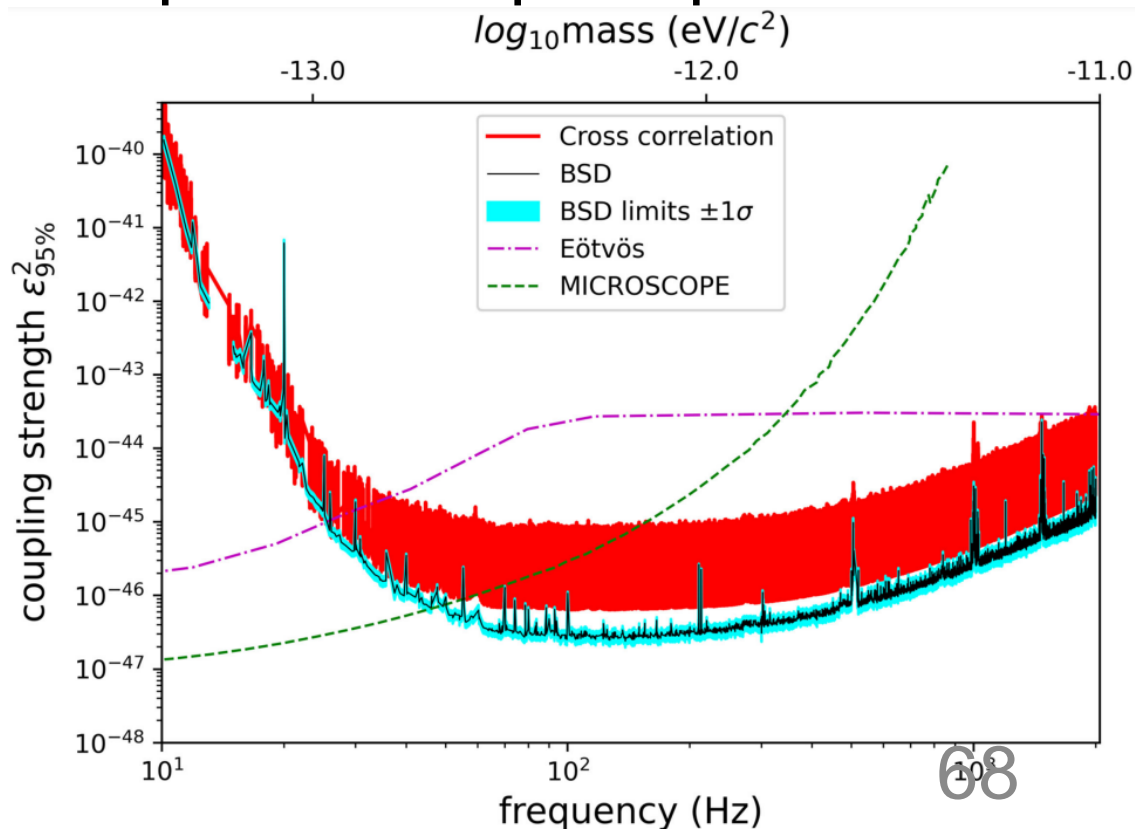
Previous Searches with LIGO/Virgo

- Vector boson dark matter search with **LIGO O1** data and **LIGO/Virgo O3** data have been done

H-K Guo+, [Communications Physics 2, 155 \(2019\)](#)

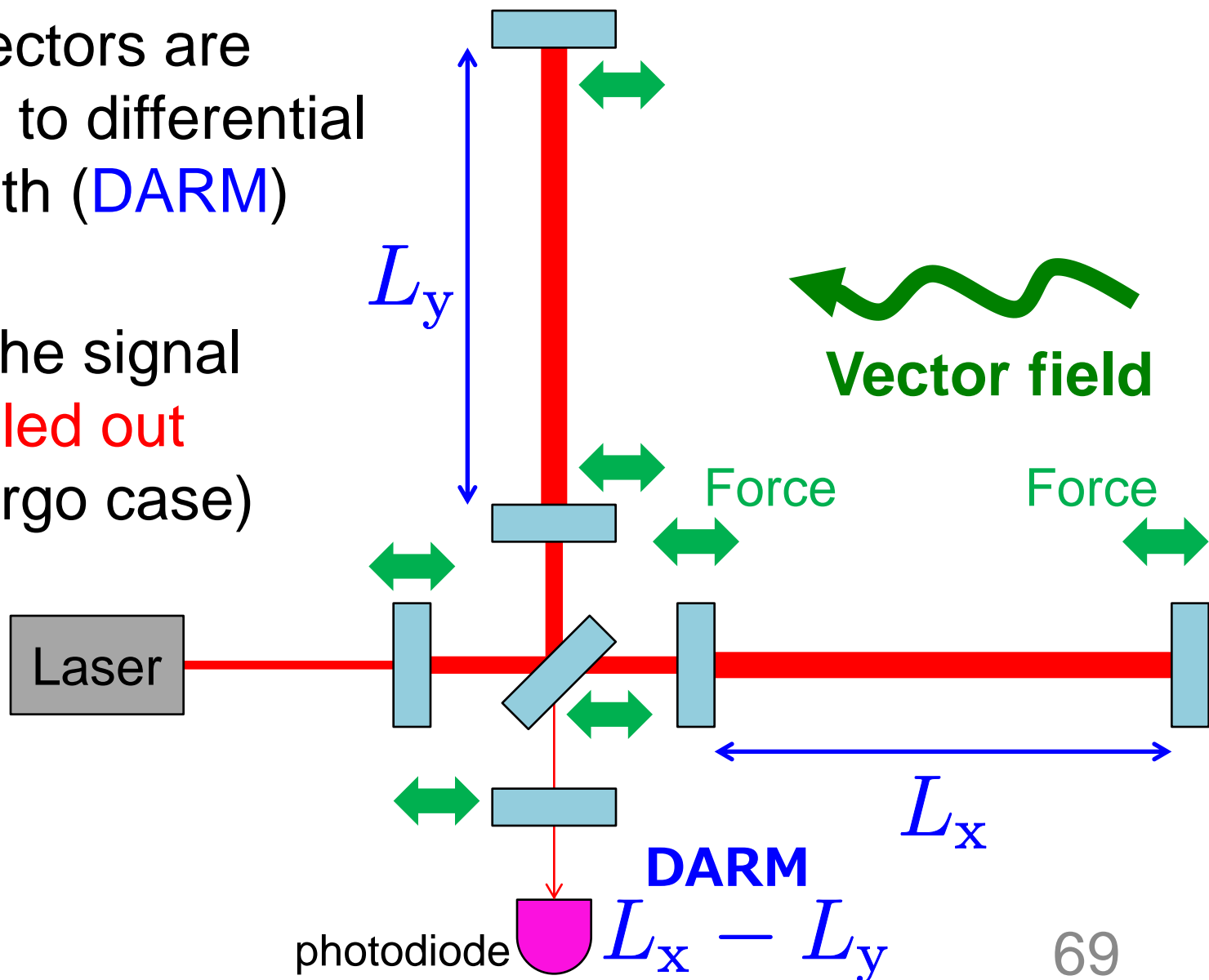
LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Collaboration, [PRD 105, 063030 \(2022\)](#)

- **Better constraint** than equivalence principle tests
- Even better constraint could be obtained from KAGRA



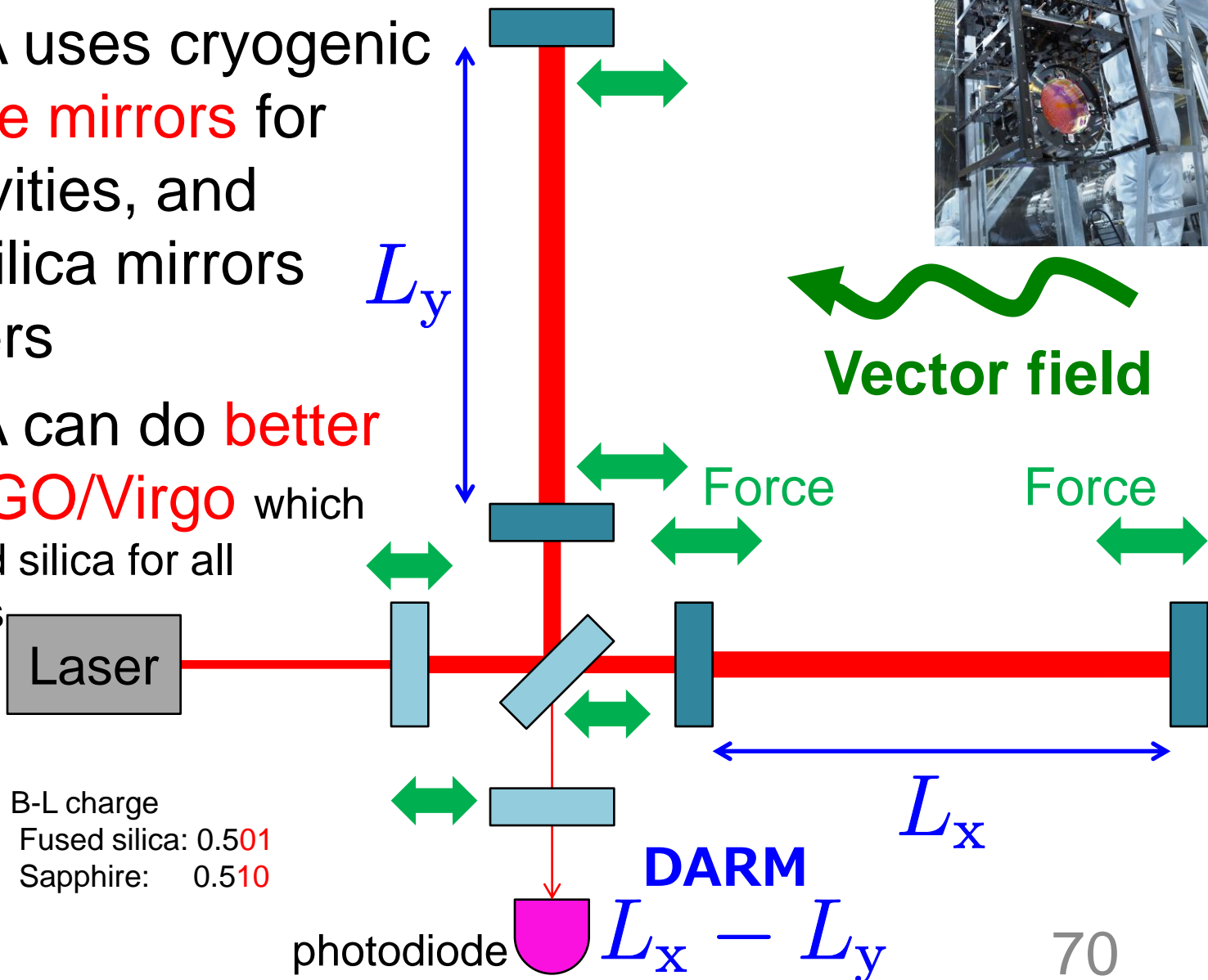
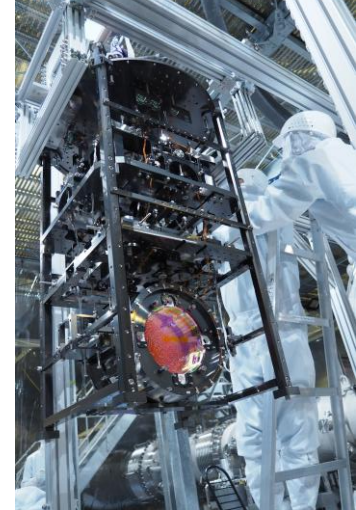
Search with GW Detectors

- GW Detectors are sensitive to differential arm length (**DARM**) change
- Most of the signal is **cancelled out** (LIGO/Virgo case)

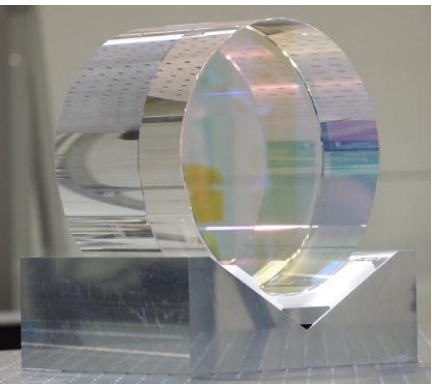


Search with KAGRA

- KAGRA uses cryogenic **sapphire mirrors** for arm cavities, and fused silica mirrors for others
- KAGRA can do **better than LIGO/Virgo** which uses fused silica for all the mirrors

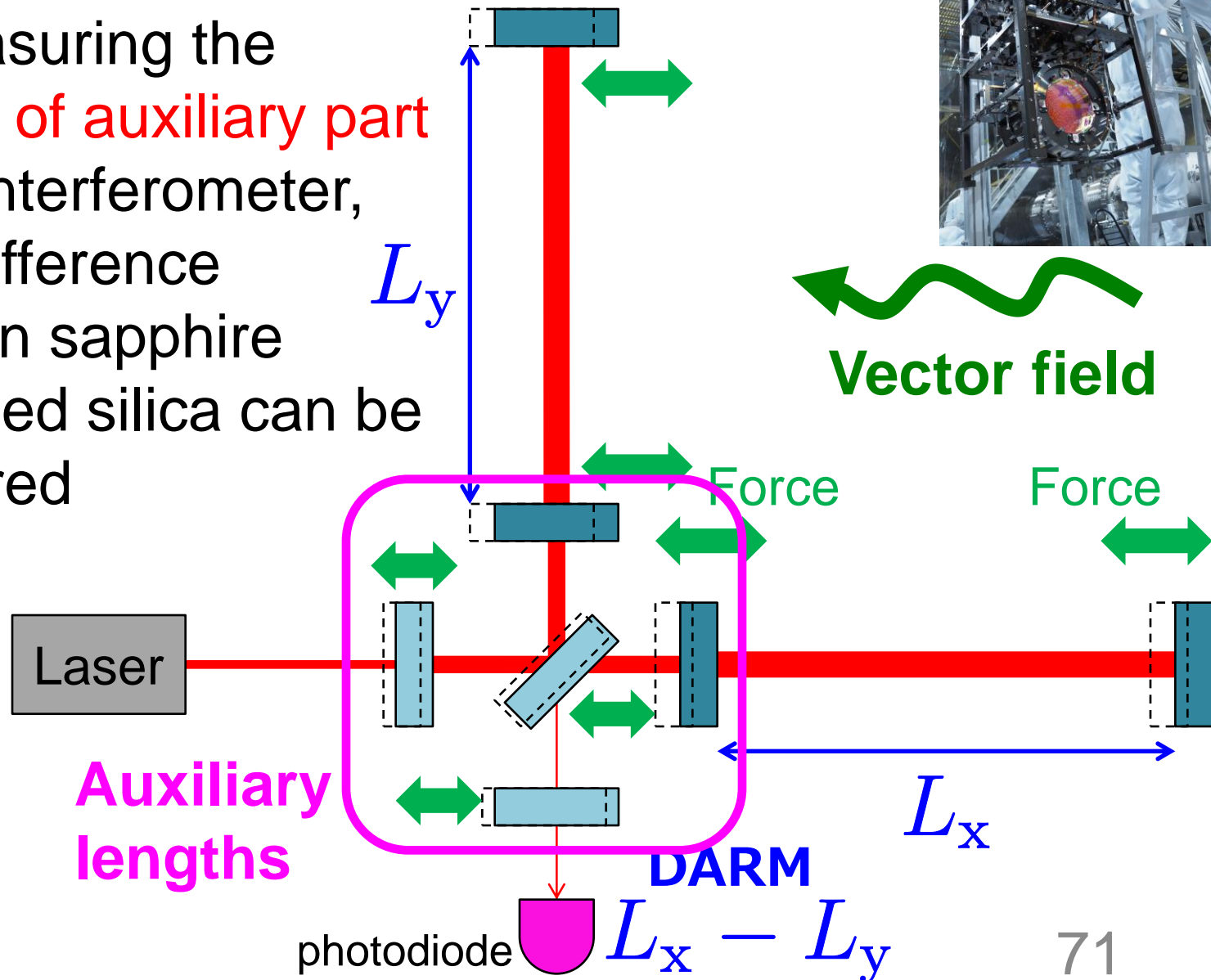


B-L charge
 Fused silica: 0.501
 Sapphire: 0.510



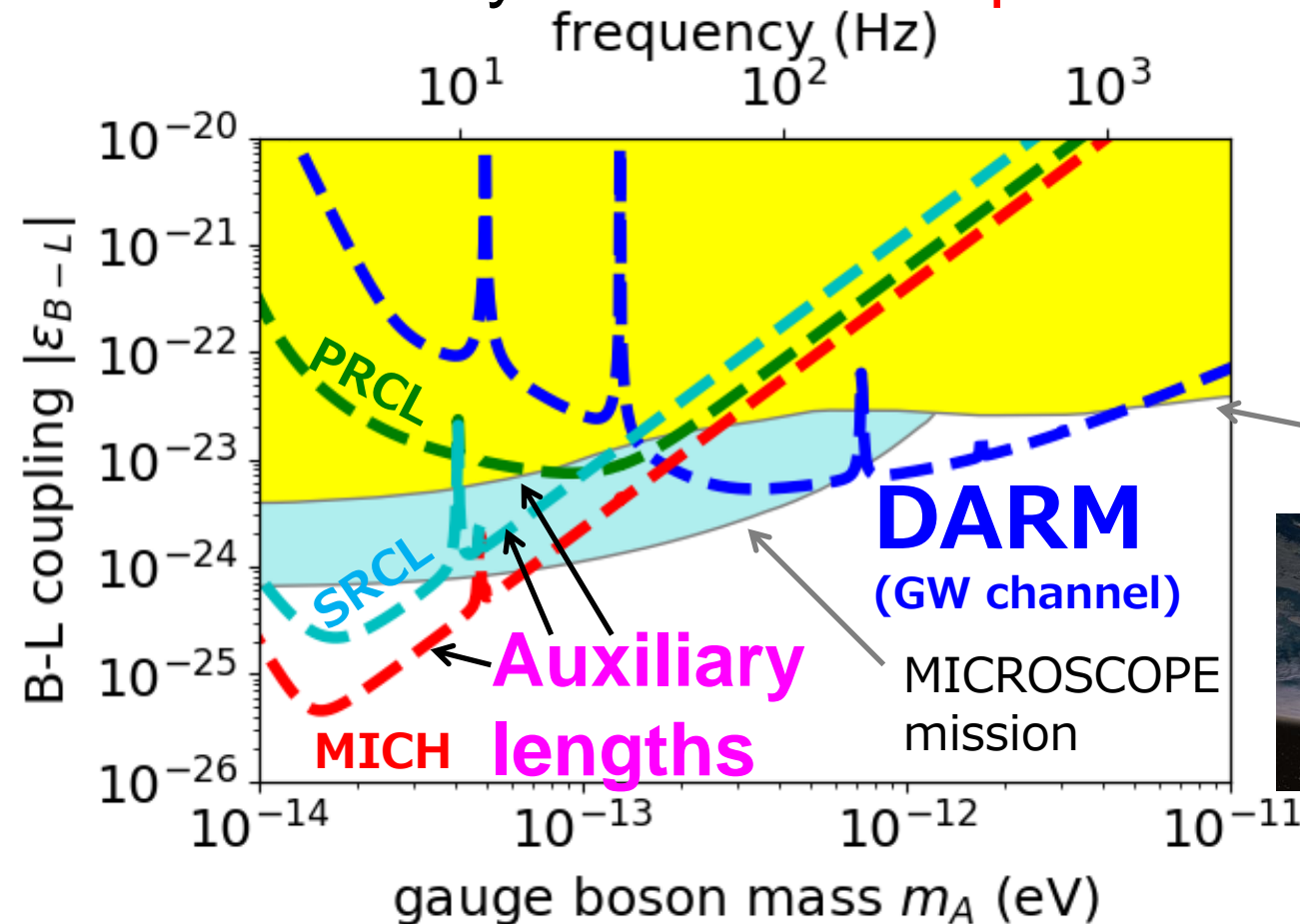
Search with KAGRA

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



KAGRA Vector 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,
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[PRD 102, 102001 \(2020\)](#)

S. Morisaki, T. Fujita, YM,
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[PRD 103, L051702 \(2021\)](#)

Eöt-Wash
torsion pendulum

