

# Ultralight dark matter searches with laser interferometry



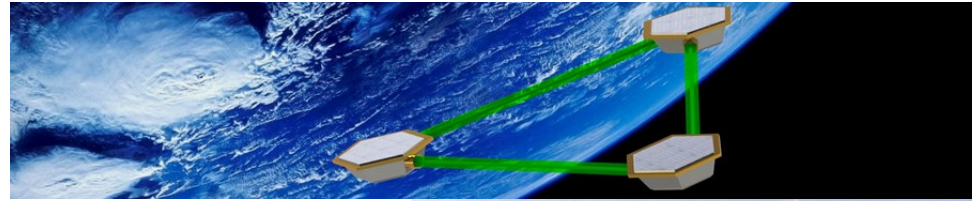
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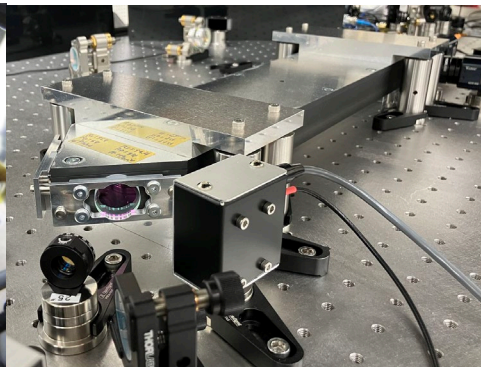
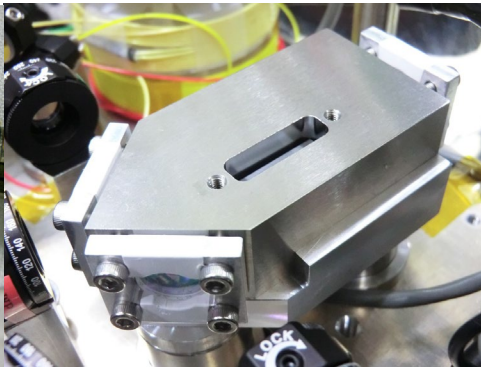
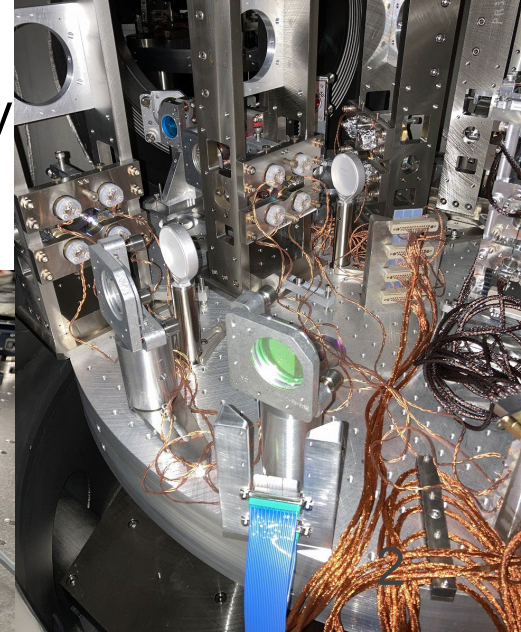
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# Self Introduction



- Yuta Michimura (道村 唯太)
  - Associate Prof. at RESCEU, UTokyo
- Laser interferometric **gravitational wave** detectors
  - Ground based: KAGRA, LIGO
  - Space based: DECIGO (SILVIA)
- Gravitational physics with **laser interferometry**
  - Lorentz invariance test
  - Optomechanical test of quantum nature of gravity
  - Dark matter searches ...



# KEK Summer Challenge 2008



この夏、  
研究者になろう！

第2回 大学生のための素粒子・原子核スクール  
**ガンマチャレンジ**  
究極の物質像に挑む

平成20年8月19日(火)～8月27日(水)  
於 大学共同利用機関法人 高エネルギー加速器研究機構

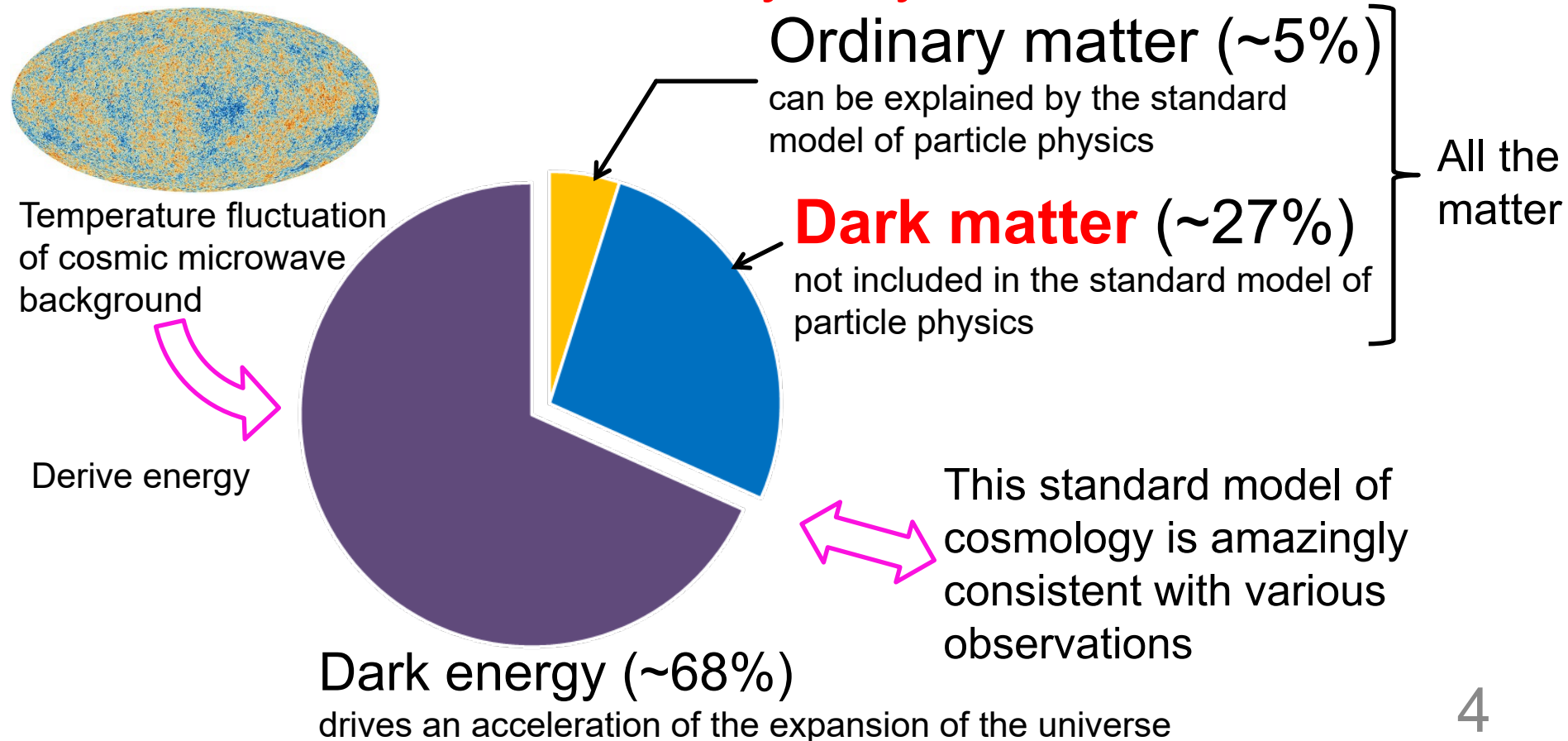
- 定員: 70名程度
- 対象: おもに大学3年生
- 申し込み締切日: 8月末日
- 場所: KEKつくばキャンパス/及びおひろ海キャンパス
- 構成: 分野を縦断する講義と、5人程度の小グループに分かれた演習
- 特徴: 世界第一線の研究者による講演・講義  
研究最前線で活躍する大学スタッフを中心に盛り上げたスクール構成  
最先端施設を用いた多彩な演習プログラム  
夏季テーマ・チャレンジングスタントによる総論を指導
- 主催/共催: 大学共同利用機関法人 高エネルギー加速器研究機構、高エネルギー物理学研究者会連・原子核物理学会
- 後援: 日本物理学会・日本加速器学会

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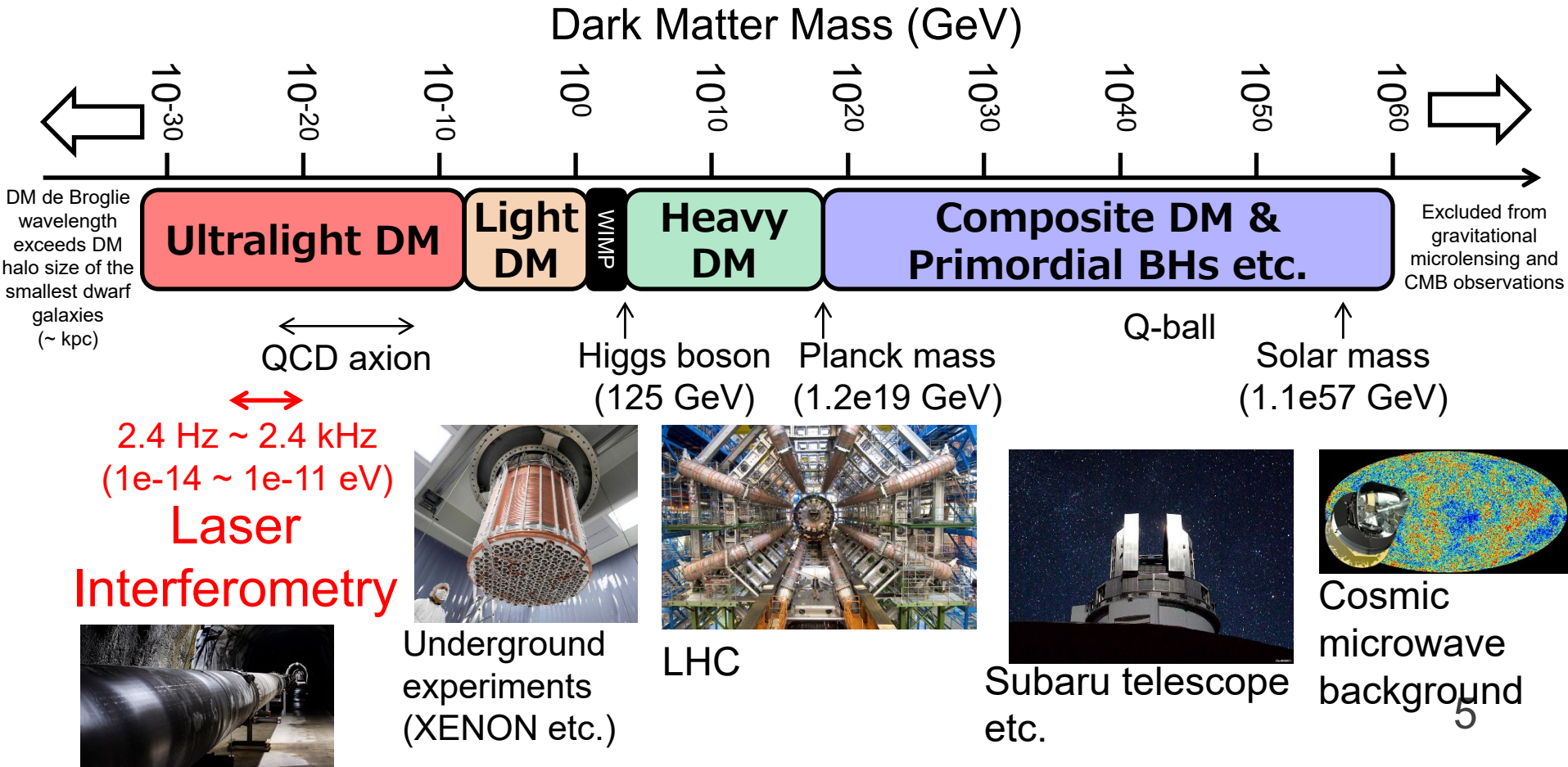
# Dark Matter Mystery

- Suggested in 1930s from galaxy rotation curves
- Accounts for **~80%** of all the matter of the universe
- **The nature remains mystery**



# Dark Matter Models

- ~90 orders of magnitude
- Searches focused on **WIMPs**, but not detected yet
- Motivates **new searches for other candidates**



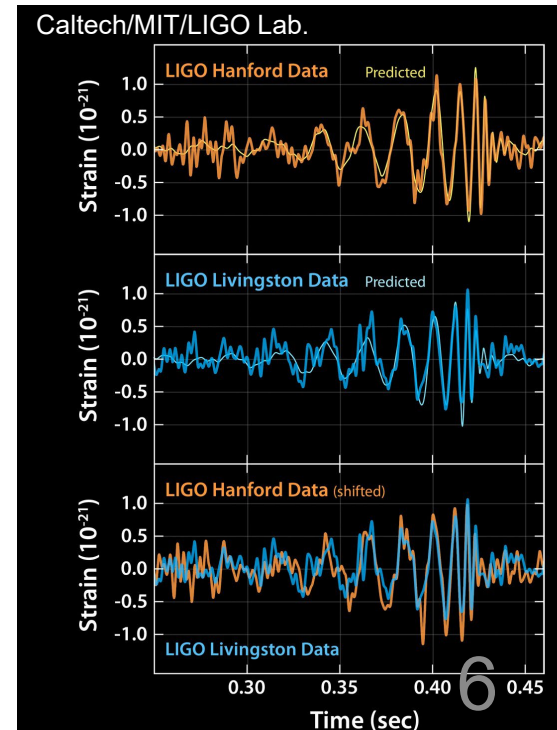
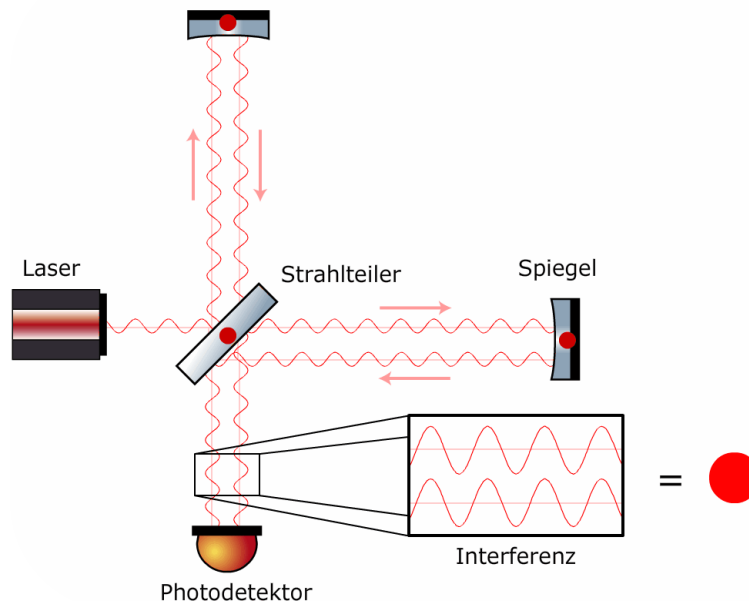
# Ultralight DM with Interferometers

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

- Behaves as **classical waves**

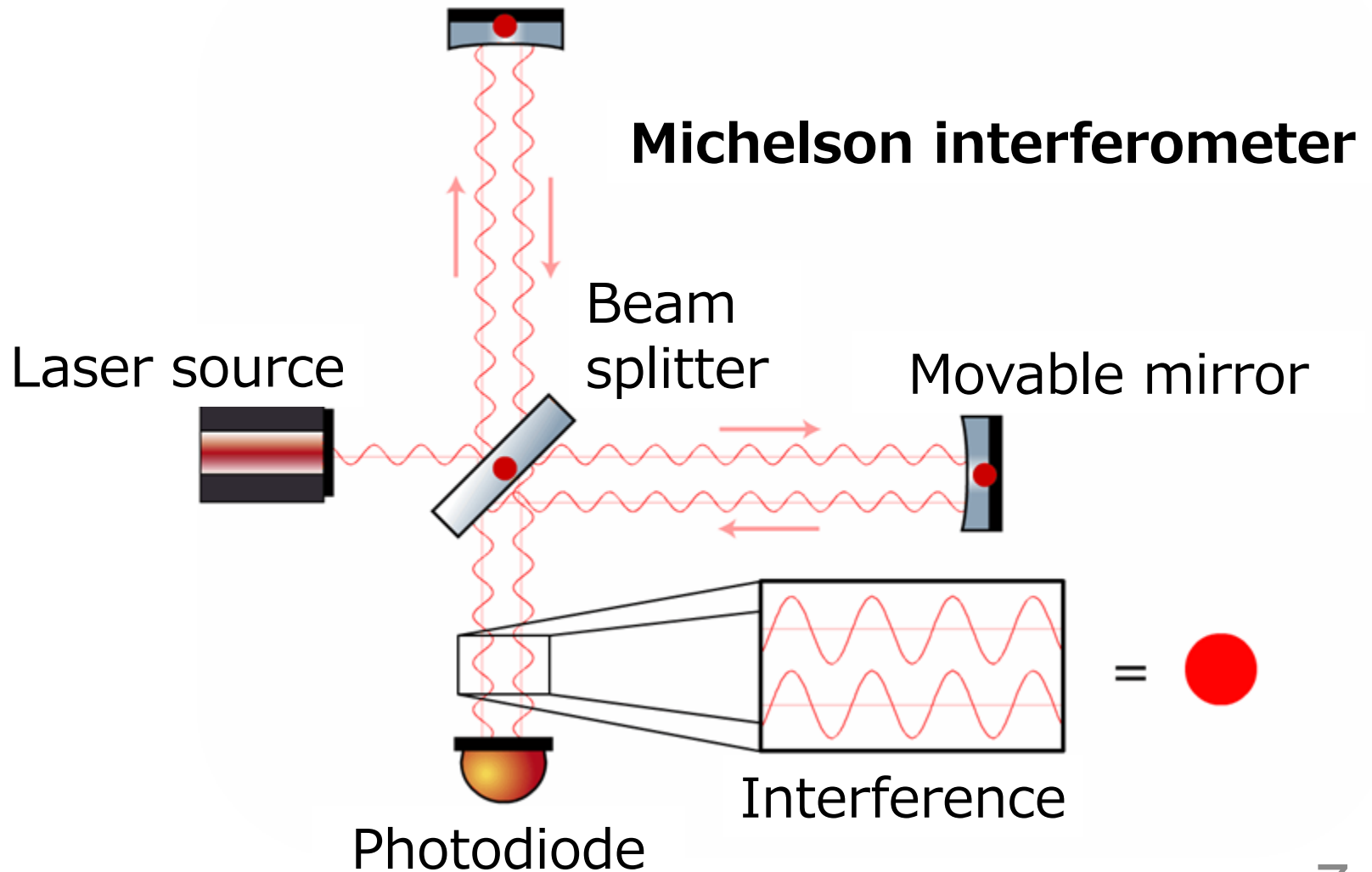
$$f = 242 \text{ Hz} \left( \frac{m_{\text{DM}}}{10^{-12} \text{ eV}} \right)$$

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



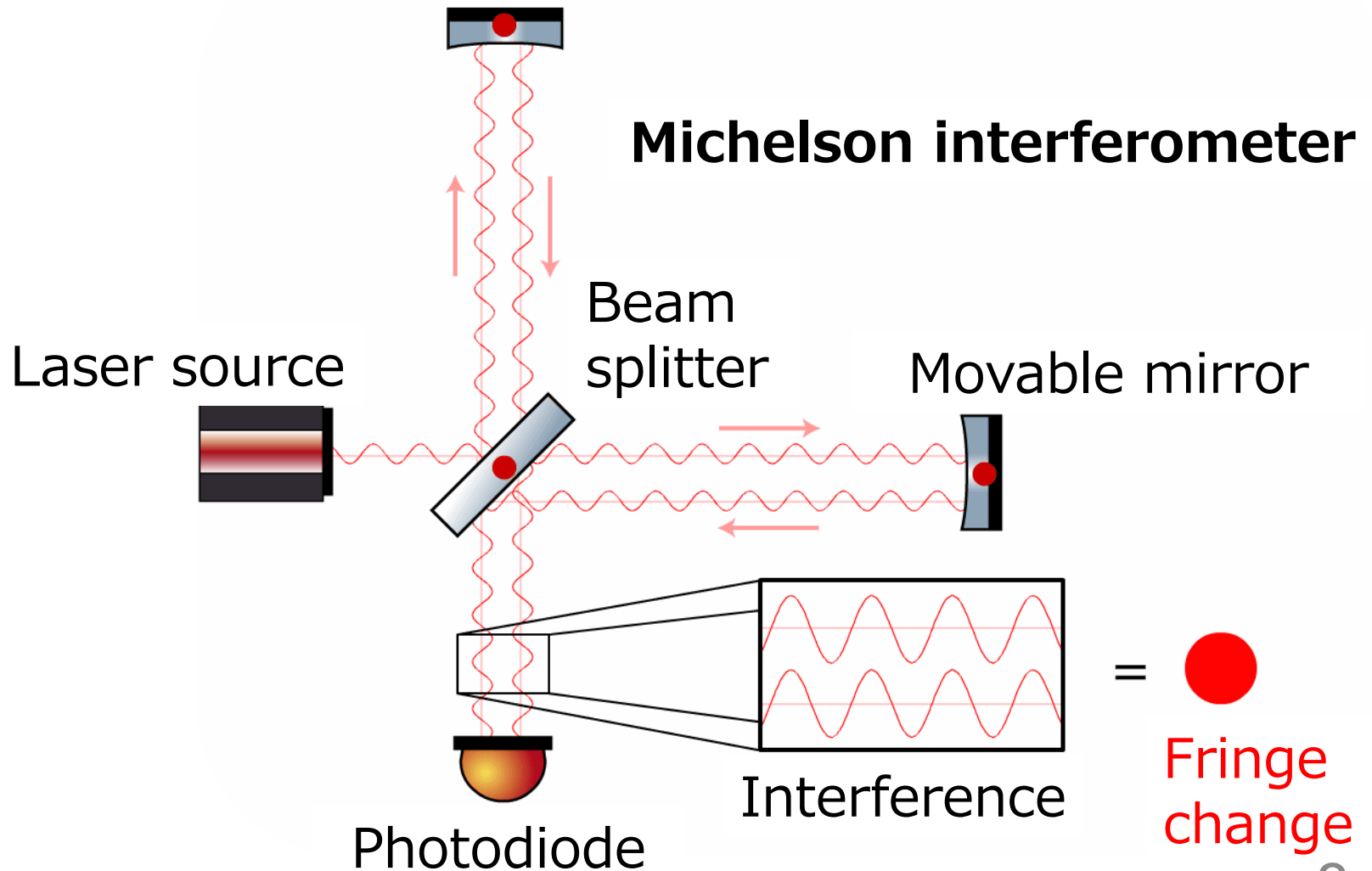
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- measures **differential** arm length change



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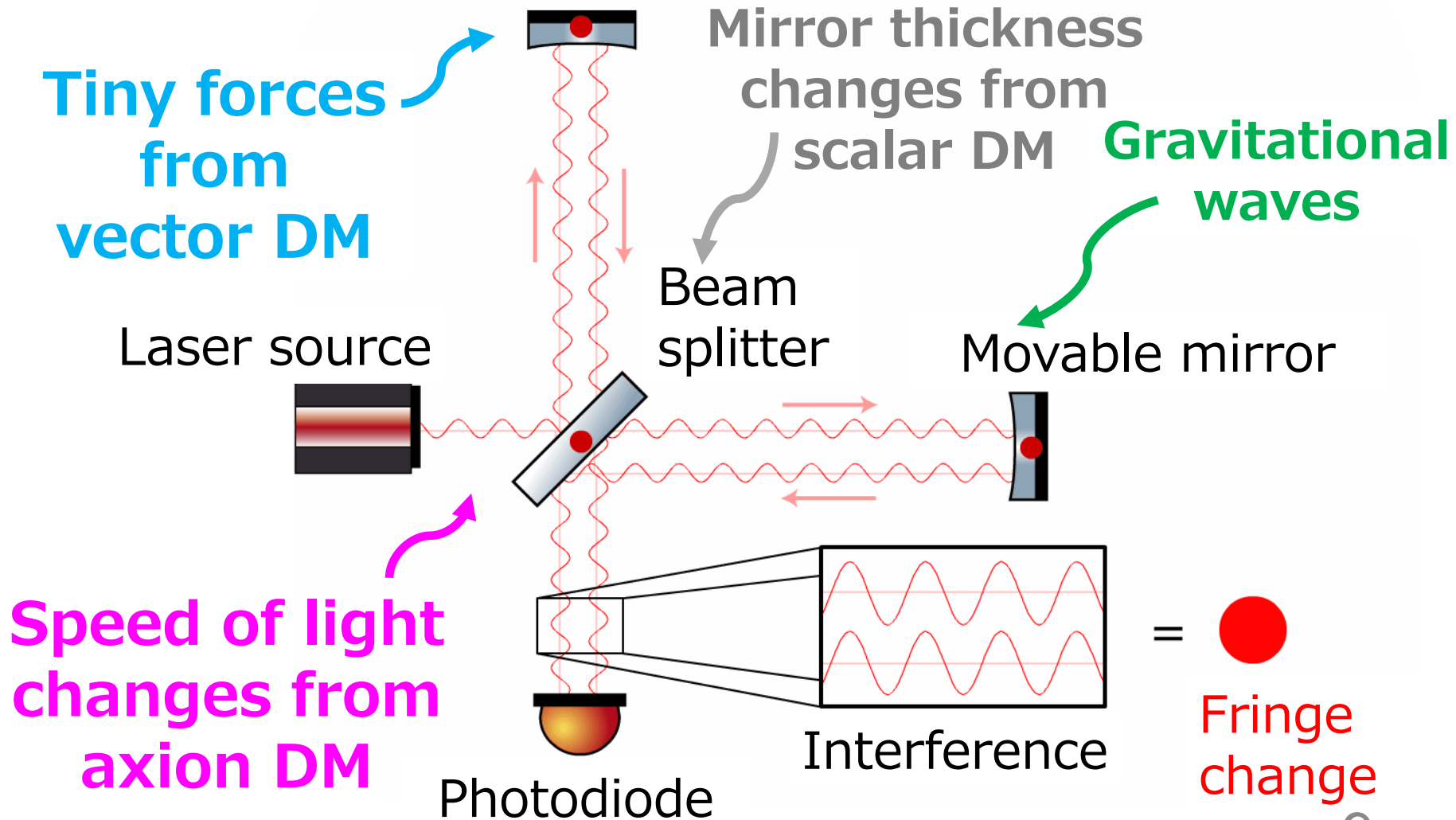
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# Recent Proposals and Searches

## • Scalar bosons

- Y. V. Stadnik & V. V. Flambaum, [PRL 114, 161301 \(2015\)](#), [PRA 93, 063630 \(2016\)](#)
- A. A. Geraci+, [PRL 123, 031304 \(2019\)](#)
- H. Grote & Y. V. Stadnik, [PRR 1, 033187 \(2019\)](#)
- S. Morisaki & T. Suyama, [PRD 100, 123512 \(2019\)](#)
- C. Kennedy+, [PRL 125, 201302 \(2020\)](#)
- E. Savalle+, [PRL 126, 051301 \(2021\)](#)
- S. M. Vermeulen+, [Nature 600, 424 \(2021\)](#) **GEO600 data analysis**
- K. Fukusumi, S. Morisaki, T. Suyama, [arXiv:2303.13088](#) **LIGO/Virgo O3 data analysis**

## • Axion & axion-like particles (ALPs)

- W. DeRocco & A. Hook, [PRD 98, 035021 \(2018\)](#)
- I. Obata, T. Fujita, Y. Michimura, [PRL 121, 161301 \(2018\)](#)
- H. Liu+, [PRD 100, 023548 \(2019\)](#)
- K. Nagano, T. Fujita, Y. Michimura, I. Obata, [PRL 123, 111301 \(2019\)](#)
- D. Martynov & H. Miao, [PRD 101, 095034 \(2020\)](#)
- K. Nagano, H. Nakatsuka, S. Morisaki, T. Fujita, Y. Michimura, I. Obata, [PRD 104, 062008 \(2021\)](#)
- Y. Oshima+, [PRD 108, 072005 \(2023\)](#) **DANCE first result**

Not exhaustive.  
The ones which require magnetic fields are not listed.

## • $U(1)_B$ or $U(1)_{B-L}$ gauge bosons (vector field)

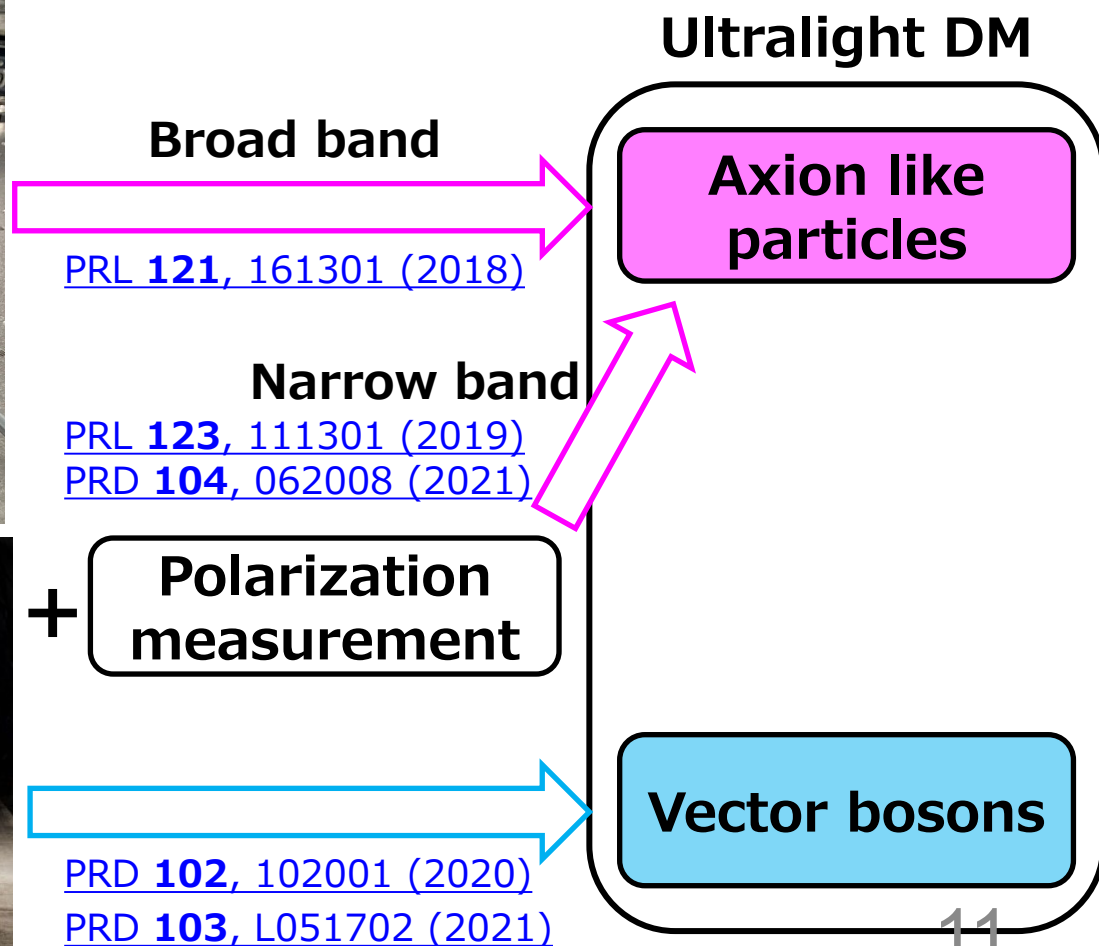
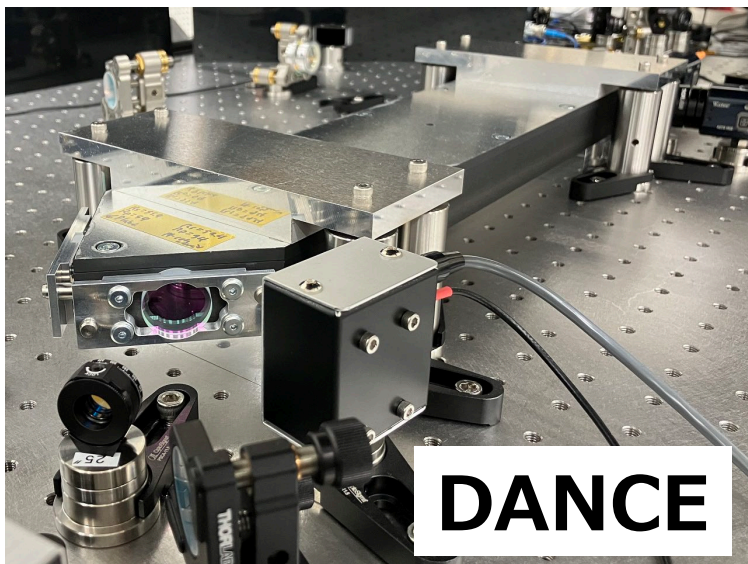
- P. W. Graham+, [PRD 93, 075029 \(2016\)](#)
- A. Pierce+, [PRL 121, 061102 \(2018\)](#)
- H-K Guo+, [Commun. Phys. 2, 155 \(2019\)](#) **LIGO O1 data analysis**
- Y. Michimura, T. Fujita, S. Morisaki, H. Nakatsuka, I. Obata, [PRD 102, 102001 \(2020\)](#)
- D. Carmey+, [New J. Phys. 23, 023041 \(2021\)](#)
- J. Manley+, [PRL 126, 061301 \(2021\)](#)
- S. Morisaki, T. Fujita, Y. Michimura, H. Nakatsuka, I. Obata, [PRD 103, L051702 \(2021\)](#)
- LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Collaboration, [PRD 105, 063030 \(2022\)](#) **LIGO/Virgo O3 data analysis**
- LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Collaboration, [arXiv:2403.03004](#) **KAGRA O3GK data analysis**

## • Spin-2 bosons (tensor field)

- Y. Manita, K. Aoki, T. Fujita, S. Mukohyama, [PRD 107, 104007 \(2023\)](#)
- Y. Manita, H. Takeda, K. Aoki, T. Fujita, S. Mukohyama, [arXiv:2310.10646](#)

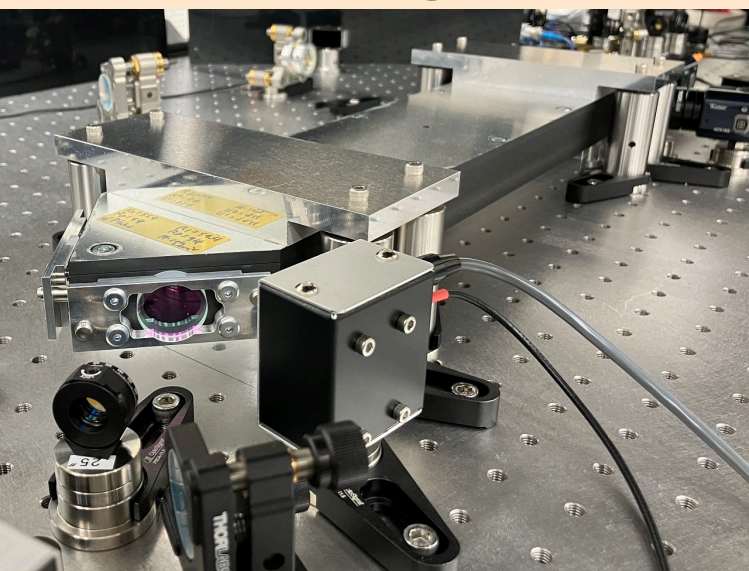
# Our Projects

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



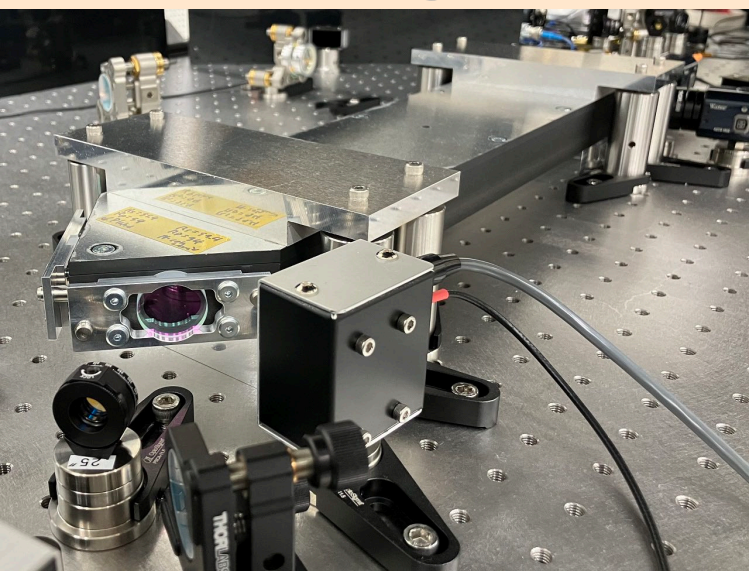
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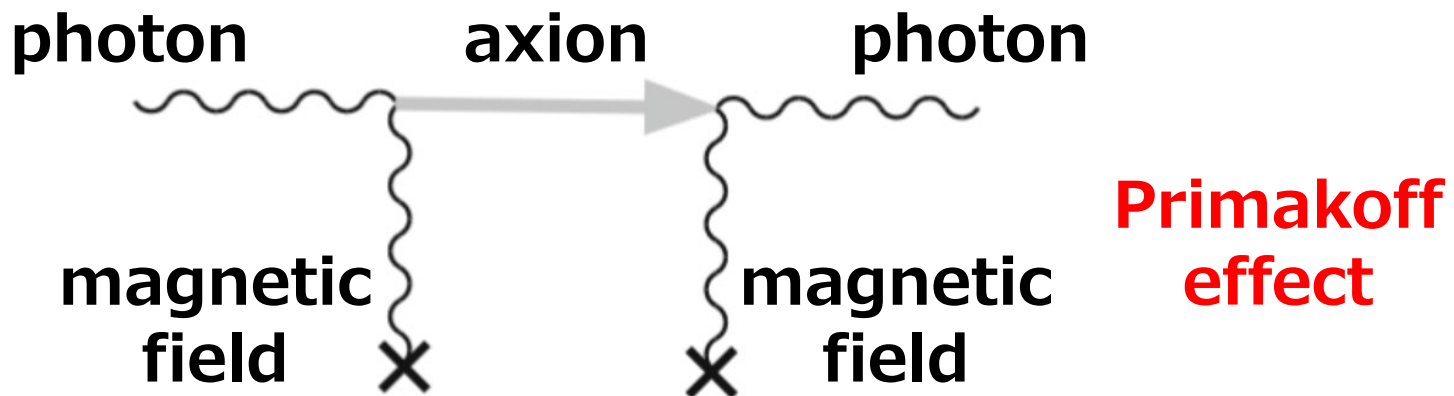
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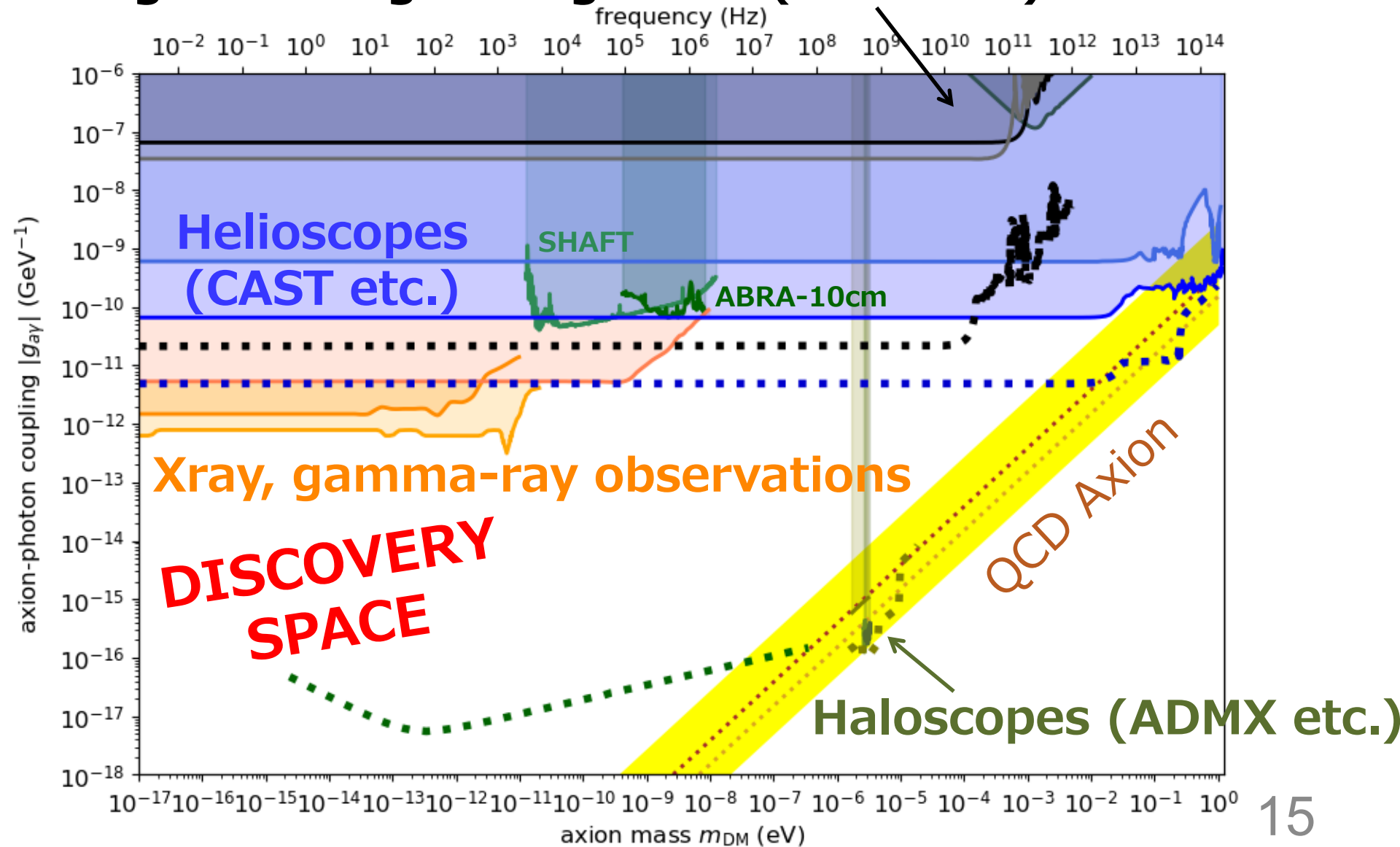
# Axion and Axion-Like Particles

- 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**



# Previous Searches

## Light Shining through Wall (ALPS etc.)



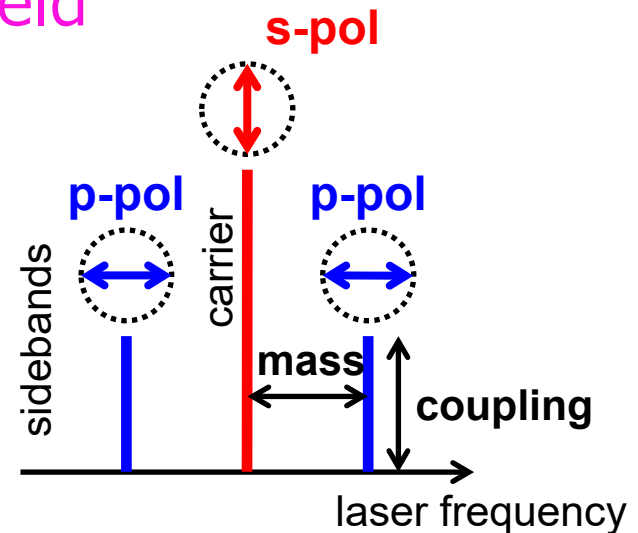
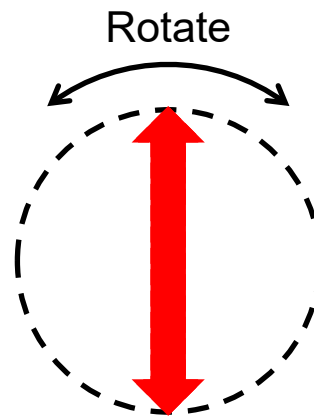
# Polarization Modulation from Axions

- 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

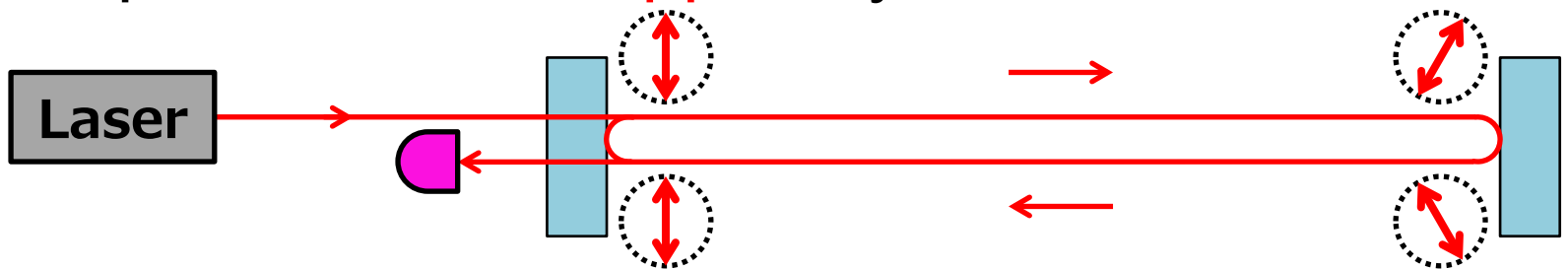


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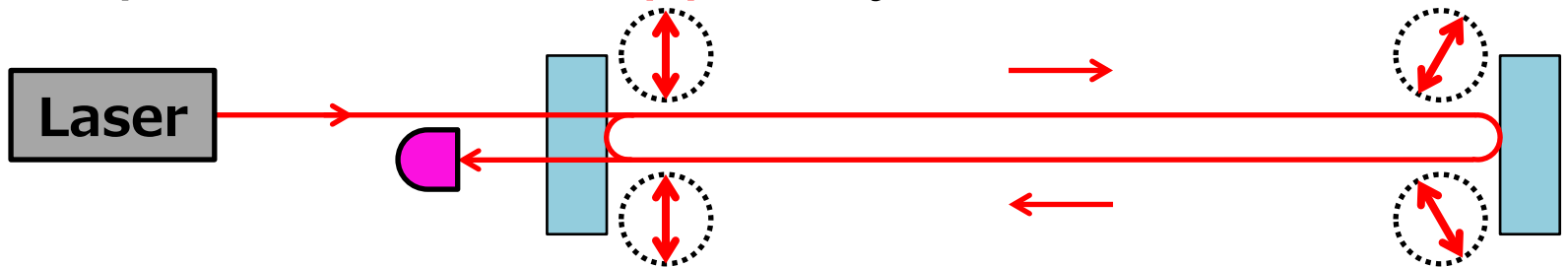


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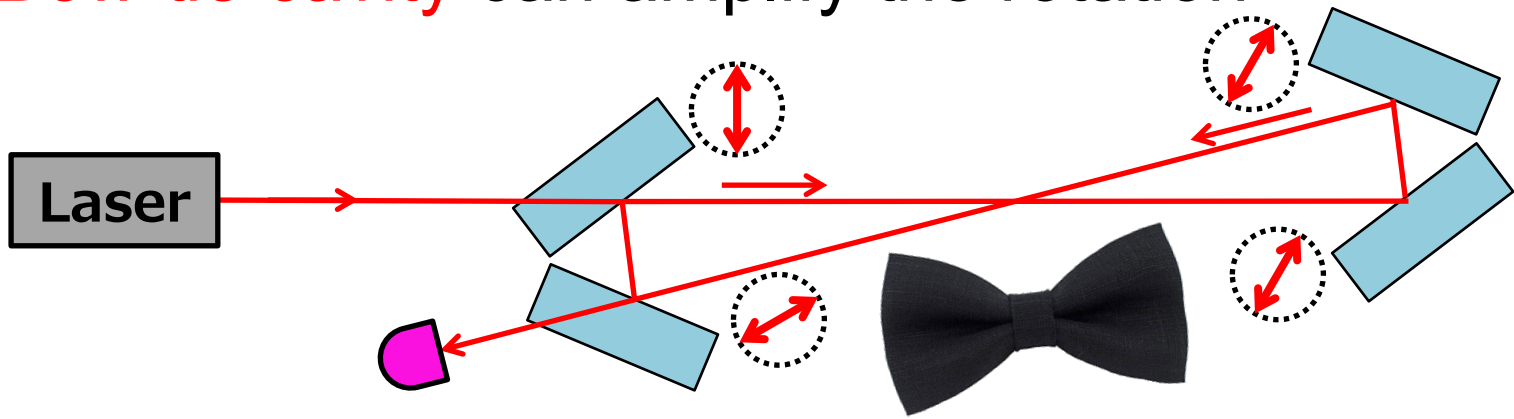
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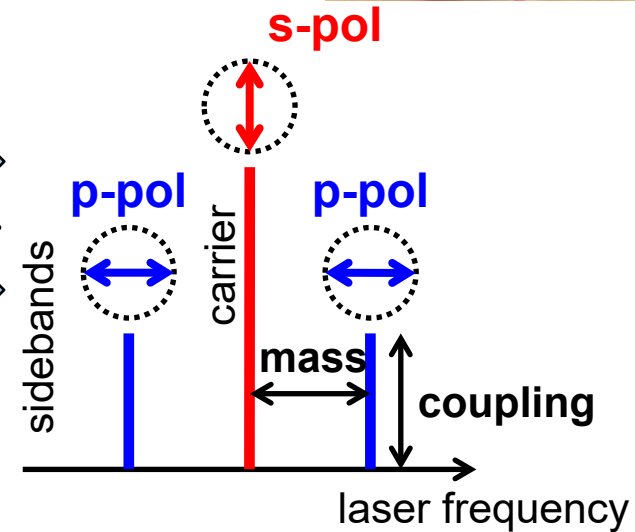
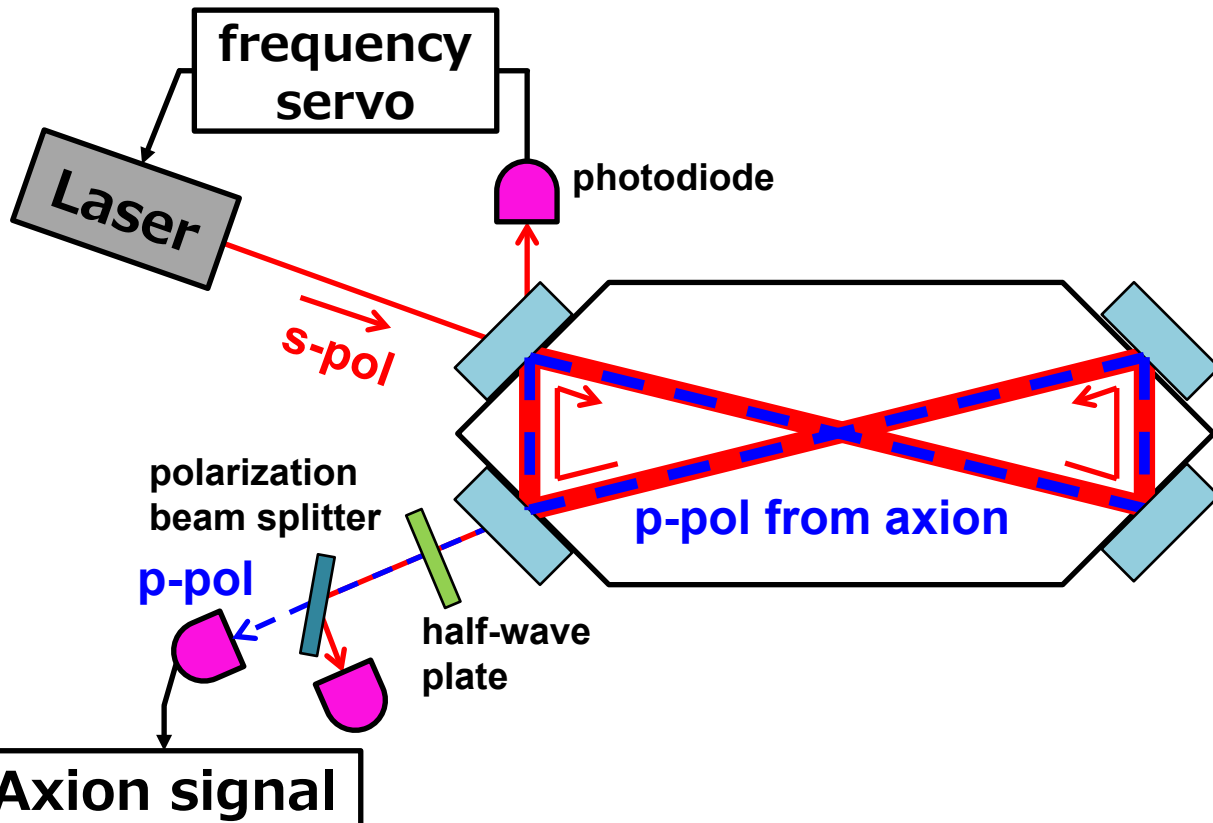
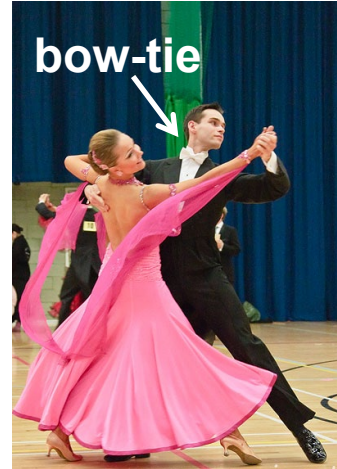
- **Bow-tie cavity** can amplify the rotation



# DANCE Setup

## Dark matter Axion search with riNg Cavity Experiment

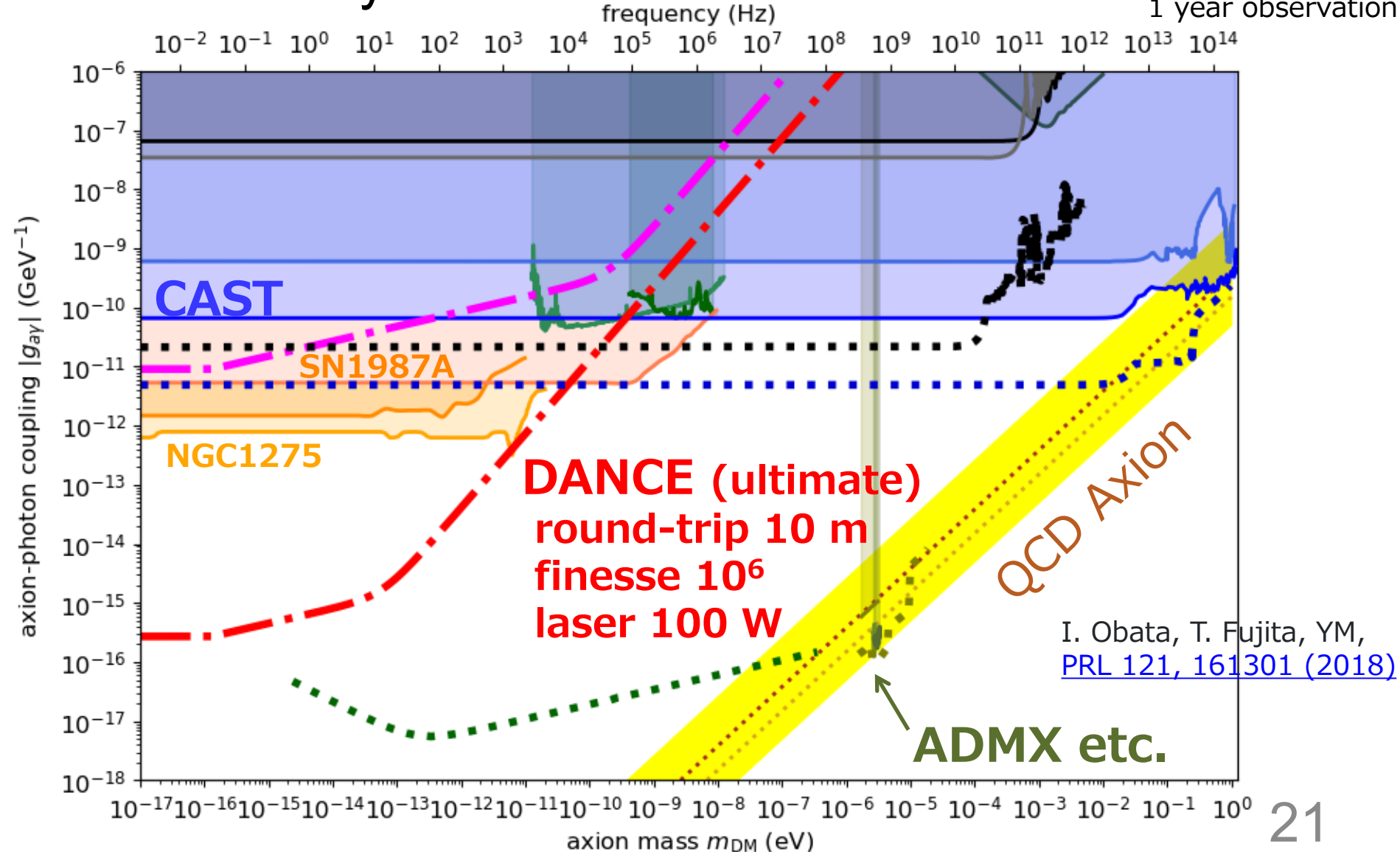
- Look for amount of **modulated** p-pol generation in each frequency



# Sensitivity of DANCE

- Sensitivity **better than CAST limit**

\* Shot noise limited  
1 year observation

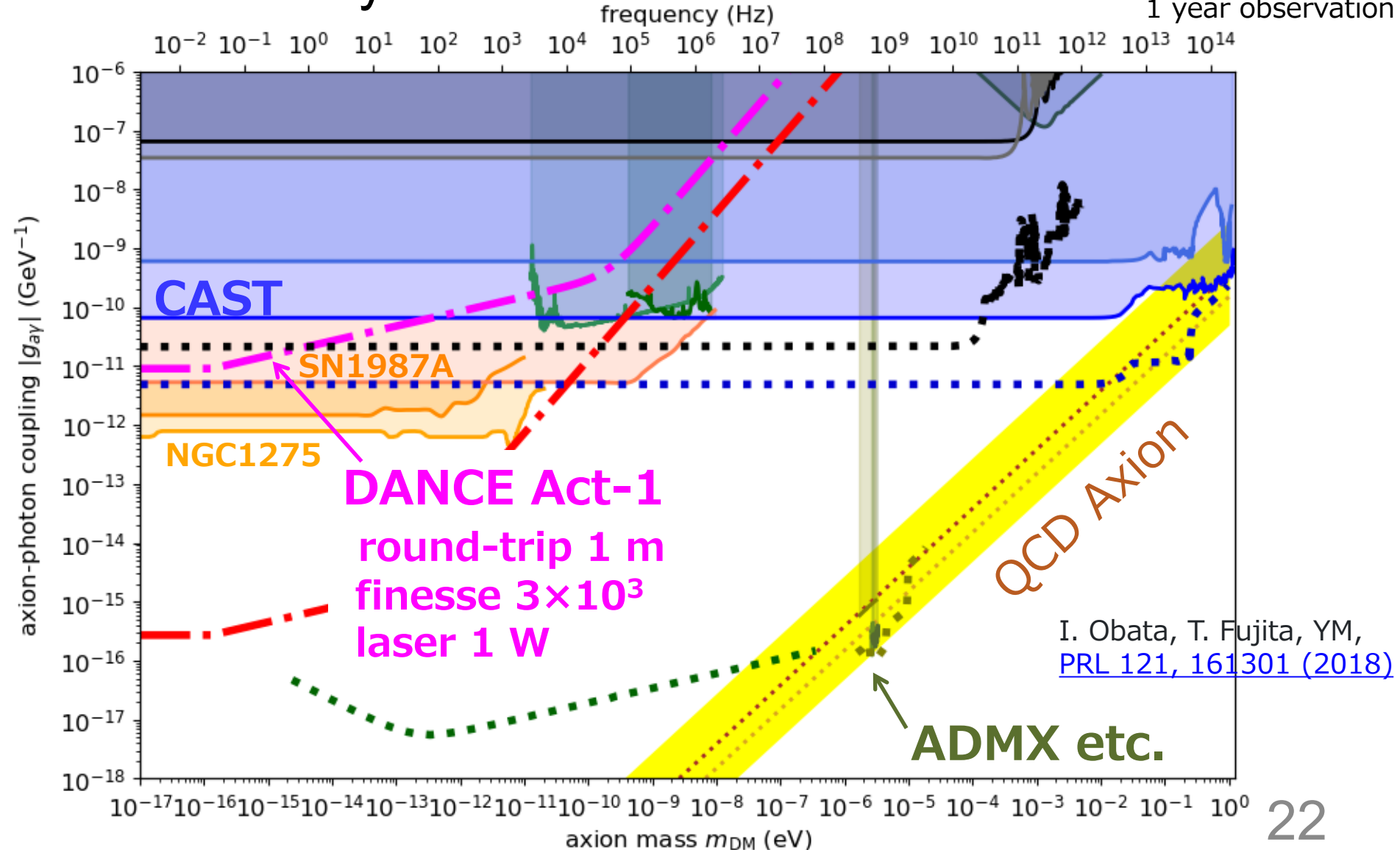


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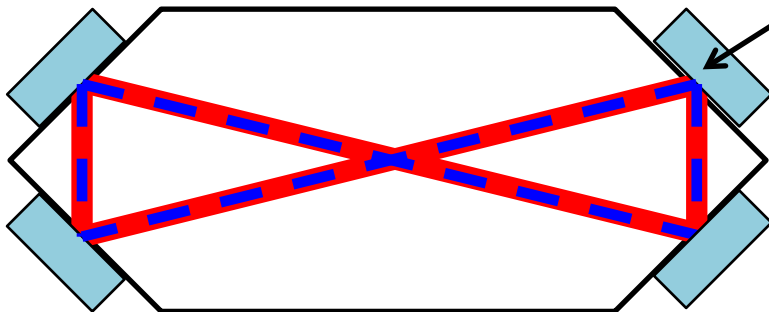
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# Status of DANCE Act-1

- Started in 2019
- After reassembly of the optics by several times and installation of digital servo system for long runs, **first 12-day observation** was achieved in May 2021
  - Issue: s-pol and p-pol do not resonate simultaneously  
Due to phase difference in mirror reflections
- Designed an auxiliary cavity, and **achieved simultaneous resonance for the first time** in November 2021



s-pol and p-pol obtain different phase on mirror reflections at non-zero incident angle  
→ results in resonant frequency difference

Y. Oshima+, [arXiv:2105.06252](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.06252)

H. Fujimoto+, [arXiv:2105.08347](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.08347)

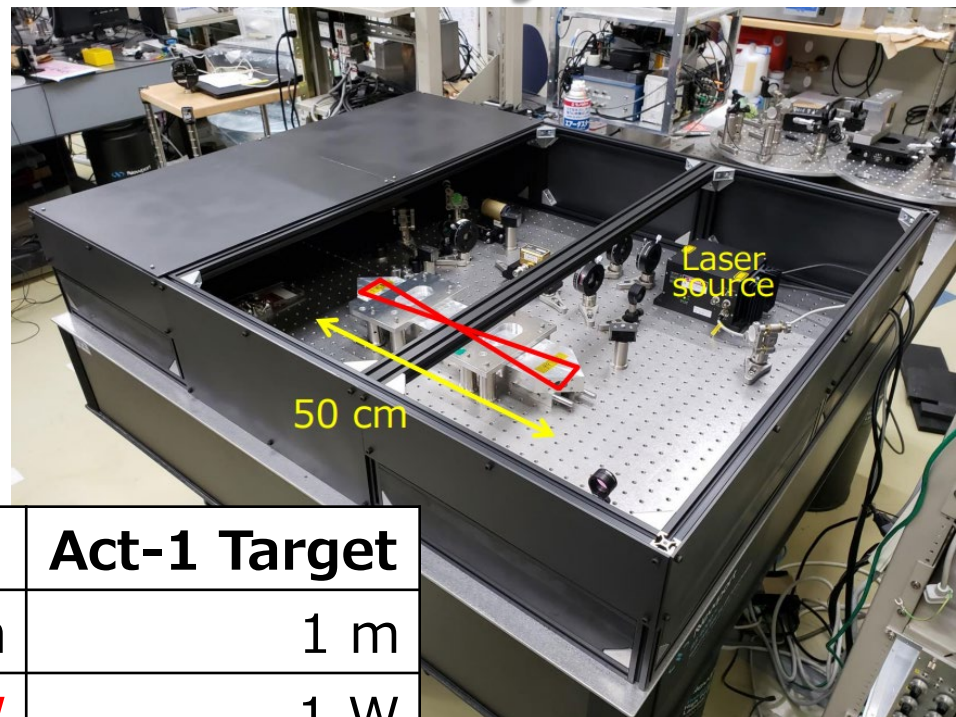
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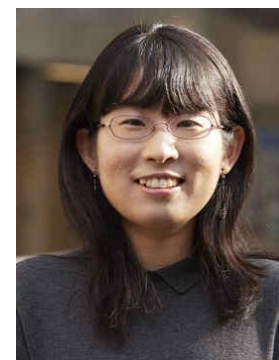
# First Observing Run in May 2021

- Same scale as Act-1 target
- 12-day test run from May 8<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

Y. Oshima+, [PRD 108, 072005 \(2023\)](#)



	May 2021	Act-1 Target
Round-trip length	1 m	1 m
Input power	242(12) mW (Source: 0.5 W)	1 W
Finesse (for carrier)	$2.85(5) \times 10^3$ s-pol	$3 \times 10^3$
Finesse (for sidebands)	195(3) p-pol	$3 \times 10^3$
s/p-pol resonant freq. difference	2.52(2) MHz	0 Hz





# Data Analysis Pipeline

- Nearly monochromatic signal

$$\omega_i = m_a \left( 1 + \frac{v_i^2}{2} \right)$$

- Stack the spectra in this frequency region to calculate SNR

$$\rho = \sum \frac{4|\tilde{d}(f_k)|^2}{T_{\text{obs}} S_n(f_k)}$$

Data

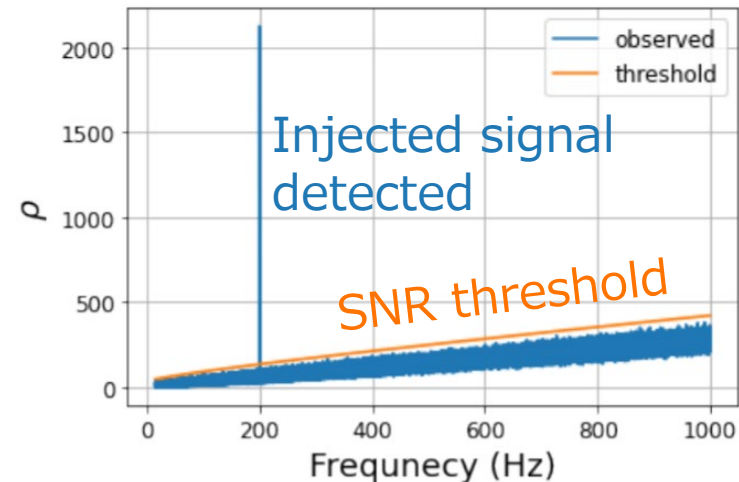
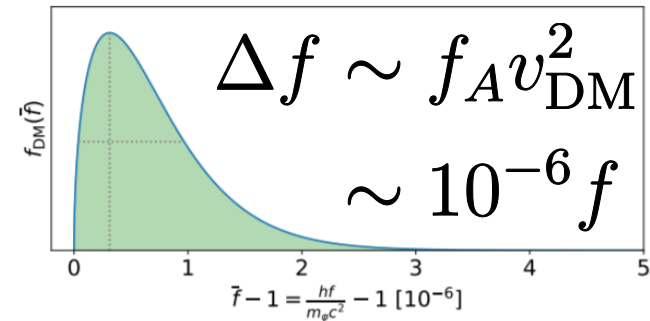
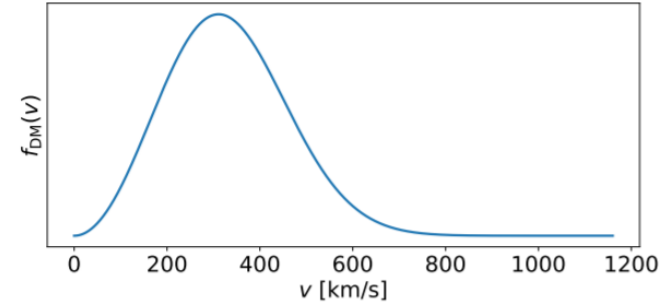
$$m_A \leq 2\pi f_k \leq m_A(1 + \kappa v_{\text{DM}}^2)$$

PSD

- Detection threshold determined assuming  $\rho$  follows  $\chi^2$  distribution (=assuming Gaussian noise)

- From  $\rho$ , calculate 95% upper limit on coupling constant
- Applied the pipeline to mock data for verification

E. Savalle+,  
[PRL 126, 051301 \(2021\)](#)



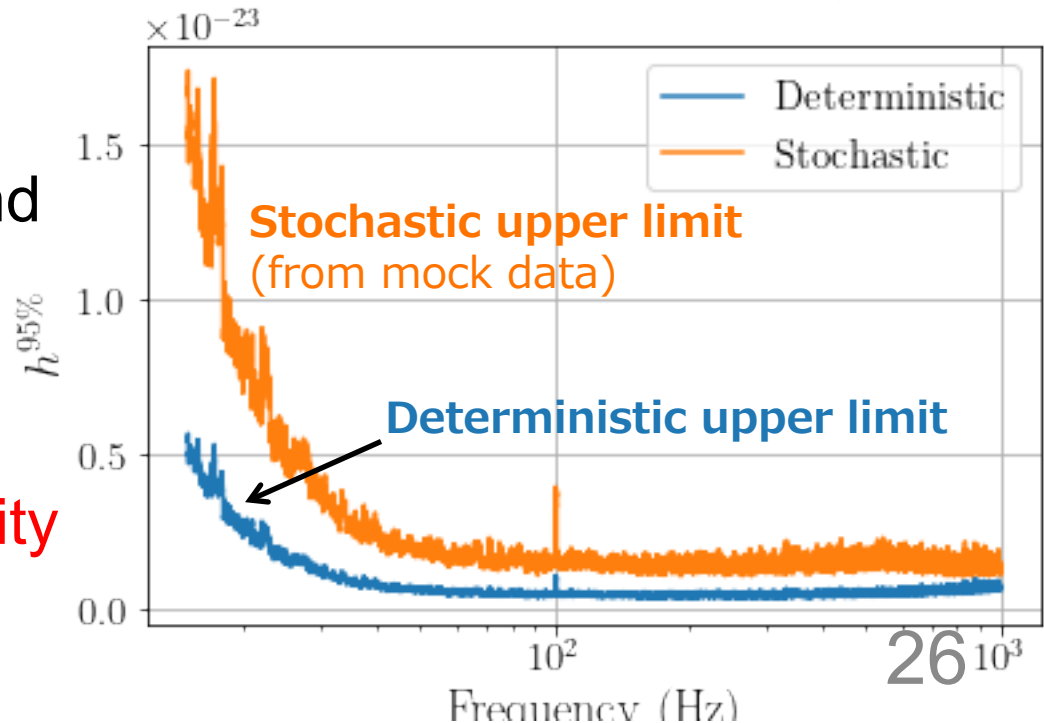
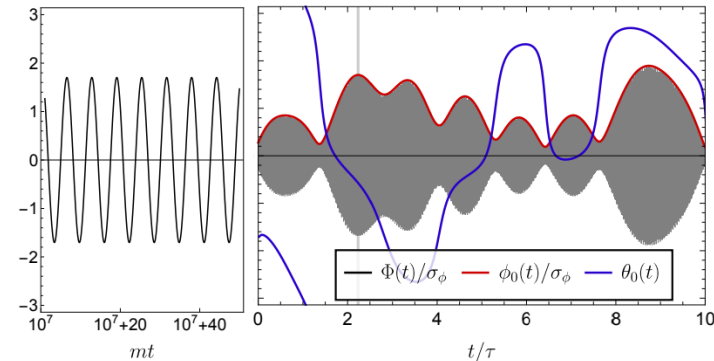
# Stochastic Nature of DM Signal

- DM signal is from **superposition** of many waves with various momentum, phase and polarization
- The **amplitude fluctuates** at the time scale of

$$\tau = 2\pi / (m_a v_{\text{DM}}^2)$$

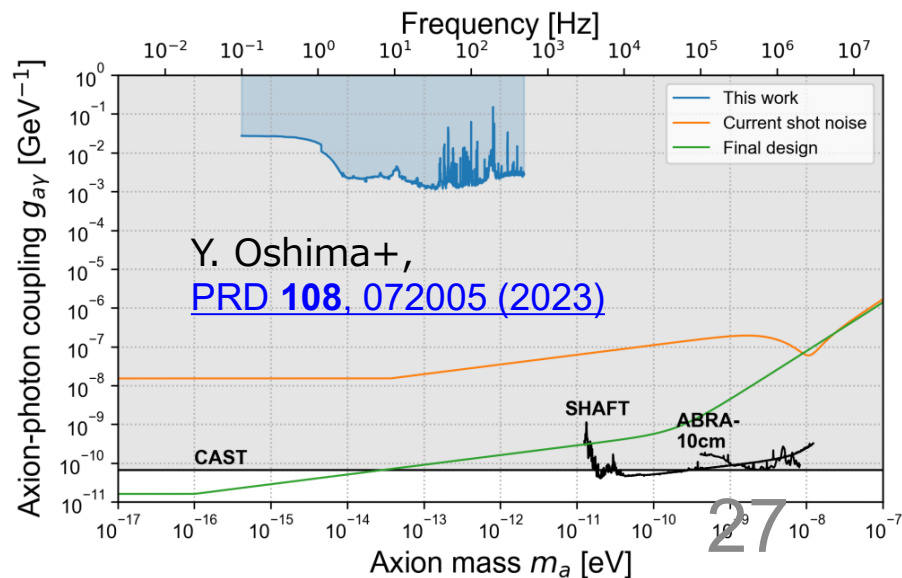
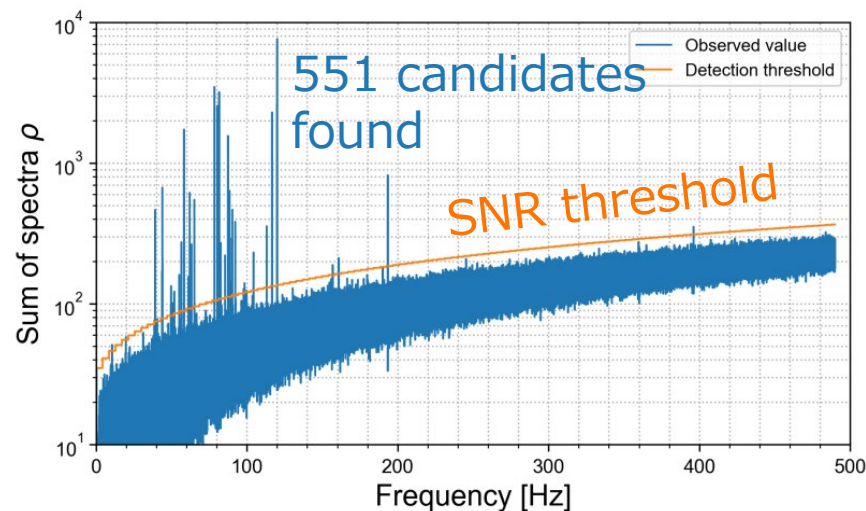
- At low frequencies, DM signal **could be too small by chance** and elude detection
- Method to **calculate upper limit** taking into account this **stochasticity** developed

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



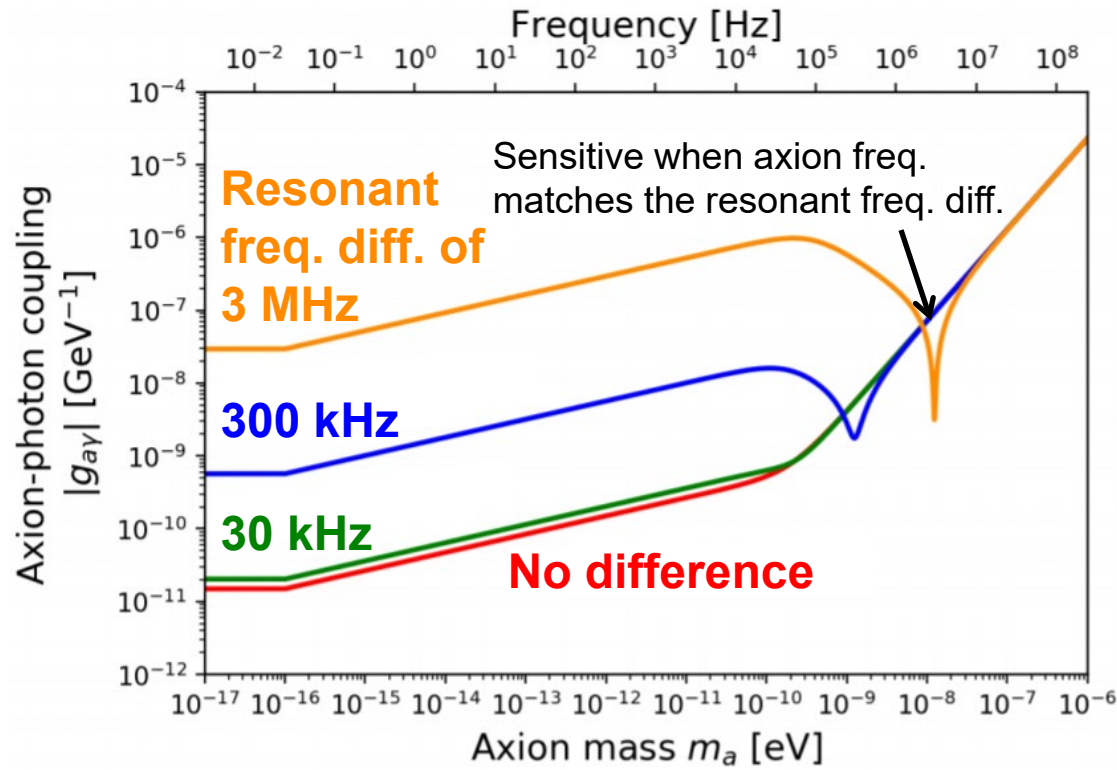
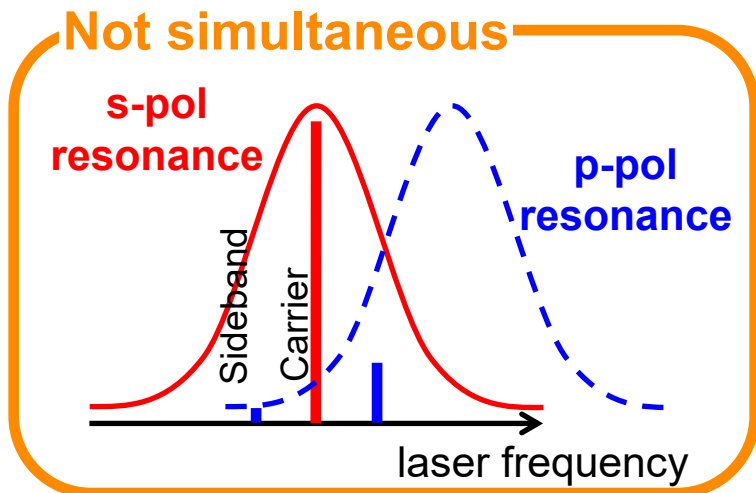
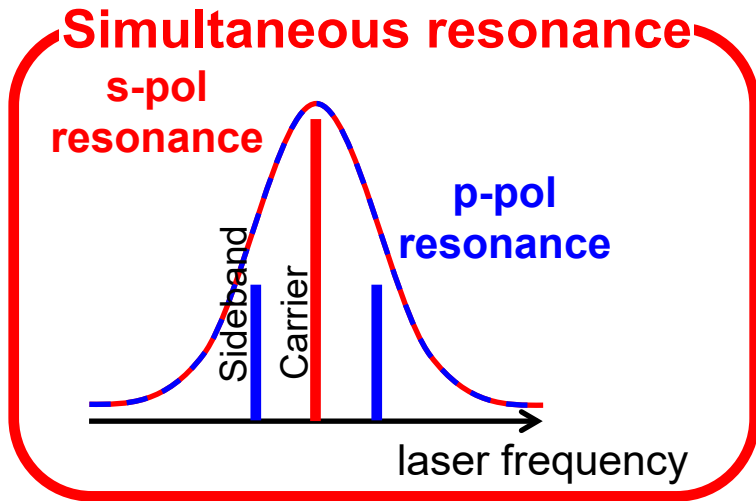
# First Data Analysis Results

- Used **24-hour data** from 12-day run
- 551 candidates found from initial analysis
- Veto analysis
  - Consistency veto  
(Frequency should be the same for different set of 24-hour data)
  - Q-factor veto  
(DM signal must have Q of  $10^6$ )
  - Remaining 7 candidates  
(all multiples of  $\sim 40$  Hz) are also found in laser frequency control, and thus rejected
- Placed upper limits



# Simultaneous Resonance

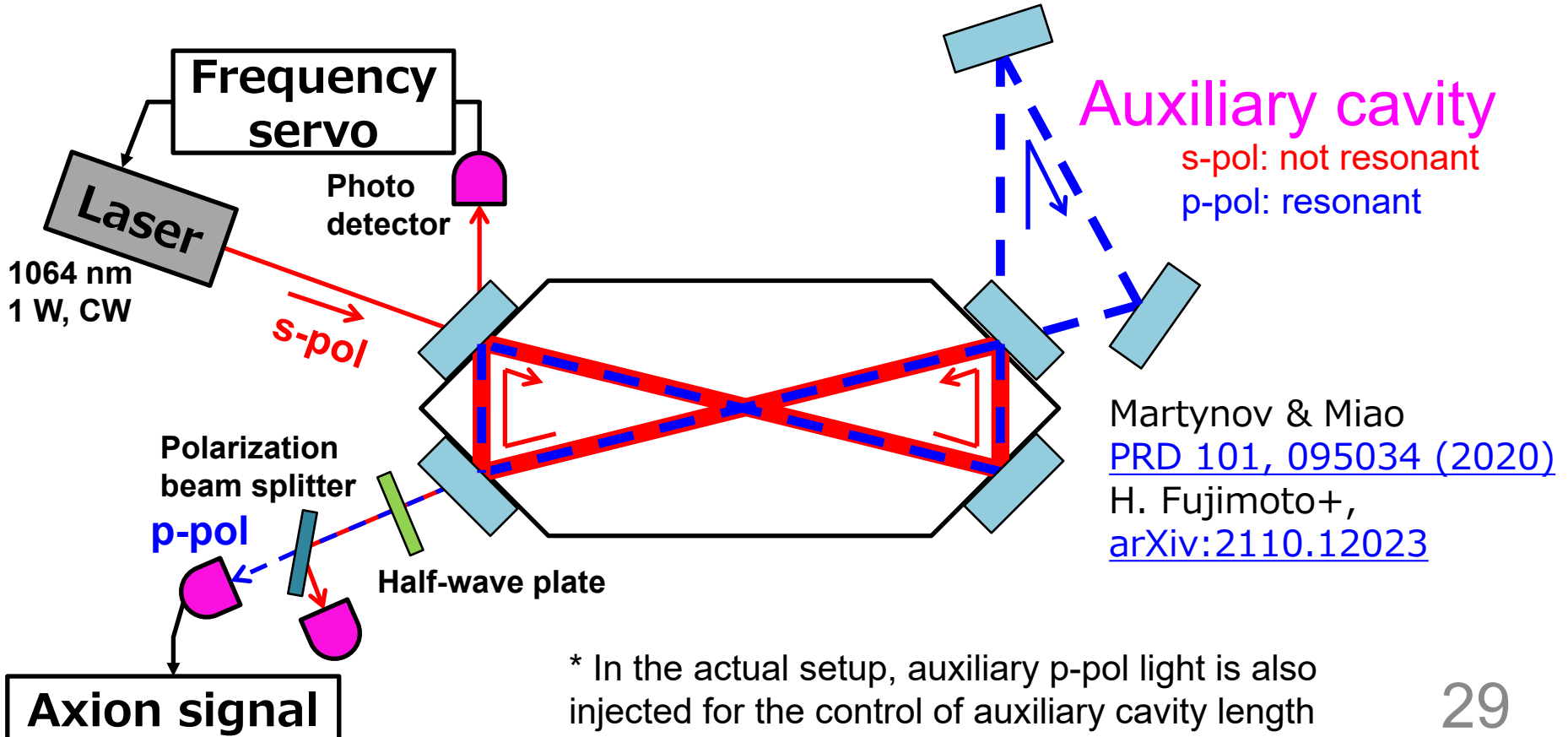
- Carrier pol and sideband pol **needs to be enhanced simultaneously** for improving the sensitivity



Plot by Y. Oshima & H. Fujimoto

# Auxiliary Cavity as Solution

- Make resonant condition for auxiliary cavity different between s/p-pol to make reflected phase different
- This compensates phase difference in the main cavity



# Updated Setup

- New lab prepared
- New 2W laser source obtained (previously, 0.5W laser source)
- Installed an auxiliary cavity

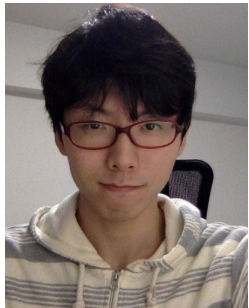
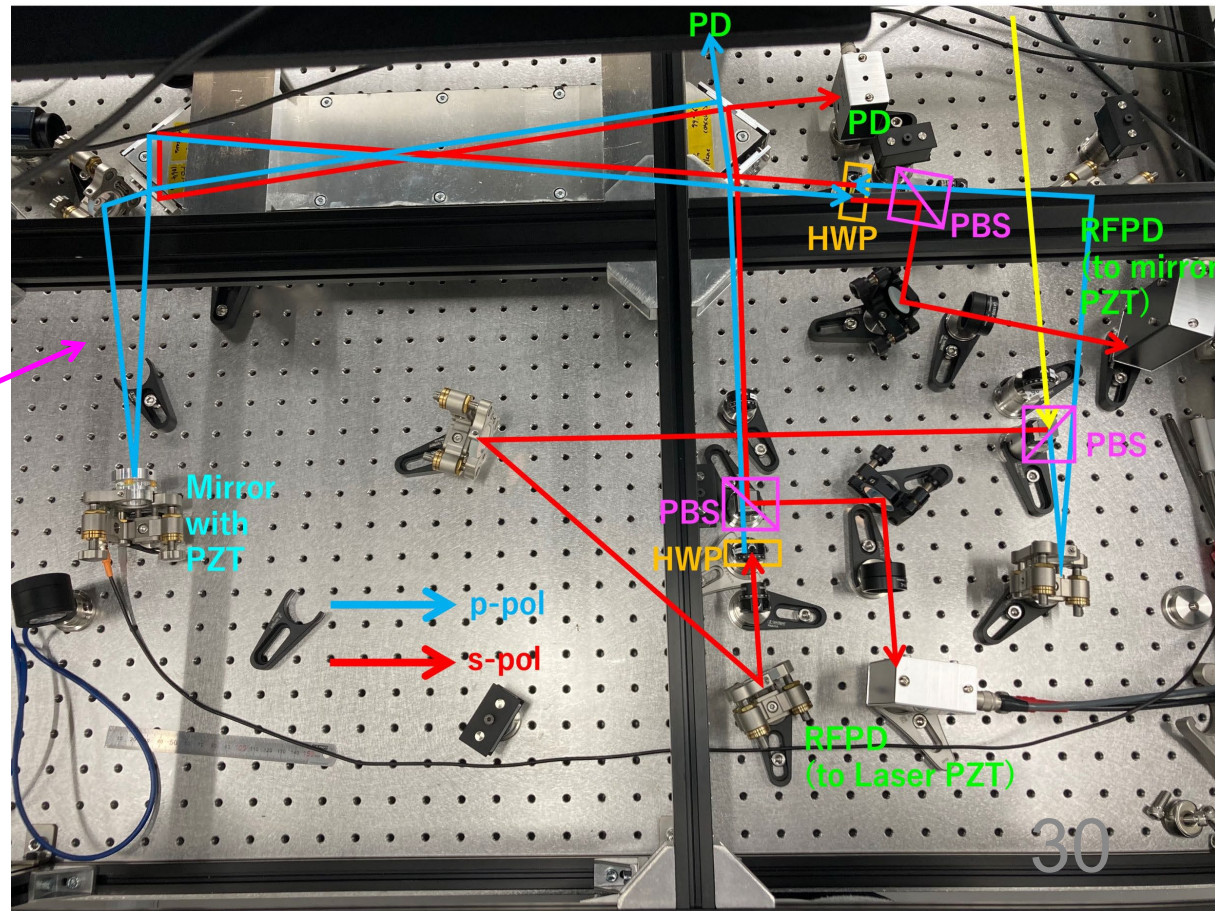


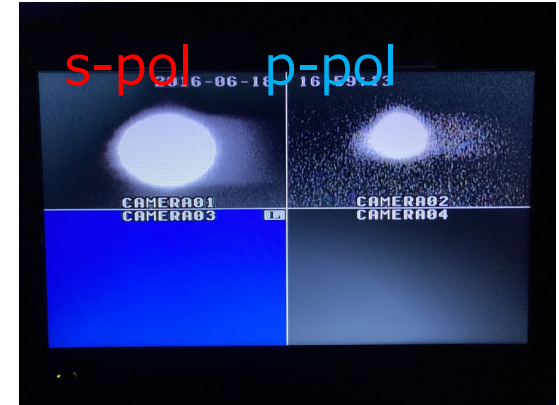
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Auxiliary cavity



# Simultaneous Resonance Achieved

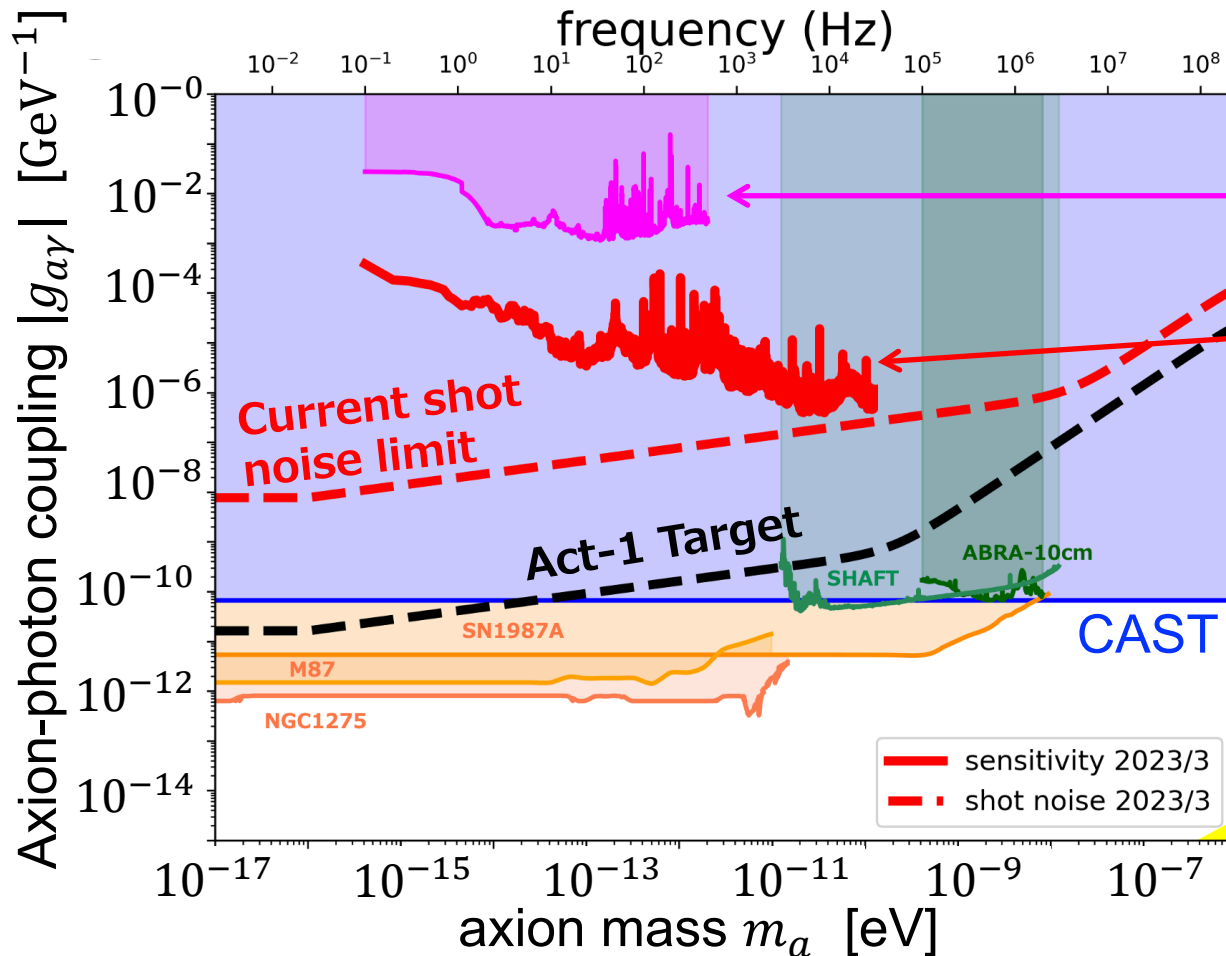
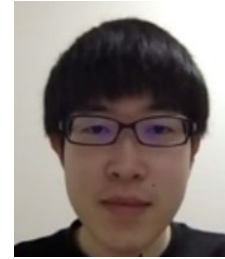
- **First demonstration** in November 2021
- Finesse reduced due to optical losses in auxiliary cavity



	May 2021	Now (Mar 2023)	Act-1 Target
Round-trip length	1 m	1 m (+0.5 m aux. cavity)	1 m
Input power	242(12) mW (Source: 0.5 W)	21.4(9) mW (Source: 2 W)	1 W
Finesse (for carrier)	2.85(5) × 10 <sup>3</sup> s-pol	549(3) s-pol, with cavity lock	3 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
Finesse (for sidebands)	195(3) p-pol	36.8(2) p-pol, with cavity lock	3 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
s/p-pol resonant freq. difference	2.52(2) MHz	~0 Hz with lock (Originally ~92 MHz)	0 Hz

# Current Estimated Sensitivity

- Improved by **more than two orders of magnitude**
- Next: new ideas! (ask me later)



DANCE Act-1  
First result

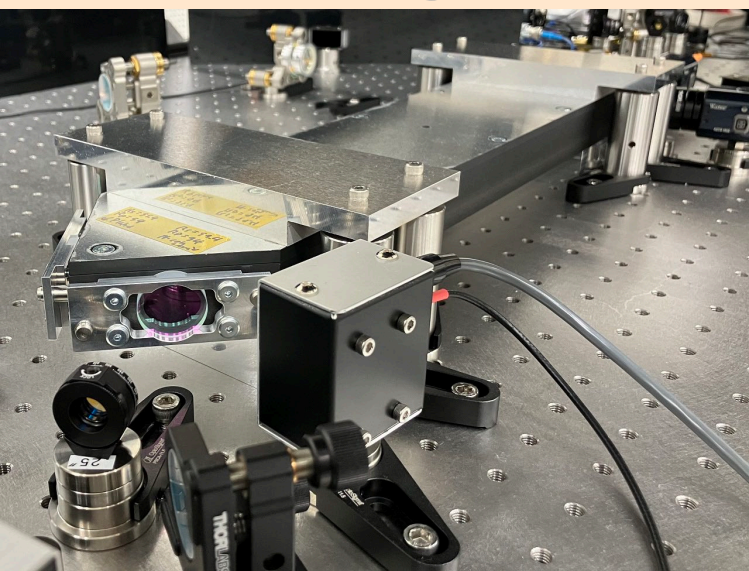
Current  
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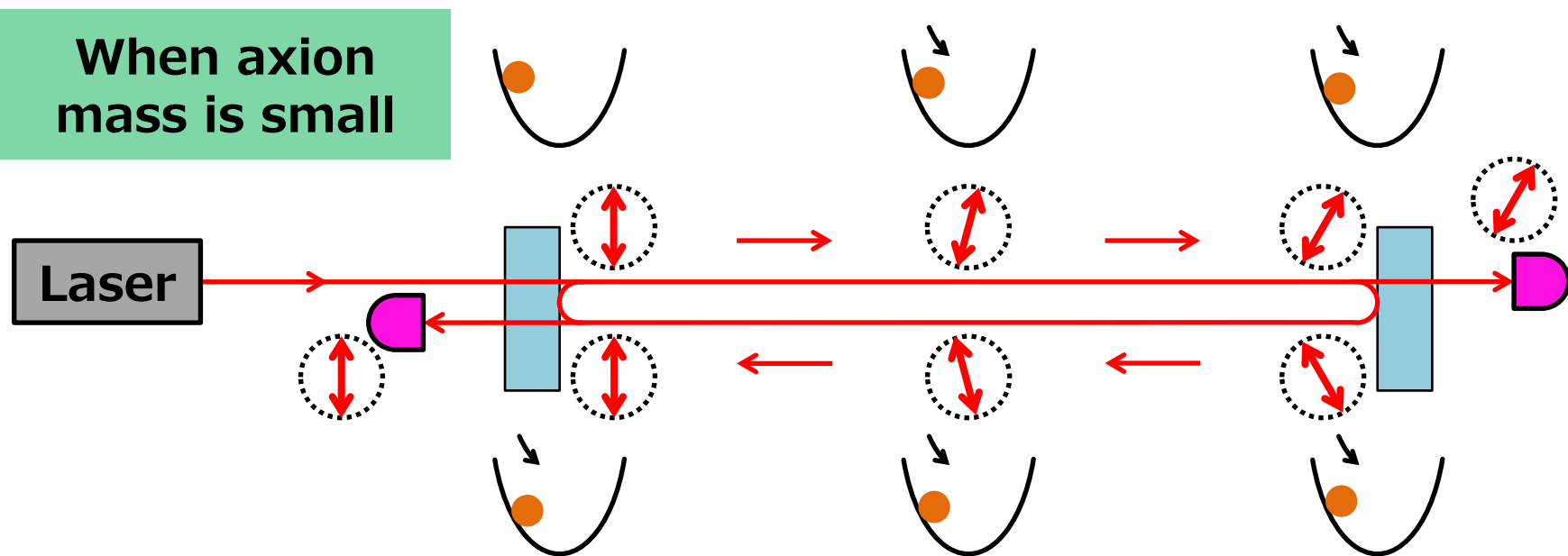
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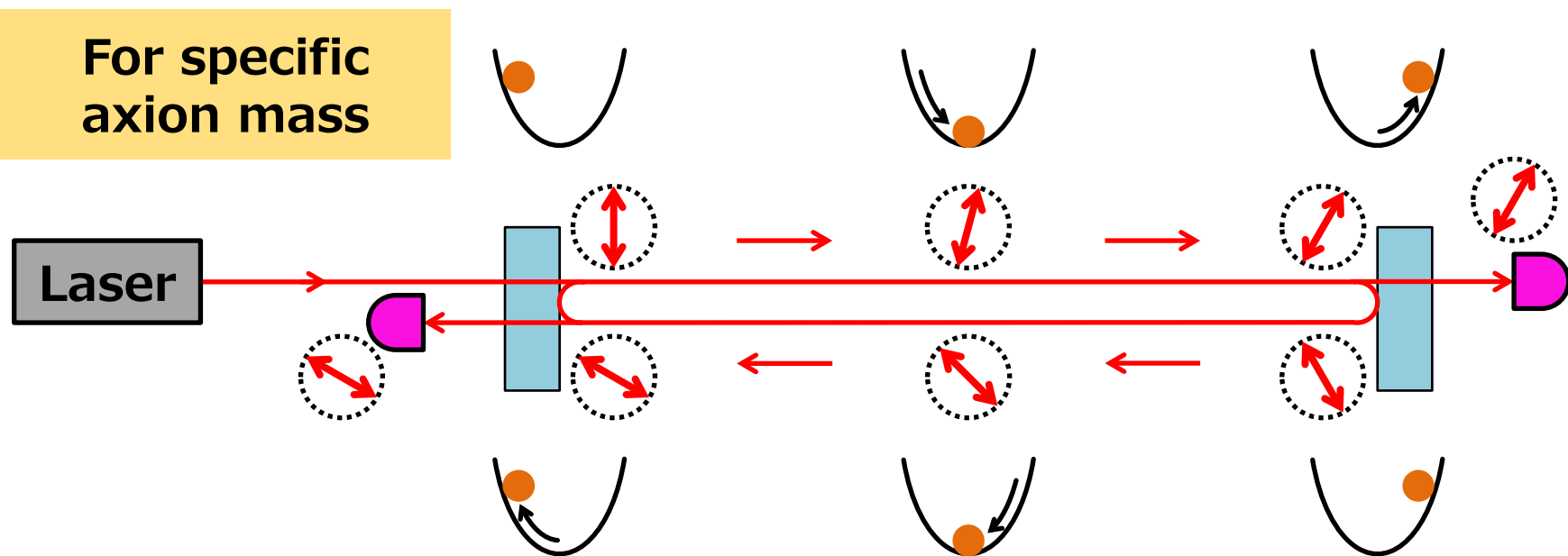
# Linear Cavities for Axion Search

- Polarization flip at mirror reflection can be used to enhance the signal when the **round-trip time equals odd-multiples of axion oscillation period**
- Long baseline linear cavities in **gravitational wave detectors** are suitable



# Linear Cavities for Axion Search

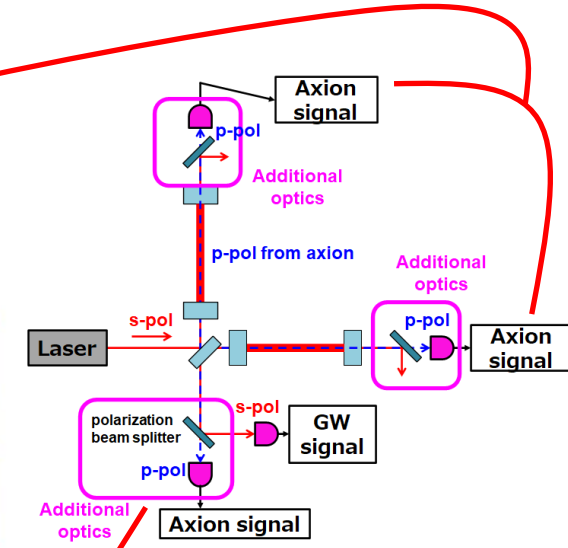
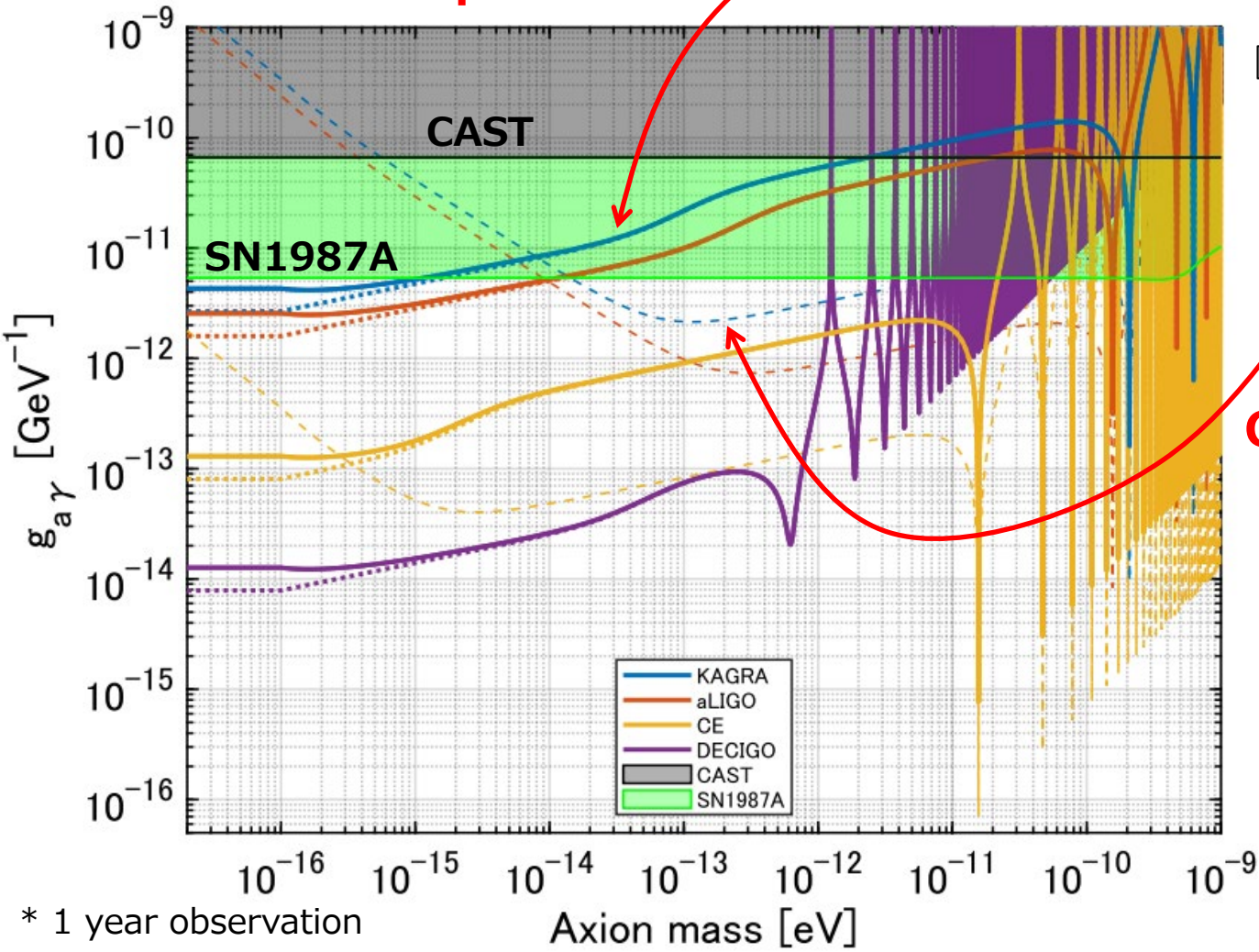
- Polarization flip at mirror reflection can be used to enhance the signal when the **round-trip time equals** odd-multiples of **axion oscillation period**
- Long baseline linear cavities in **gravitational wave detectors** are suitable





# Axion Sensitivity

Arm cavity transmission ports



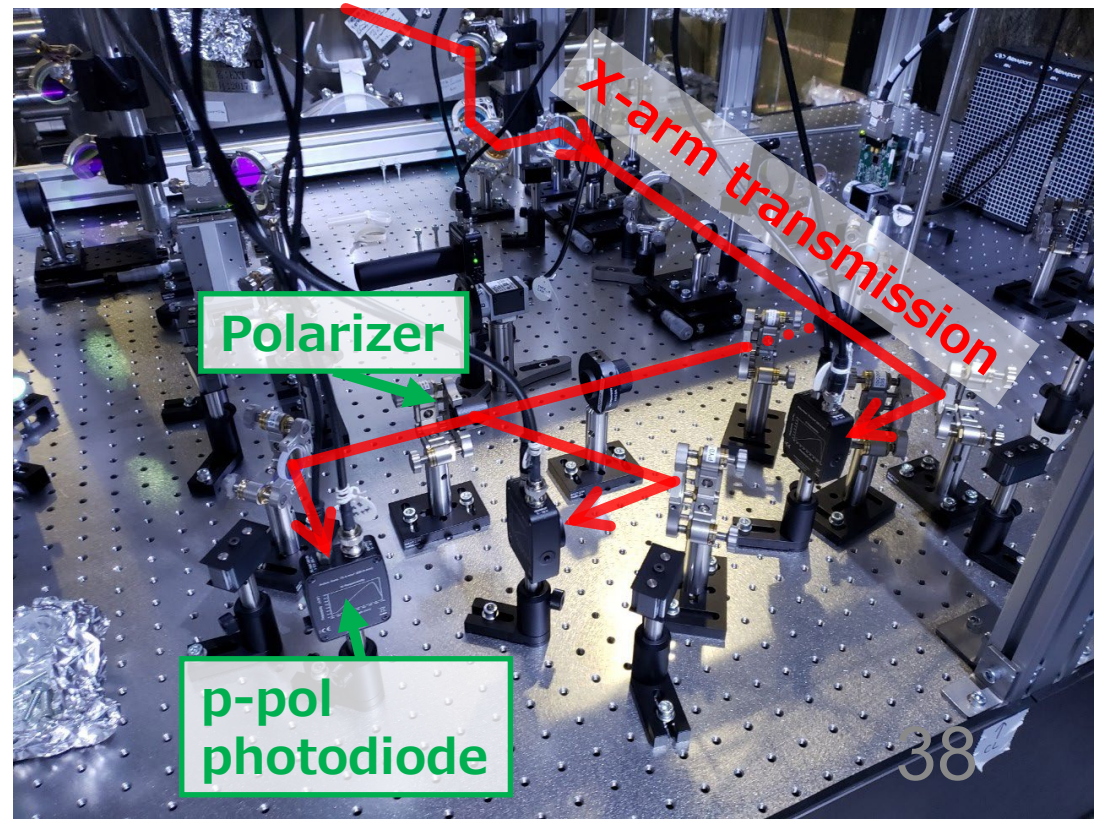
GW detection port

Complemental search using different ports

\* 1 year observation

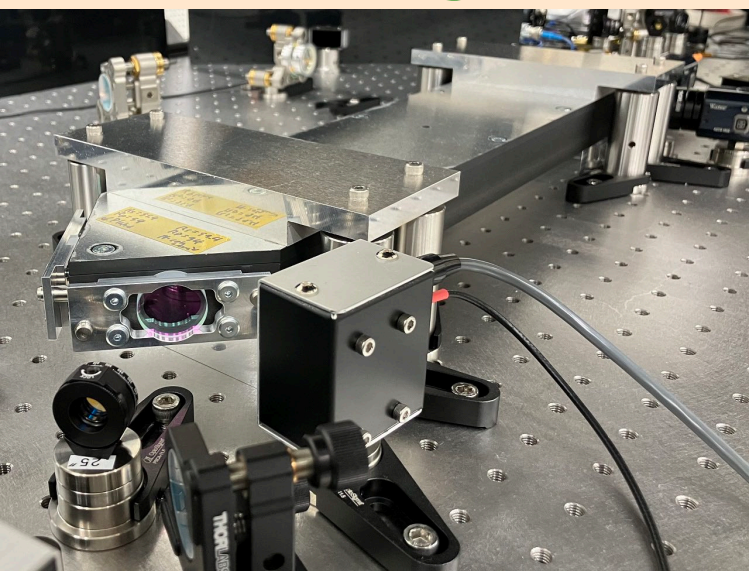
# Optics for Axion Search Installed

- For **KAGRA**, polarization optics were installed at transmission ports in 2021
  - **Ready to take data in O4b** (by June 2025!)
  - Currently recovering from Noto earthquake
- For **LIGO**, auxiliary port of output Faraday isolator can be used (calibration method needs to be developed)



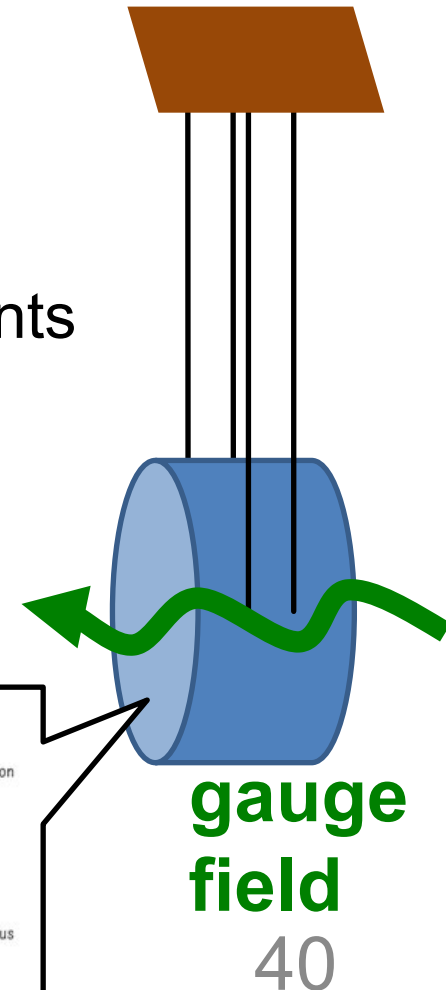
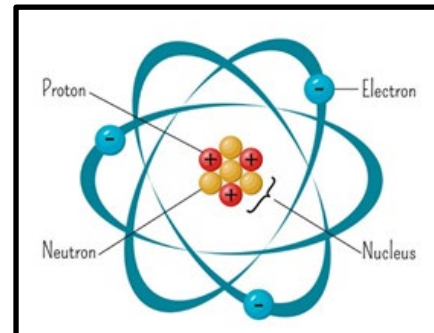
# Contents

- Axion dark matter search with table-top optical ring cavity
- Axion dark matter search with gravitational wave detectors
- **Vector** dark matter search with **gravitational wave detectors**



# 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

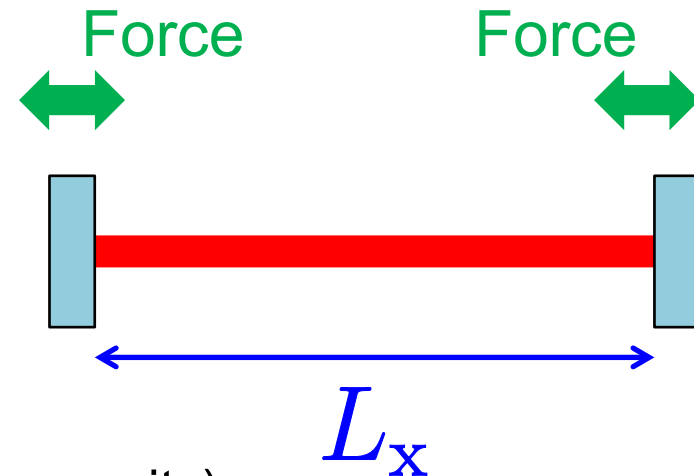
$$\vec{a}(t, \vec{x}) = \epsilon_D e \frac{q_D}{M} \sqrt{2\rho_{DM}} \vec{e}_A \sin(m_A t - \vec{k} \cdot \vec{x})$$

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  $\rho_{DM}$ )  
 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

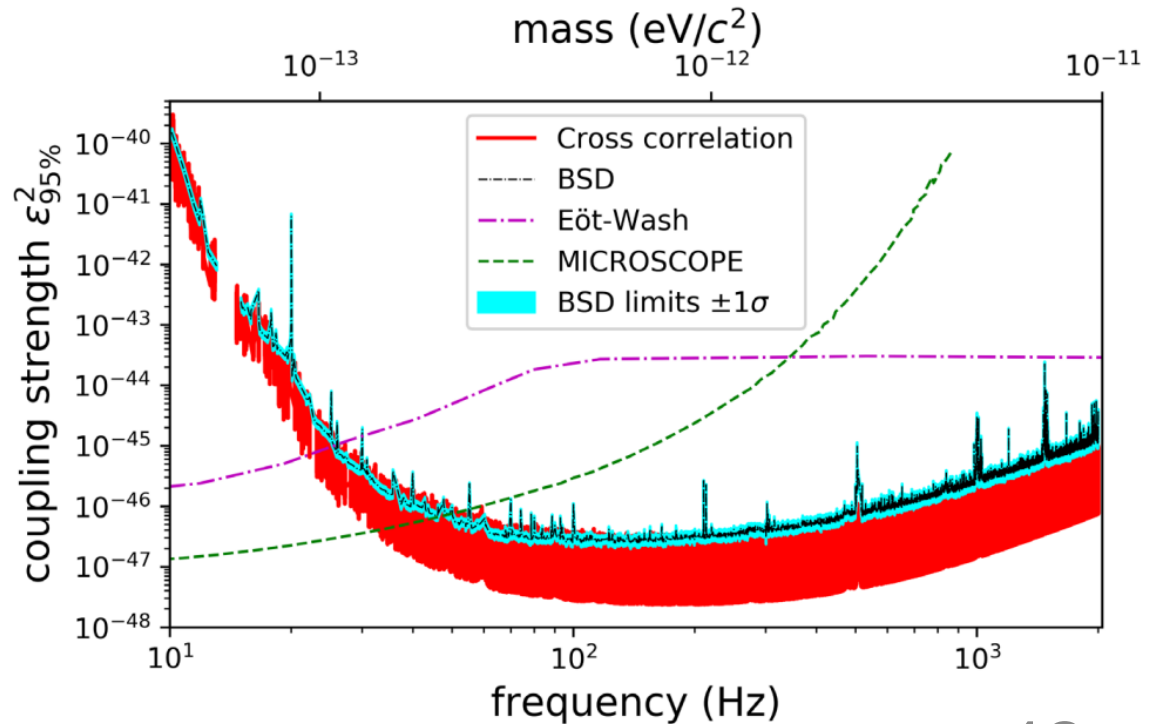
- Almost no signal for symmetric cavity if cavity length is short (phase difference is  $10^{-5}$  rad @ 100 Hz for km cavity)

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



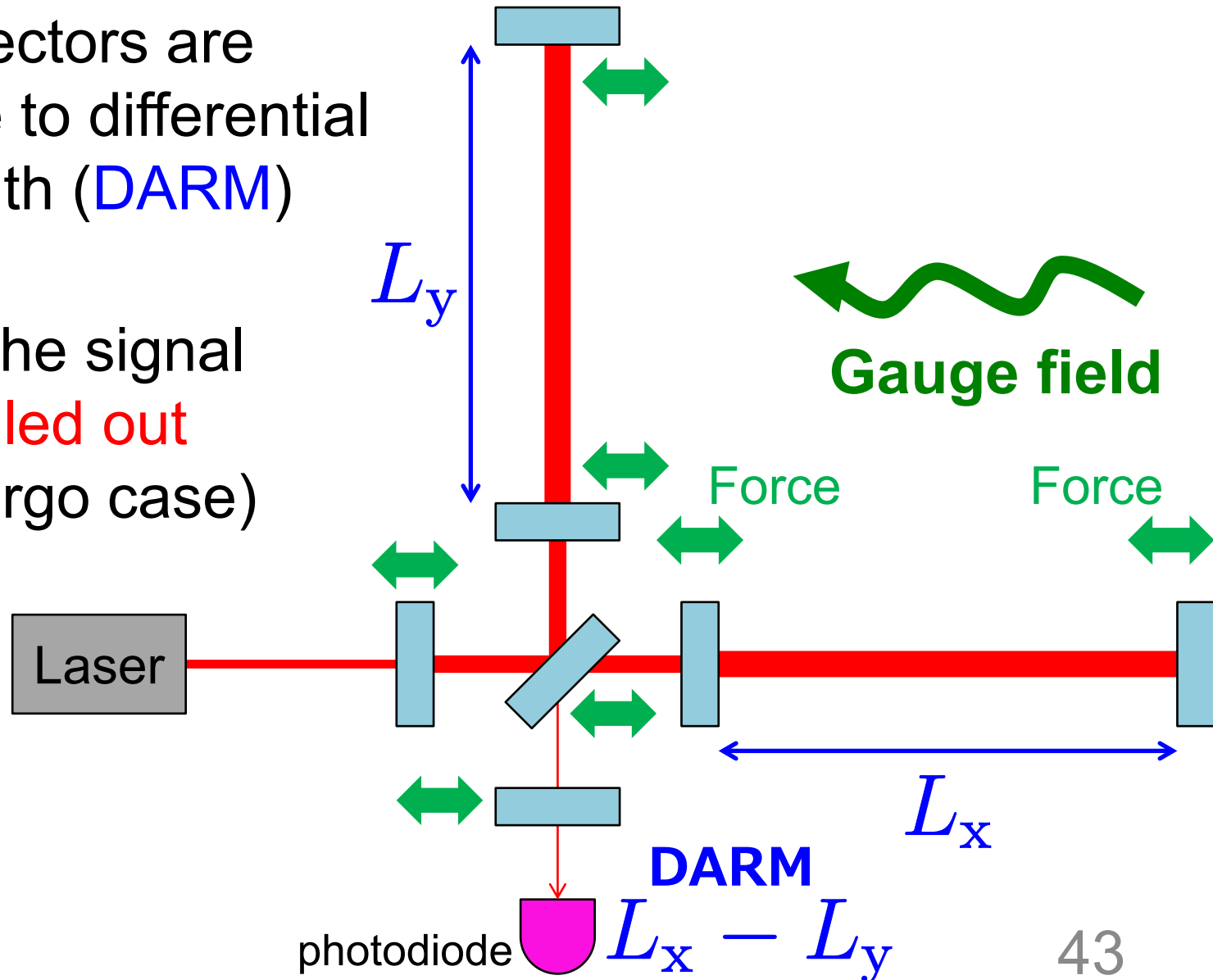
# Previous Searches with LIGO/Virgo

- Gauge 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

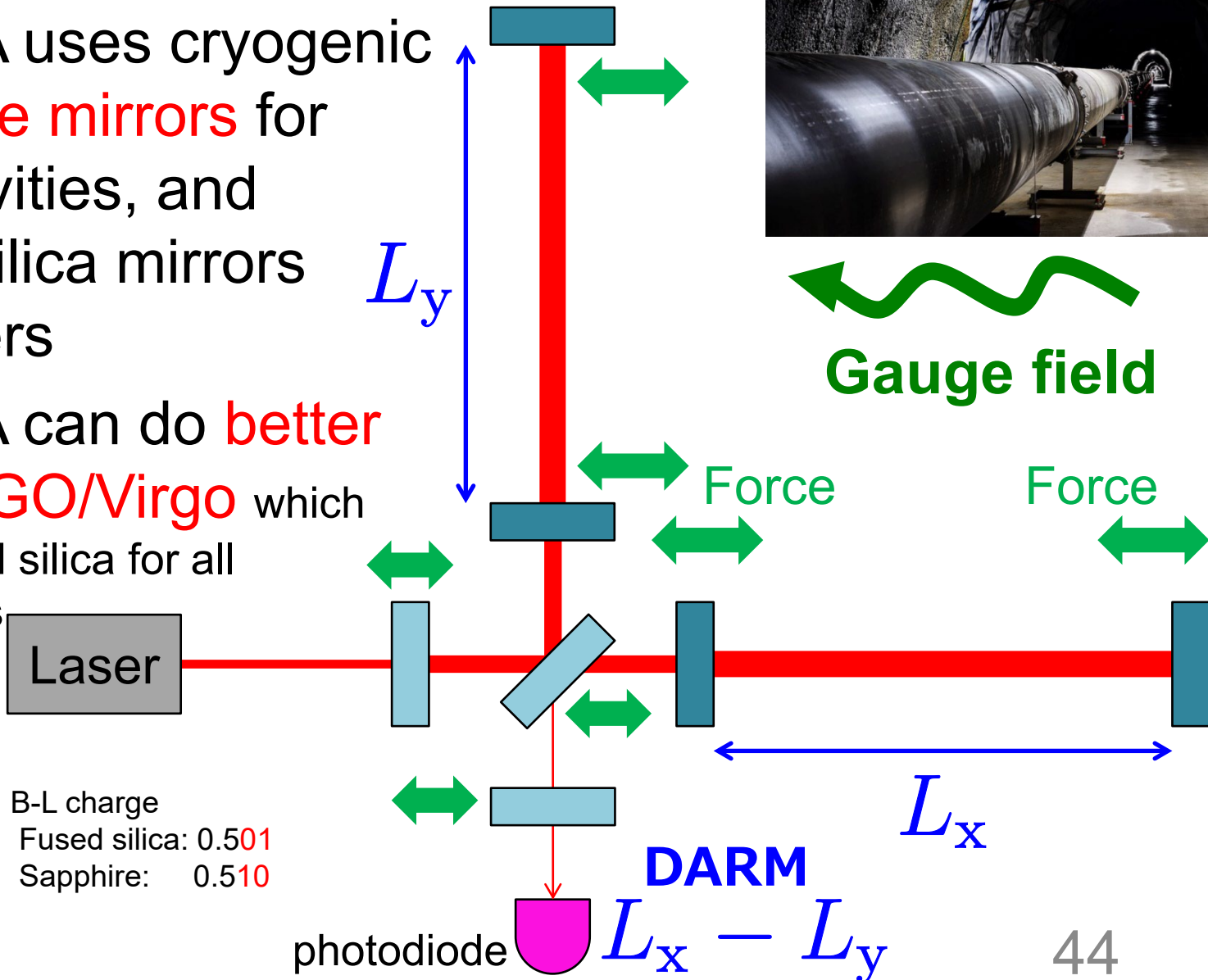
- GW Detectors are sensitive to differential arm length (**DARM**) change
- Most of the signal is **cancelled out** (LIGO/Virgo case)



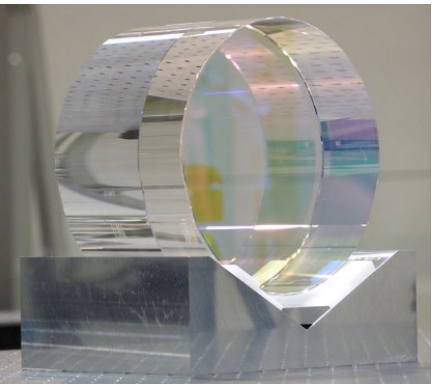
# Search with KAGRA



- 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



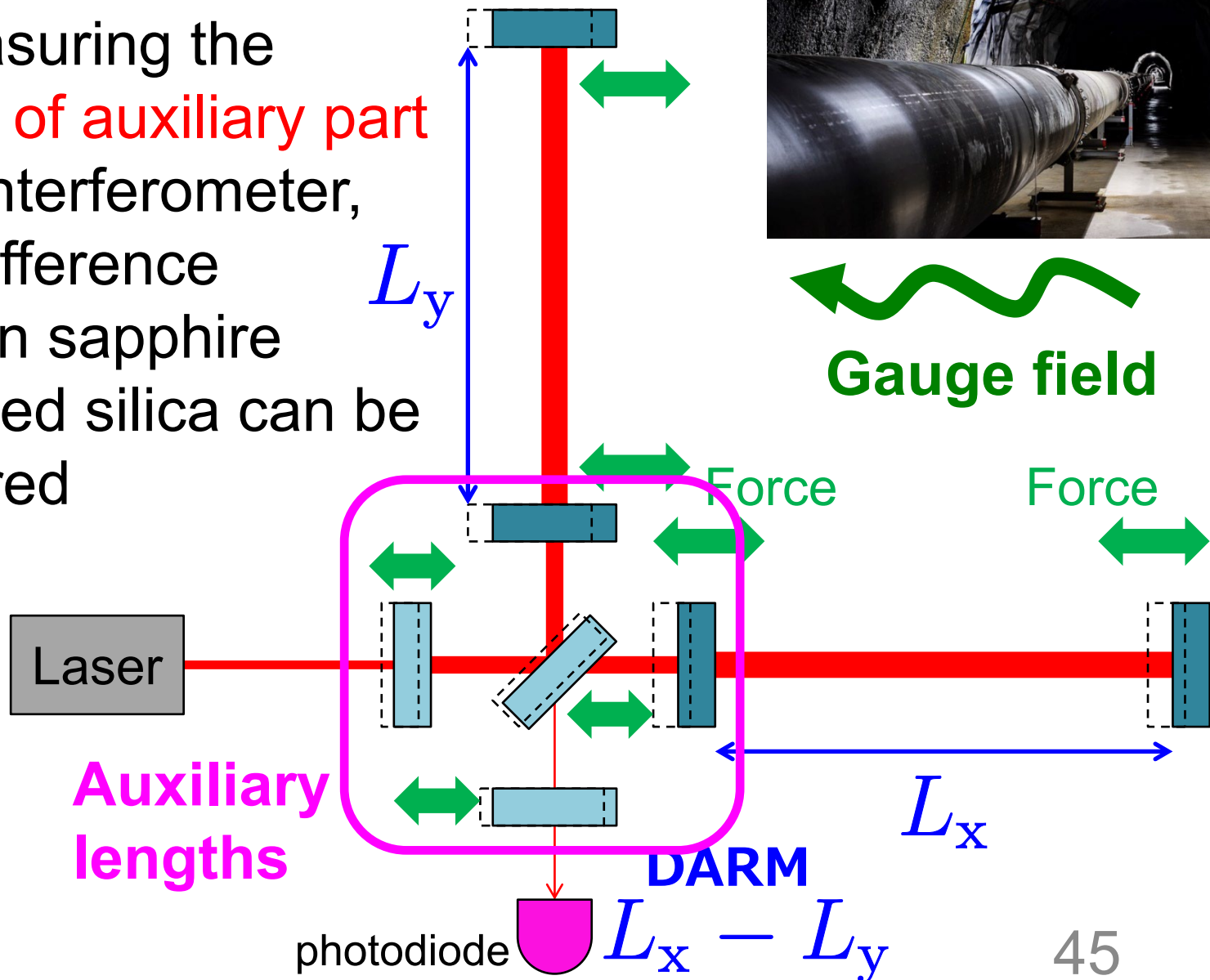
B-L charge  
 Fused silica: 0.501  
 Sapphire: 0.510



# Search with KAGRA



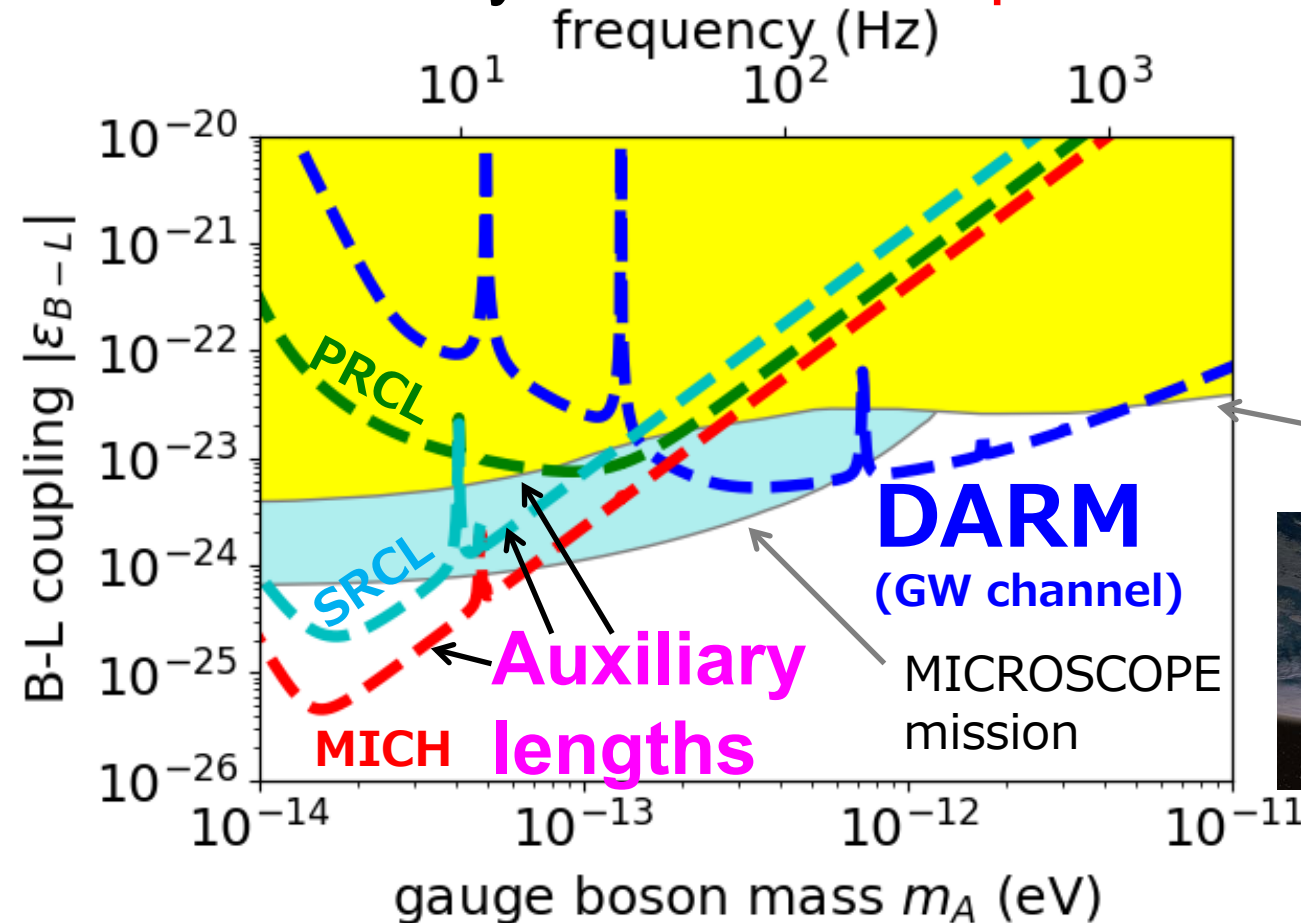
- By measuring the **lengths of auxiliary part** of the interferometer, force difference between sapphire and fused silica can be measured



Gauge field

# KAGRA Gauge Boson Sensitivity

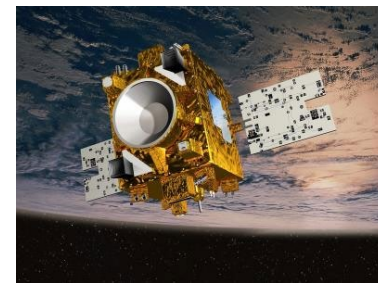
- Auxiliary length channels have better design sensitivity than DARM (GW channel) at low mass range
- Sensitivity **better than equivalence principle tests**



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

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torsion pendulum

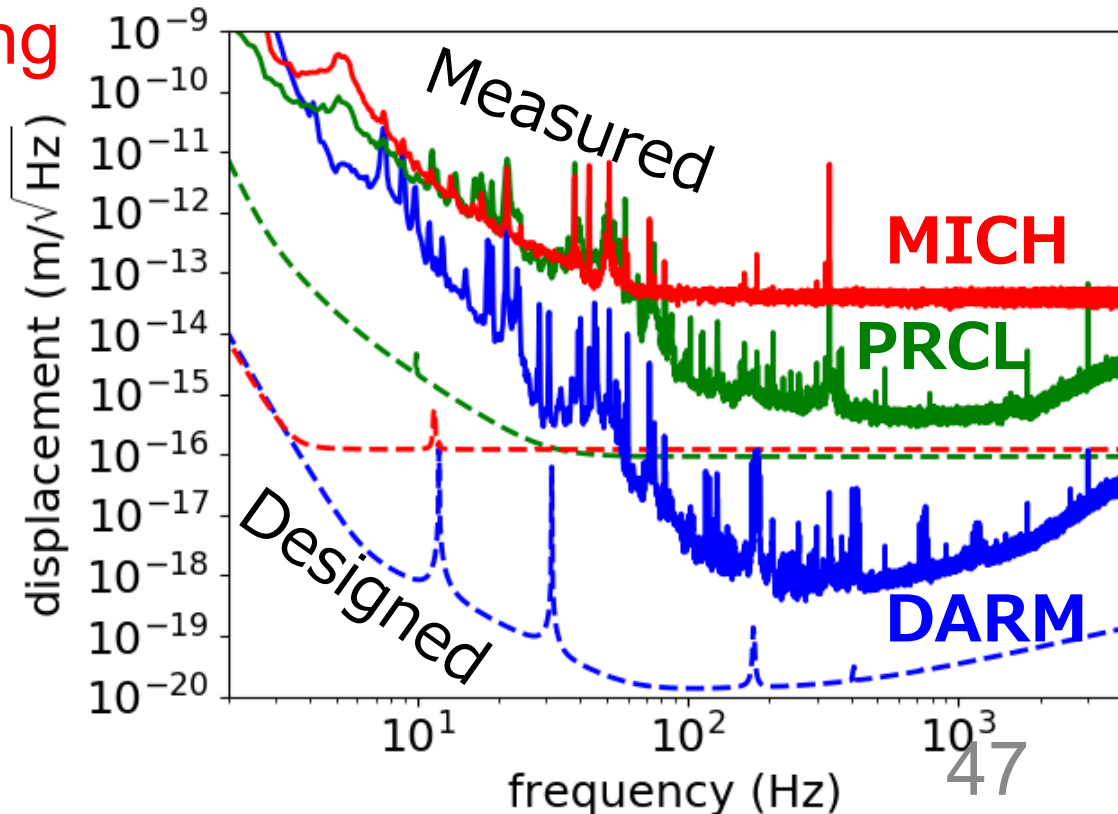


# KAGRA 2020 Data Analysis

- 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 **using the same pipeline used for DANCE**

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







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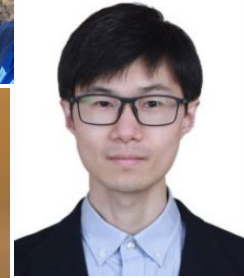
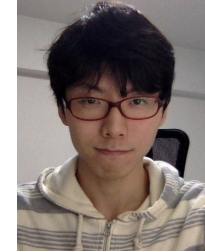
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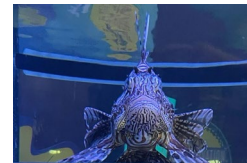
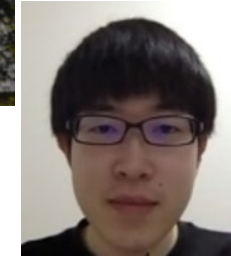
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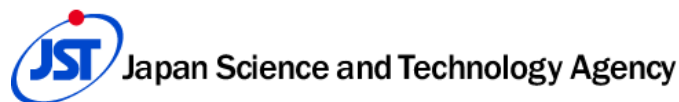


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# Summary

- Laser interferometers open up **new possibilities** for dark matter search
- **Axion DM search with DANCE**
  - **First result** from 24-hour data reported
  - Upgrade underway Y. Oshima+, [PRD 108, 072005 \(2023\)](#)
- **Axion DM search with LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA**
  - **Polarization optics installed** in KAGRA and LIGO
  - First search to be done in O4b (by June 2025!)
- **Vector DM search with LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA**
  - Most stringent bound obtained from LIGO-Virgo
  - New search using **sapphire mirrors of KAGRA**



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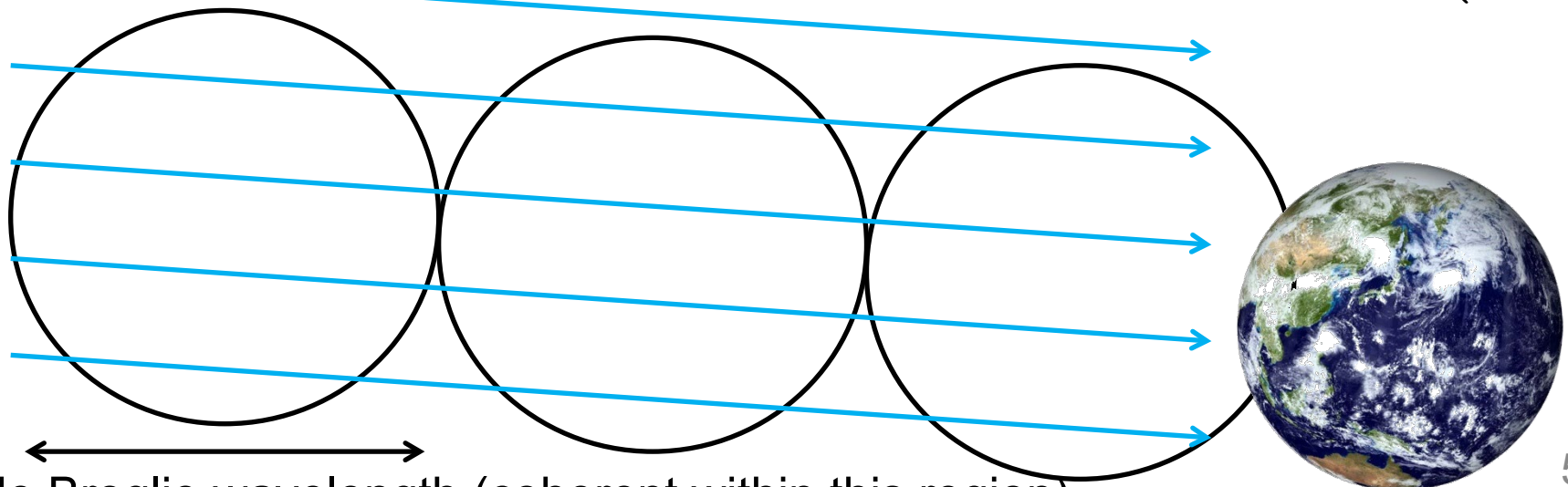
# Coherence Time

- 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