

Laser interferometric searches for ultralight dark matter: Summary from B01 group

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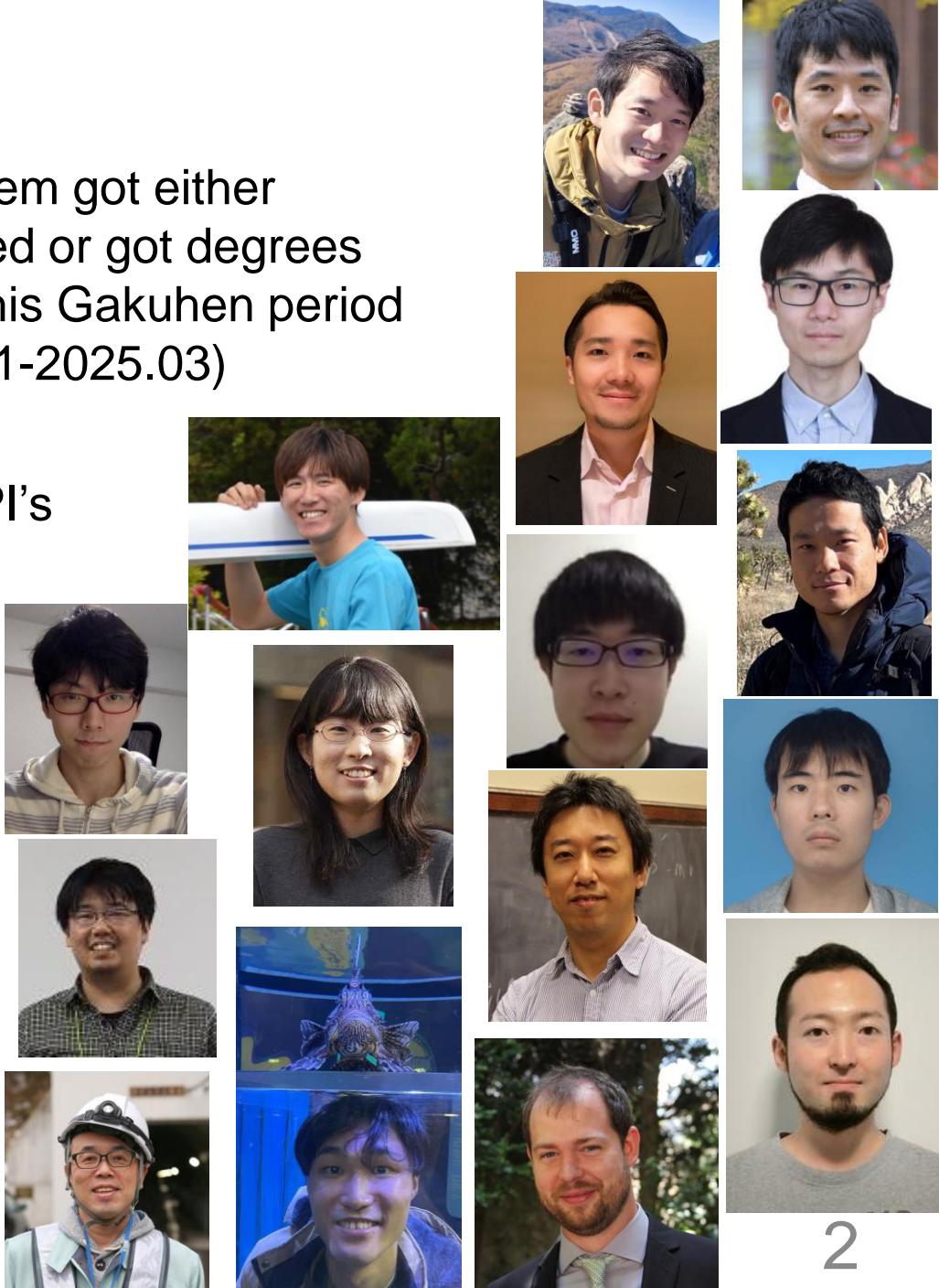


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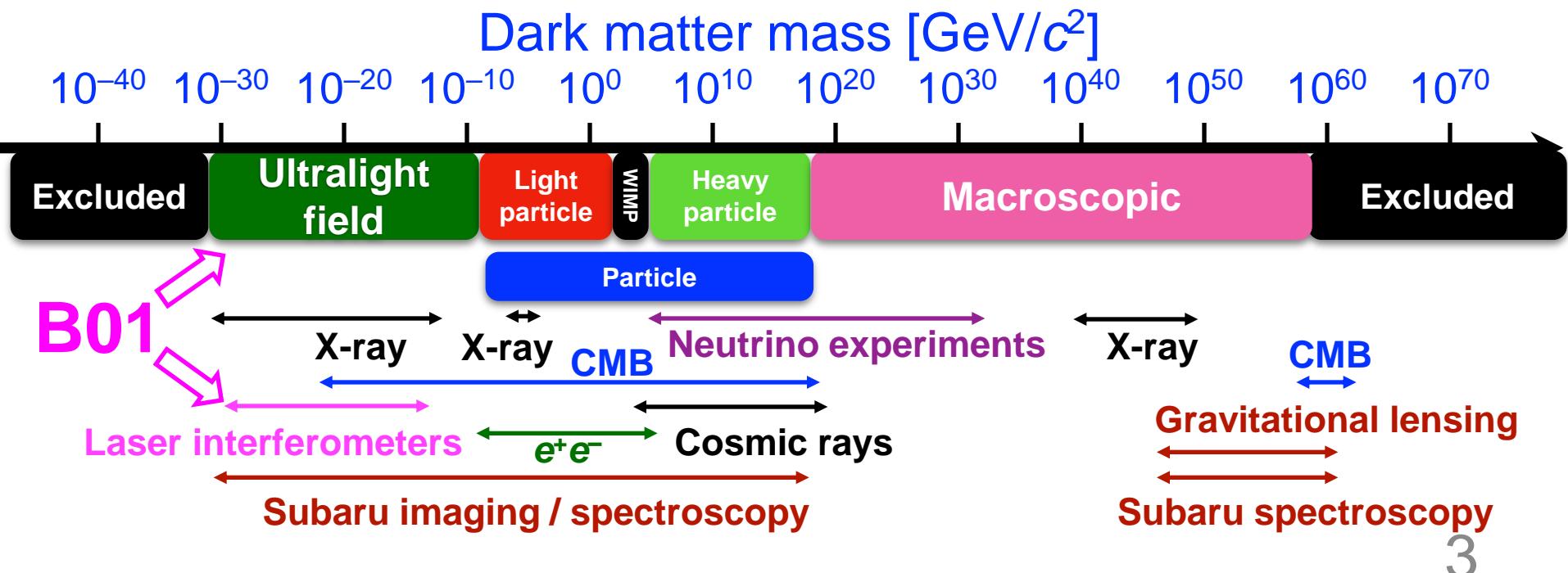
All of them got either promoted or got degrees within this Gakuhen period (2020.11-2025.03)

5 new PI's



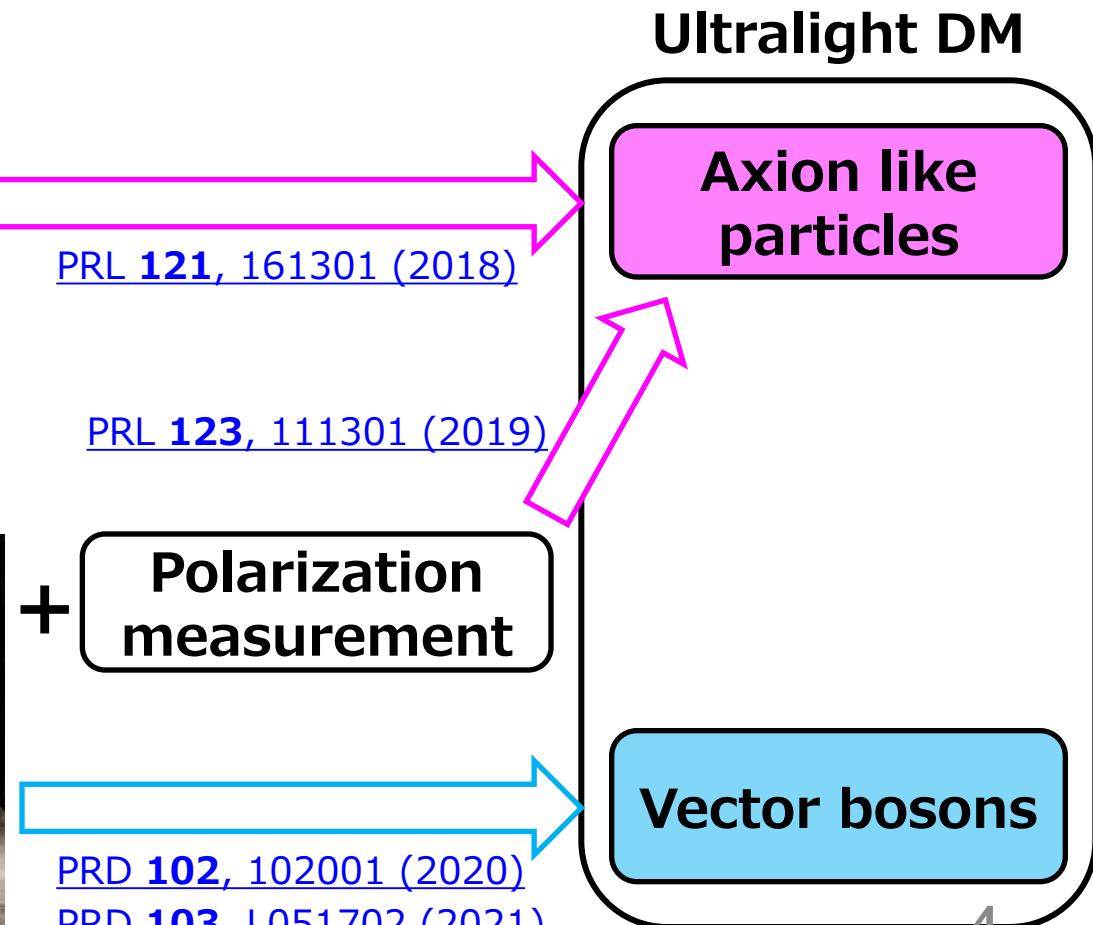
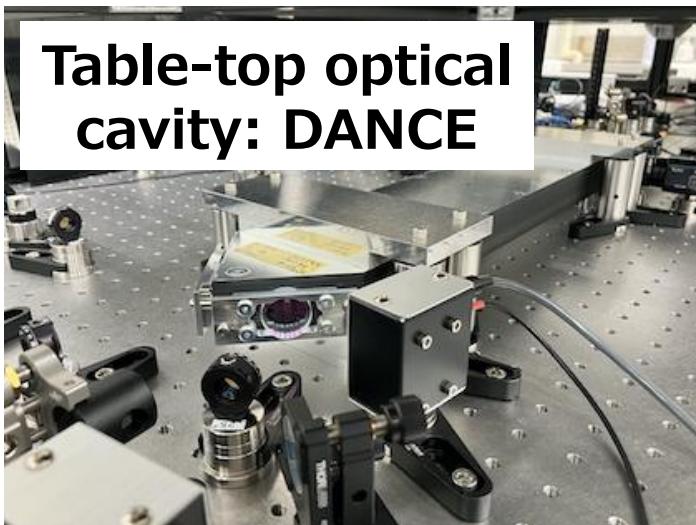
Ultralight Dark Matter

- Ultralight DM ($<\sim 1$ eV) behaves as classical wave fields
- Laser interferometers are sensitive to tiny length changes from such oscillations



Our Strategy

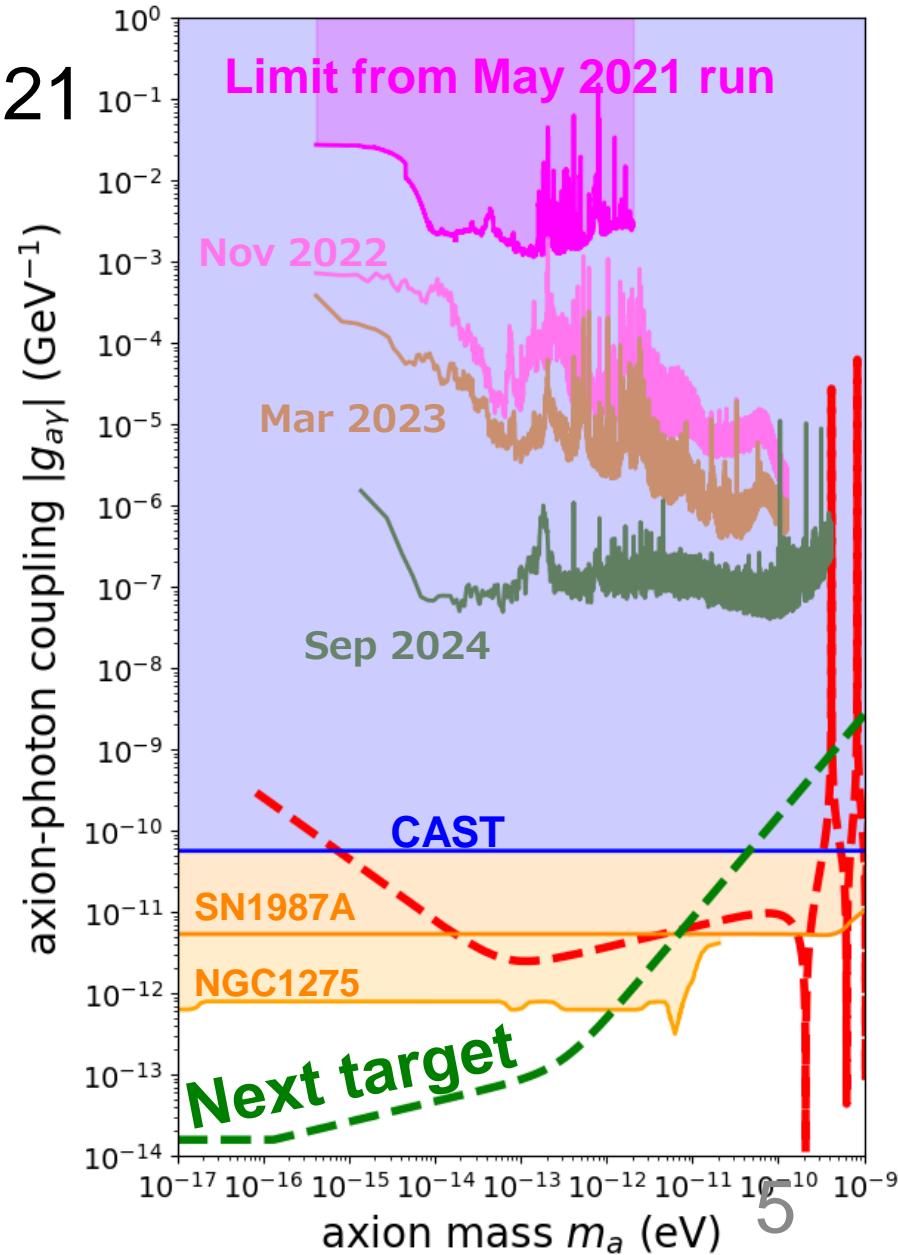
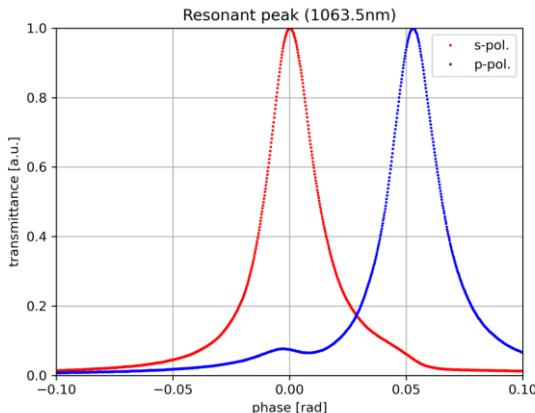
- Use both **table-top** optical cavities and **large-scale** laser interferometric gravitational wave detectors



DANCE Search for Axion DM

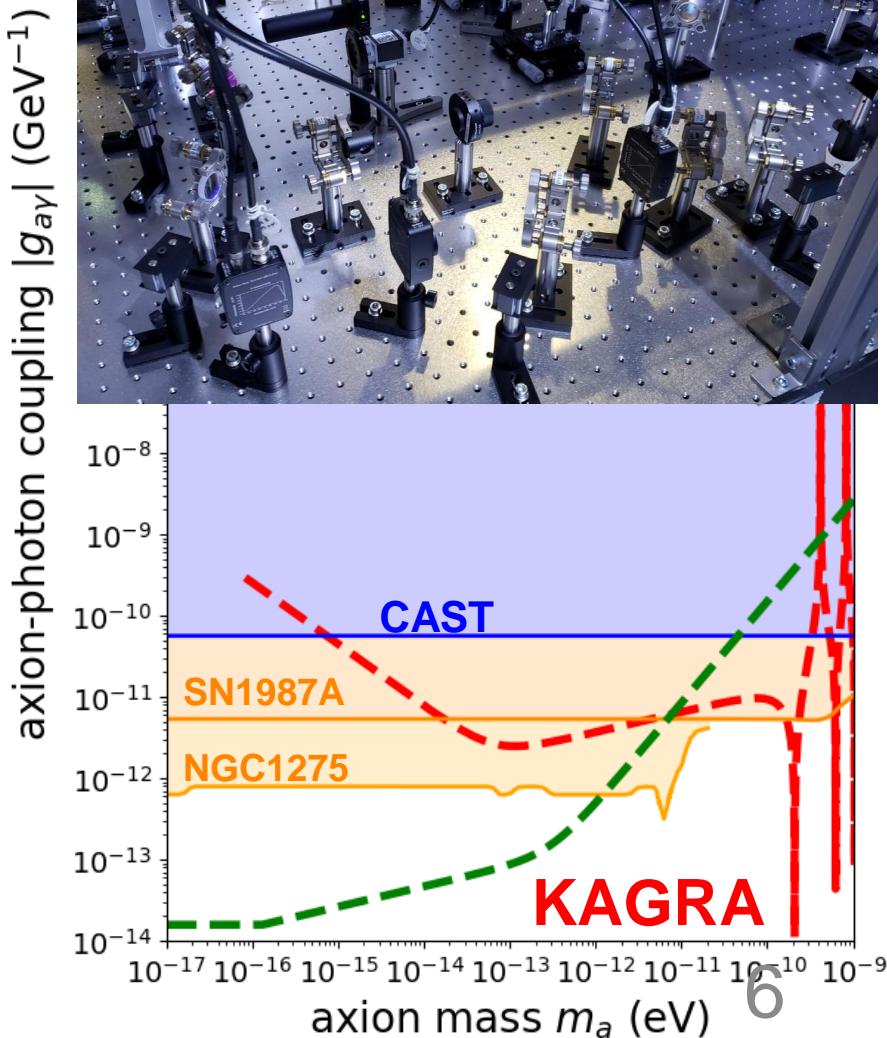
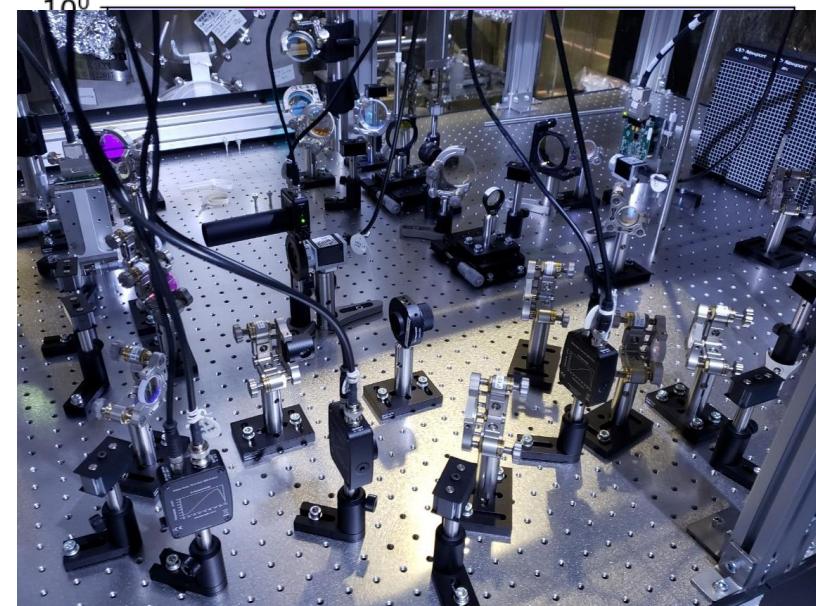
- First demonstration in 2021
Y. Oshima+,
[PRD 108, 072005 \(2023\)](#)
- 4 orders of magnitude improvement over the past years

Talk by Hinata Takidera



KAGRA Search for Axion DM

- Installed polarization optics in 2021
- KAGRA damaged by Jan 2024 Noto earthquake but recovered by Sep 2024
- KAGRA trying to re-start observing run by Oct 2025
- First axion data from GW detectors **this year**



KAGRA Search for Vector DM

- First limit from auxiliary data from KAGRA 2020 run

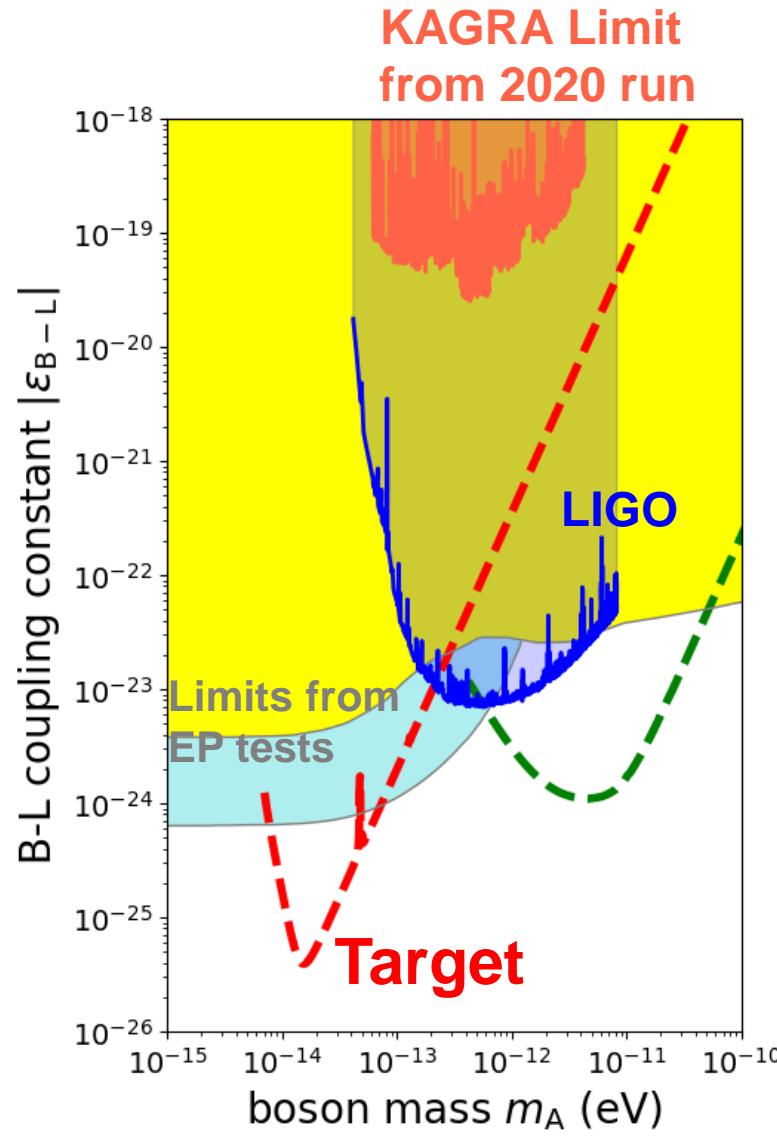
LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA,
[PRD 110, 042001 \(2024\)](#)

- Developed new data analysis methods

H. Nakatsuka+,
[PRD 108, 092010 \(2023\)](#)

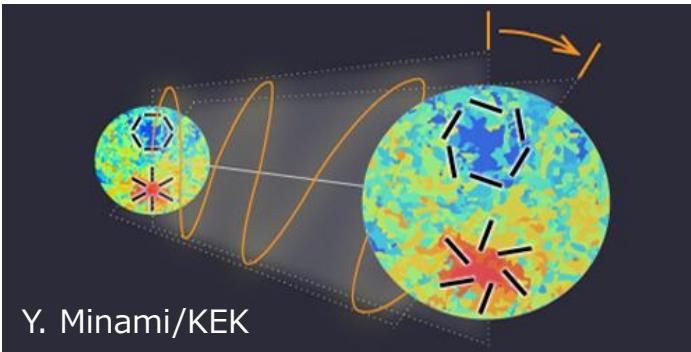
- Improved limits from next observing runs expected
- Improved analysis methods using signal correlations also developed

S. Morisaki, J. Kume, T. Fujimori, YM,
[arXiv:2503.04484](#)

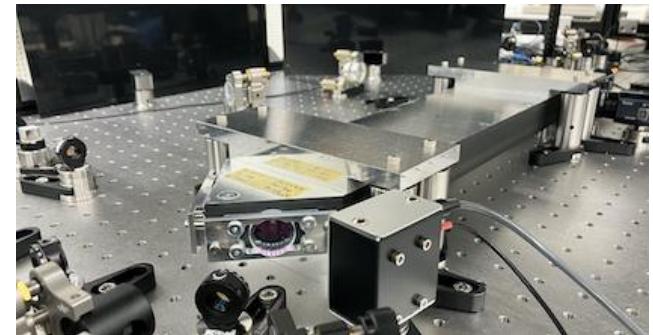


(Unplanned) Achievements

- Many papers (15+) in collaboration with A01, A03, B06 members
- Studies related to cosmic birefringence



Two axions?



I. Obata, [JCAP 09, 062 \(2022\)](#)

- Scalar DM limit from LIGO/Virgo O3 with D01
K. Fukusumi, S. Morisaki, T. Suyama, [PRD 108, 095054 \(2023\)](#)
- Spin-2 DM studies
Y. Manita+, [PRD 107, 104007 \(2023\)](#)
Y. Manita+, [PRD 109, 095012 \(2024\)](#)
- Mirror birefringence fluctuations studies

Y. Michimura+, [PRD 109, 022009 \(2024\)](#)

H. Wang+, [PRD 110, 082007 \(2024\)](#)