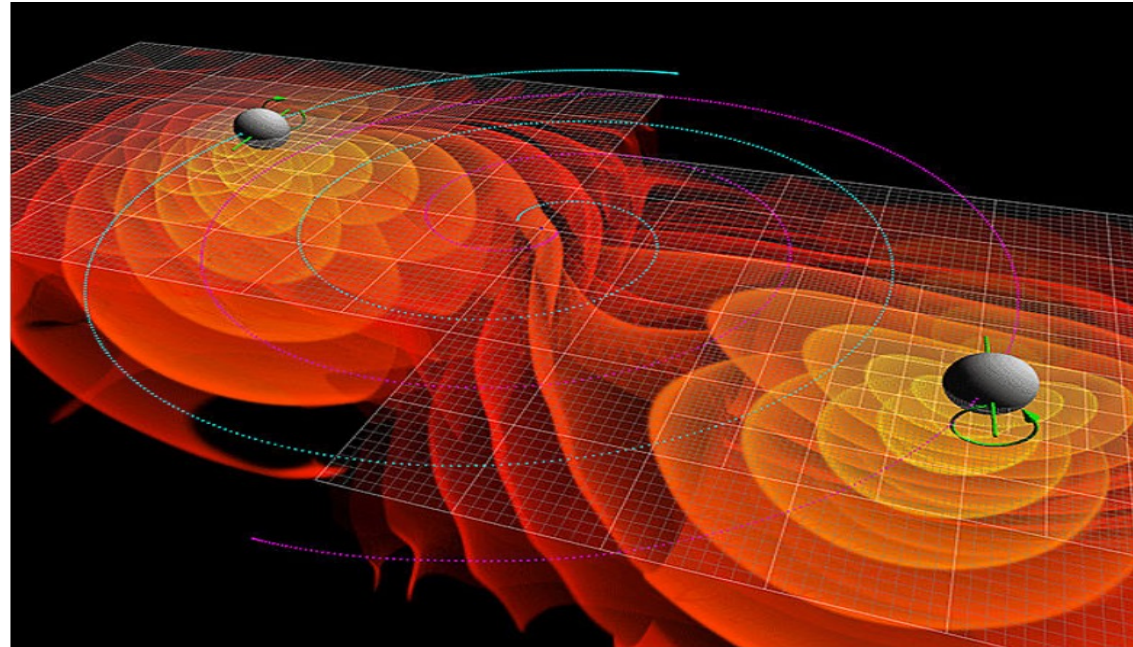


Opportunities for gravitational wave searches at high frequencies



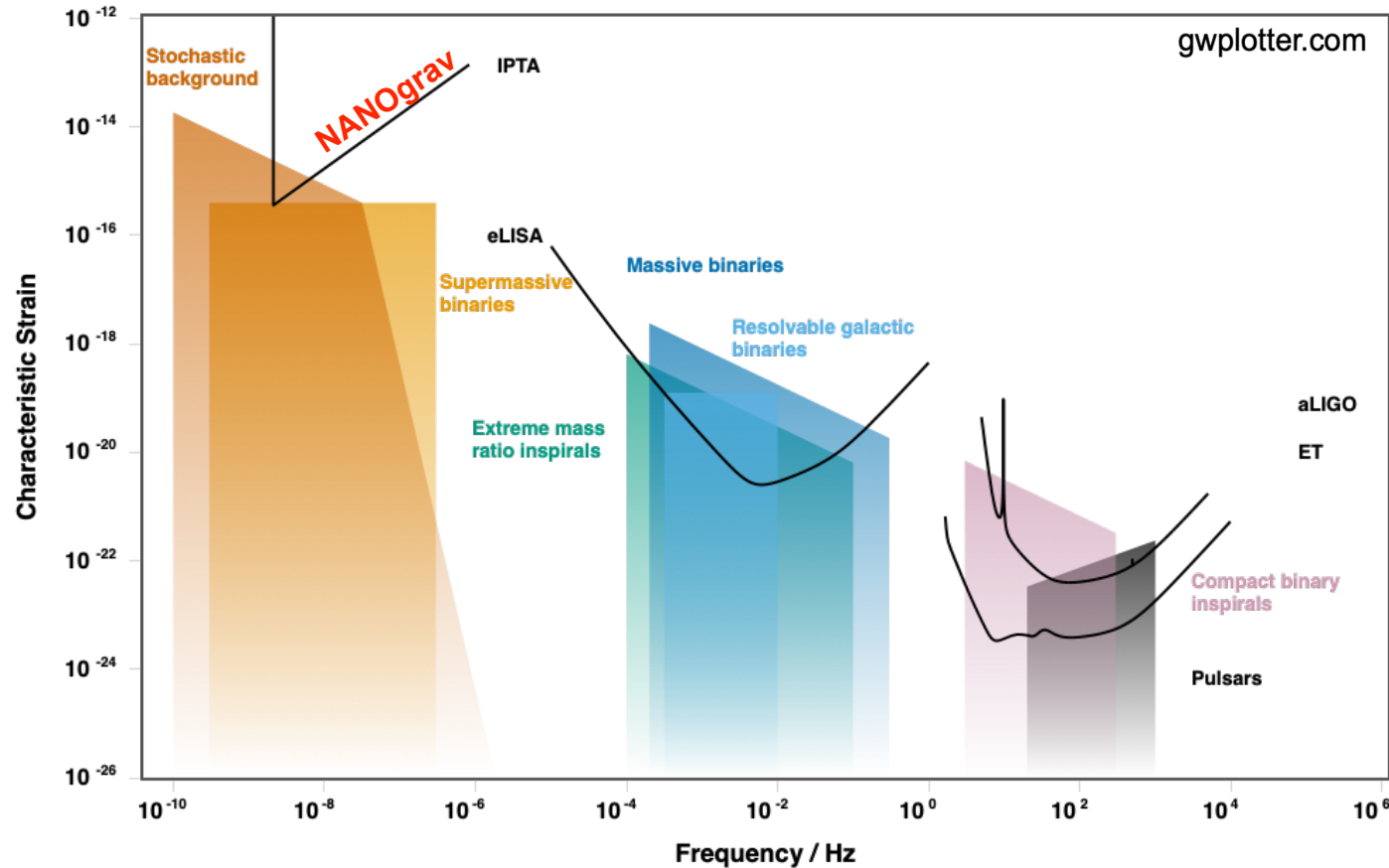
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Rome, 15 February 2024

Workshop of the JENAS Initiative “Gravitational Wave Probes of Fundamental Physics”

Gravitational wave experiments

Current landscape



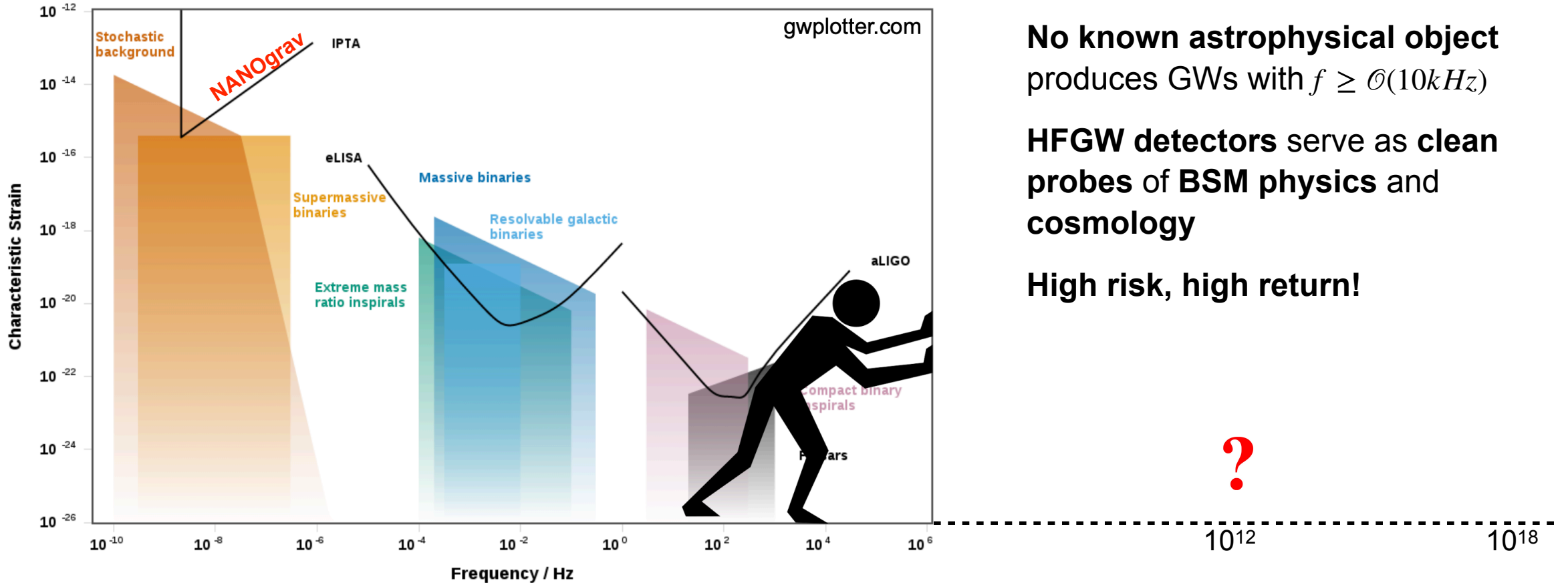
Central focus on the Hz - kHz range

Universe expected to be populated by GWs over many decades in frequency (cf. to EM radiation)

Development of observational efforts at much lower frequencies (see previous talks in this session)

Extend detection reach beyond interferometers

Testing BSM physics with HFGWs



No known astrophysical object produces GWs with $f \geq \mathcal{O}(10\text{kHz})$

HFGW detectors serve as clean probes of BSM physics and cosmology

High risk, high return!



Primordial black holes

PBHs expected to produce a variety of high-frequency GW signals

Stochastic GWs

- PBH evaporation
- Unresolved PBH mergers

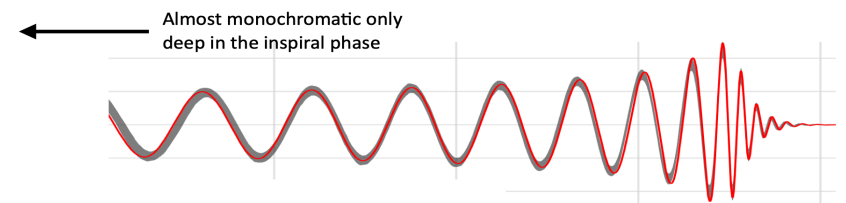
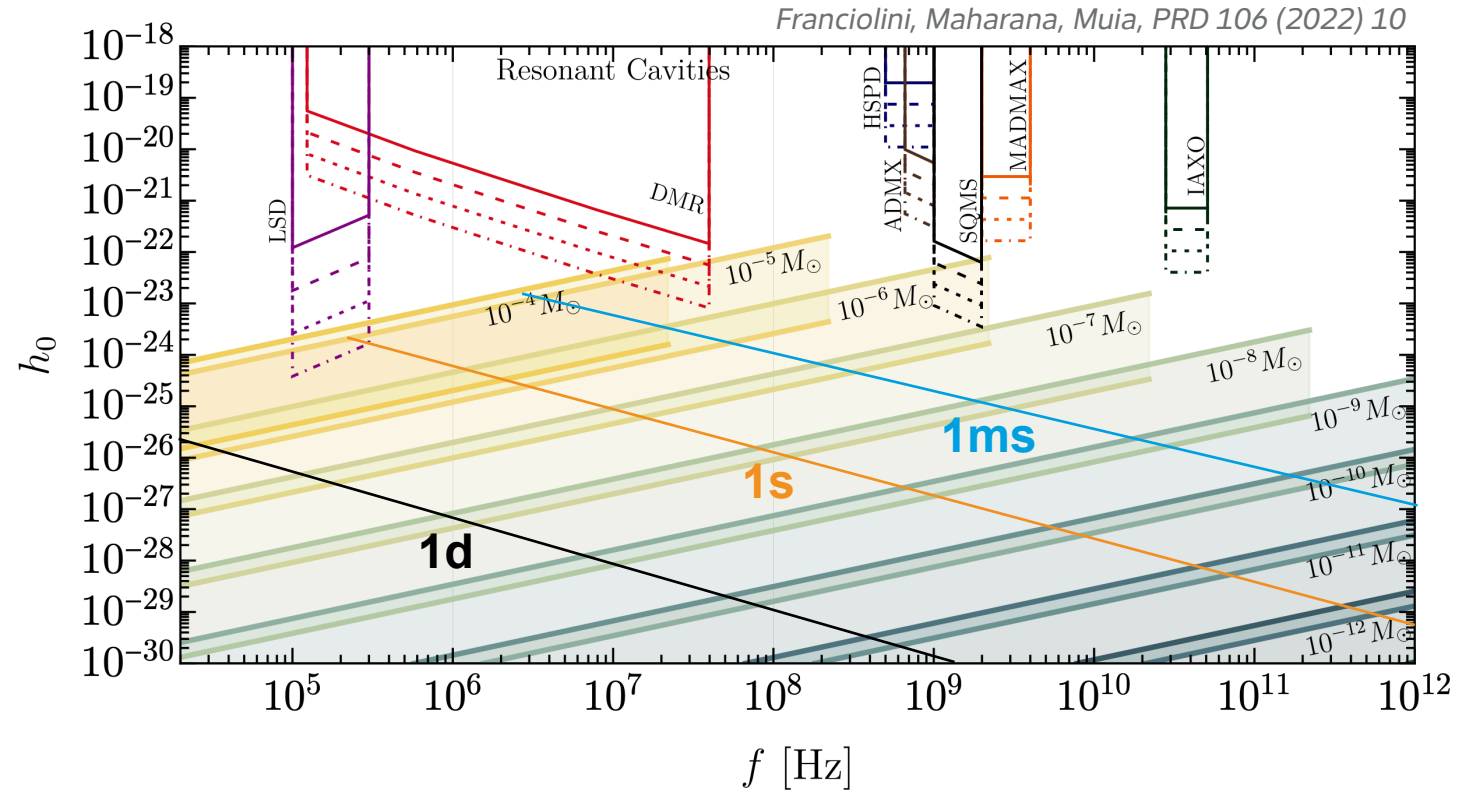
Coherent GWs

- PBH superradiance
- Resolved PBH mergers

Frequency sweeping done by merger

Highly transient signals close to merging (limits available integration time)

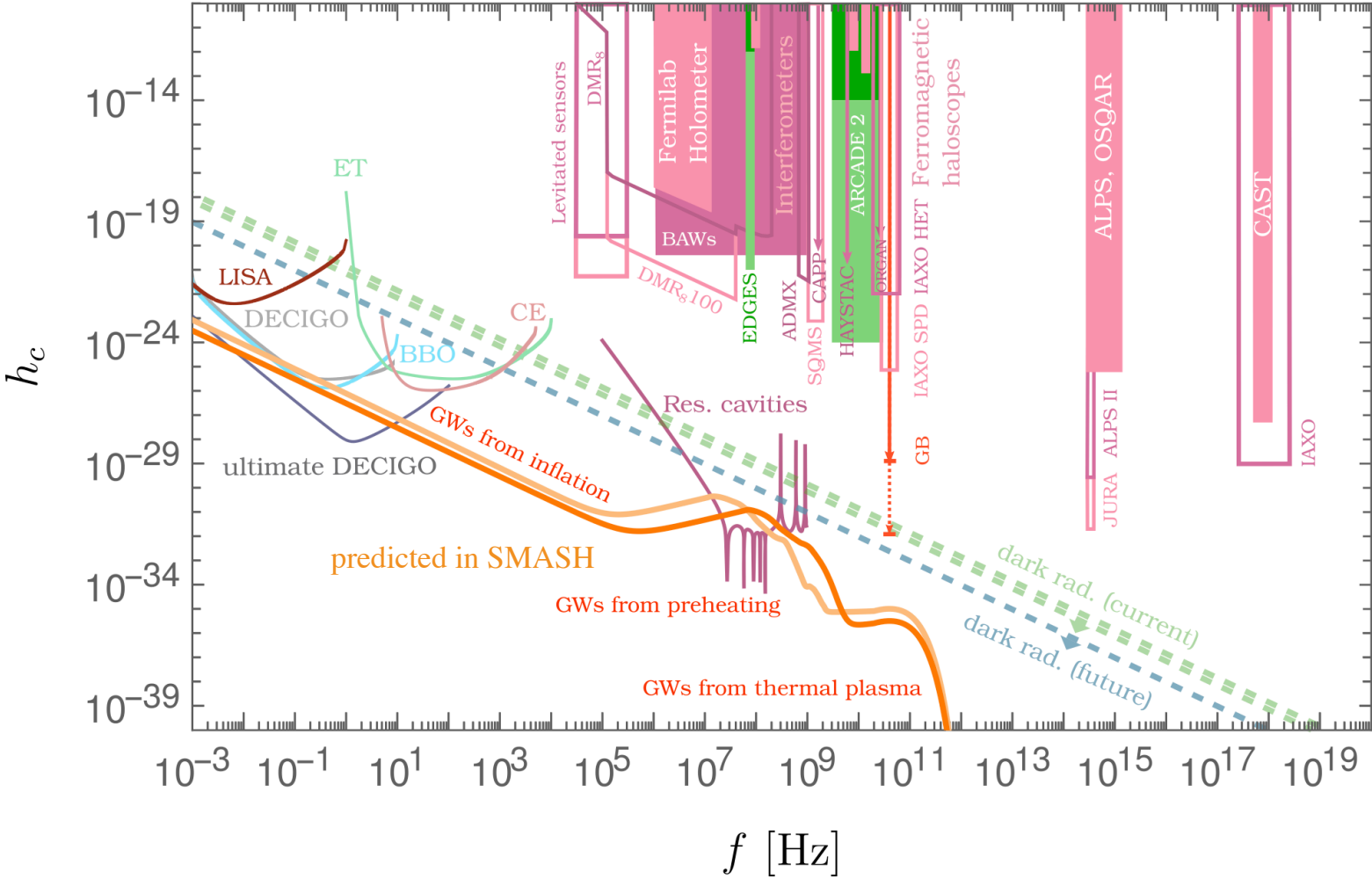
Assume PBH distance, such that 1 event expected / year



Stochastic GW background

Cosmology of the early universe

Tamarit, Ringwald, PRD 106 (2022) 6



Example: Prediction from the BSM model SMASH

CGMB from thermal plasma guaranteed HFGW source, also in the SM

Important to measure entire spectrum!

Ambitious, but rewarding goal

Continue technology development

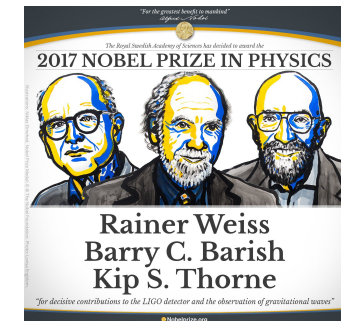
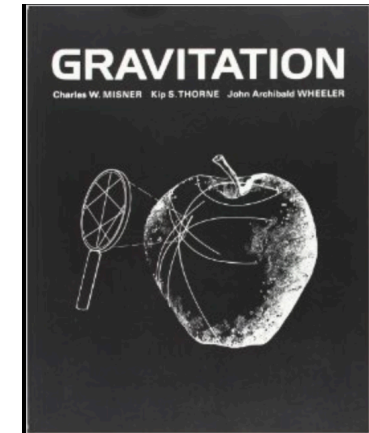
Interferometer	Arm Length [m]	Effective Optical Path Length [km]	Year Construction Started
Hughes Research Lab (HRL) [87, 137, 142]	2	0.0085 (N=4)	1966
MIT prototype [202]	1.5	0.075 (N=50)	1971
Garching 3 m prototype	3	0.012 (N=4)	1975
Glasgow 1 m prototype [210]	1	0.036 (N=36; in static test reached N=280)	1976
Glasgow 10 m prototype [210]	10	25.5 (F-P: F=4000)	1980
Caltech 40 m prototype	40	75	1980
Garching 30 m prototype	30	2.7 (N=90)	1983
ISAS Tenko 10 m prototype [112]	10	1 (N=100)	1986
U. Tokyo prototype [14, 111]	3	0.42 (F-P: F=220)	1987
ISAS Tenko 100 m prototype [114, 139-141]	100	10 (N=100)	1991
NAOJ 20 m prototype [16]	20	4.5 (F-P: F=350)	1991
Q&A 3.5 m prototype [55]	3.5	67 (F-P: F=30000)	1993
TAMA 300 m [184]	300	96 (F-P: F=500)	1995
GEO 600 m [91, 209]	600	1.2 (N=2)	1995
LIGO Hanford (2 km) [1, 124]	2000	143 (F-P: F=112)	1994
LIGO Hanford (4 km) [124, 130]	4000	1150 (F-P: F=450)	1994
LIGO Livingston (4 km) [124, 130]	4000	1150 (F-P: F=450)	1995
VIRGO [5, 191]	3000	850 (F-P: F=440)	1996
AIGO prototype [205, 206]	80	760/66 (F-P: east arm F=15000; south arm F=1300)	1997
LISM [168]	20	320 (F-P: F=25000)	1999
CLIO 100 m cryogenic [7]	100	190 (F-P: F=3000)	2000
Q&A 7 m [134]	7	450 (F-P: F=100000)	2008
LCGT/KAGRA [21, 109]	3000	2850 (F-P: F=1500)	2010
Q&A 9 m [208]	9	570 (F-P: F=100000)	2016
LIGO India [102]	4000	1150 (F-P: F=450)	2016
ET [99]	10000	3200 (F-P: F~500)	proposal under study

→ MTW book

“[interferometers] have so low sensitivity that they are of little experimental interest”
page 1014

↑
50 years
23 attempts
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→ First direct detection



From F. Muia

Two detection principles

Mechanical and EM coupling

Mechanical coupling

- GWs perturb detector, spreading power in frequency space

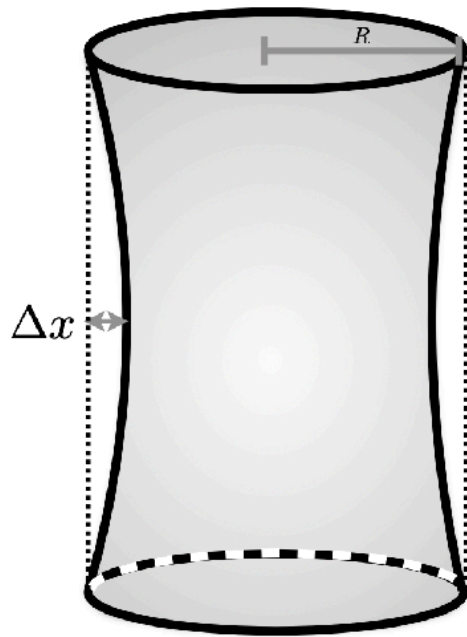
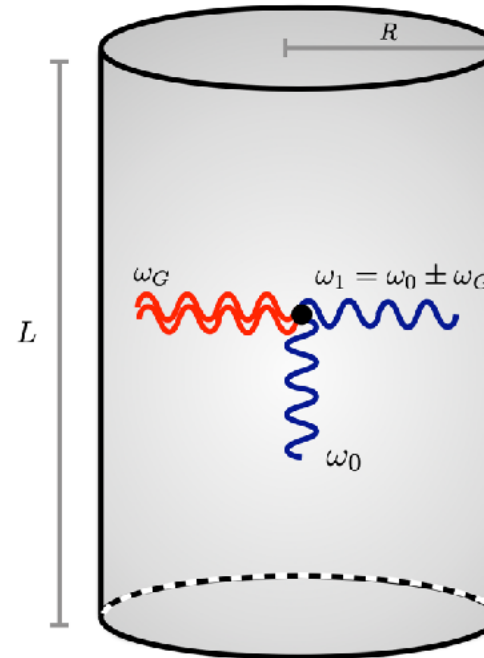


Image
S. Ellis

EM coupling

- Graviton - photon mixing (Gertsenshtein effect)
GWs induce in a magnetic field an effective current



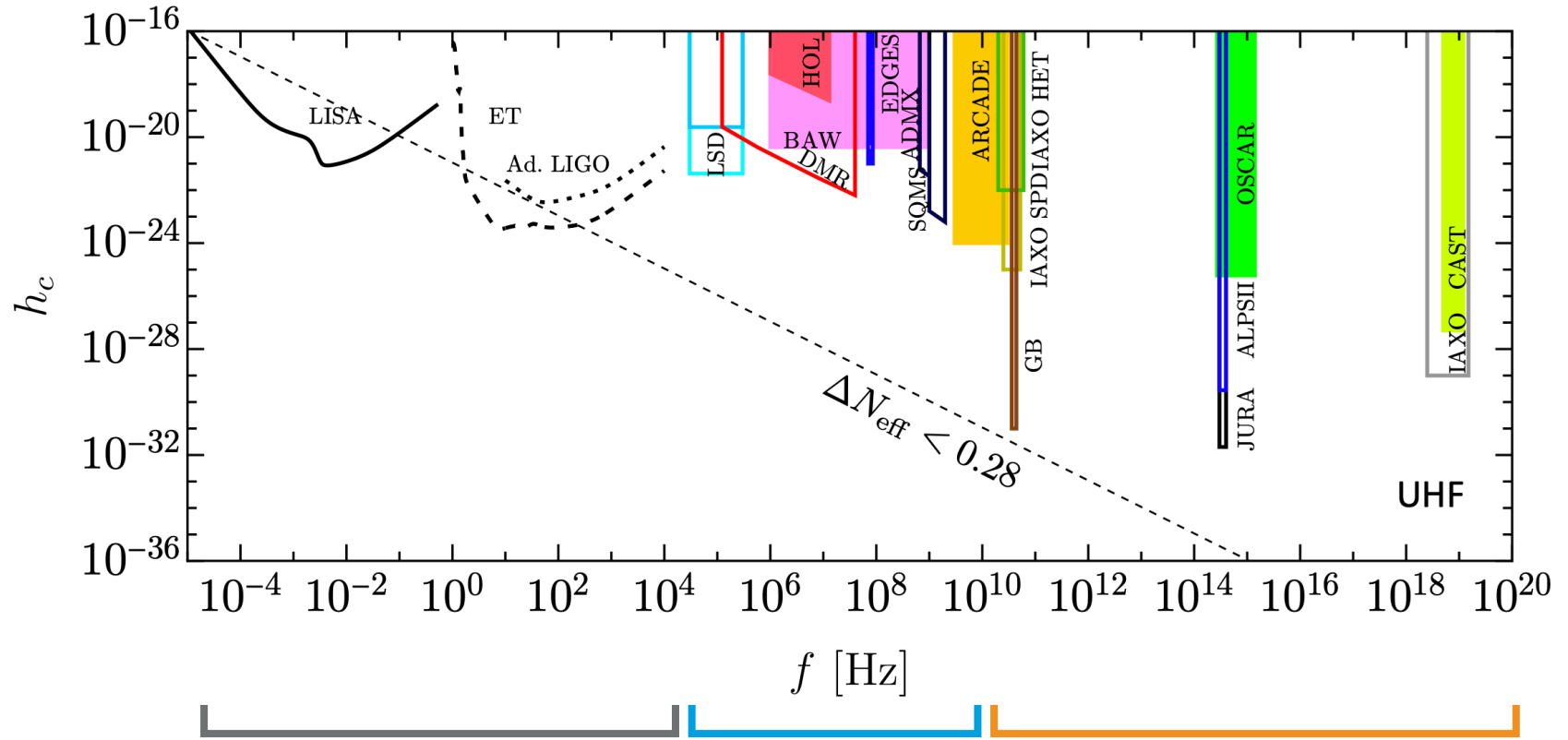
Gertsenshtein, Sov Phys JETP, 1962, 14: 84, 85

Detector concepts

Spanning a wide range of frequencies

Energy density in GW:

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} h^2 \omega^2 M_{\text{Pl}}^2$$



Interferometers

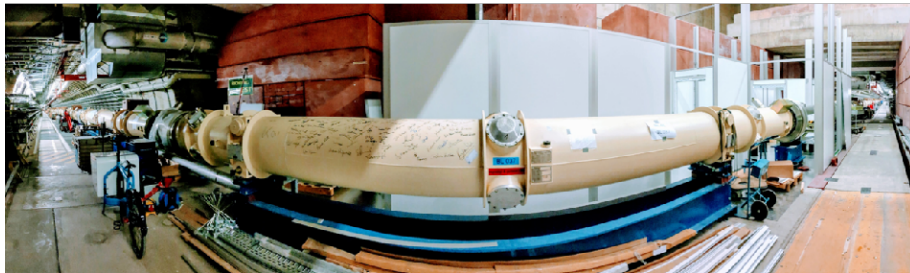
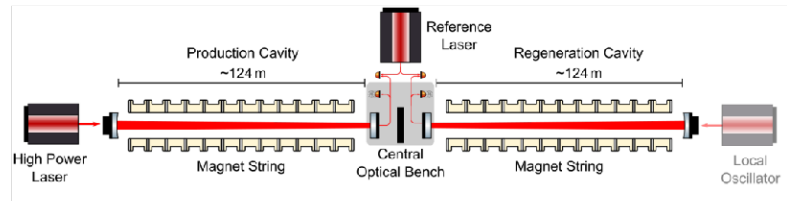
Resonators

Photon regeneration

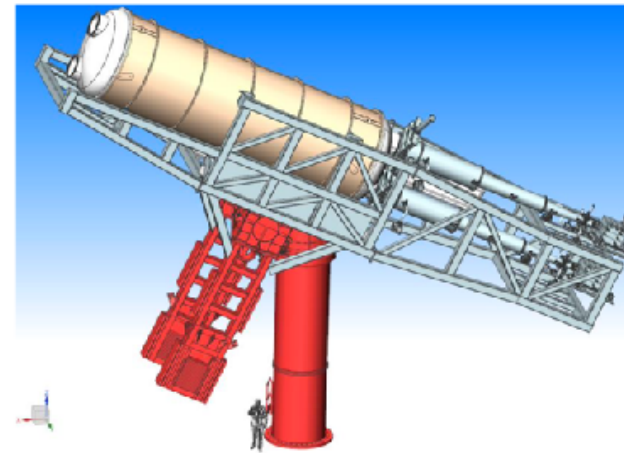
Discuss a representative set of experiments (with some personal bias) in the following

Complementary sensitivity across a broad frequency range

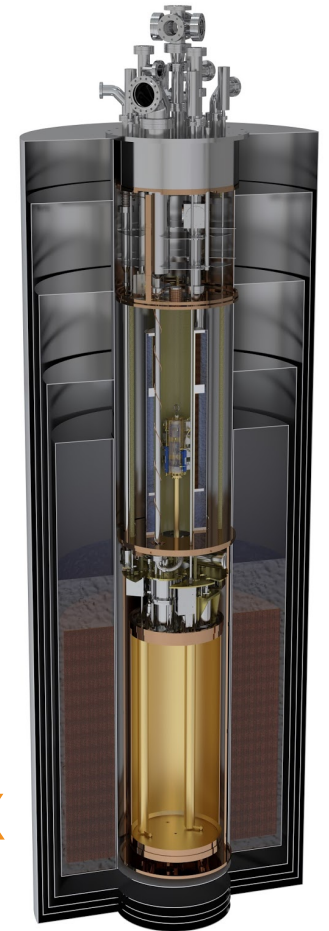
Axion search infrastructure



ALPS



ADMX

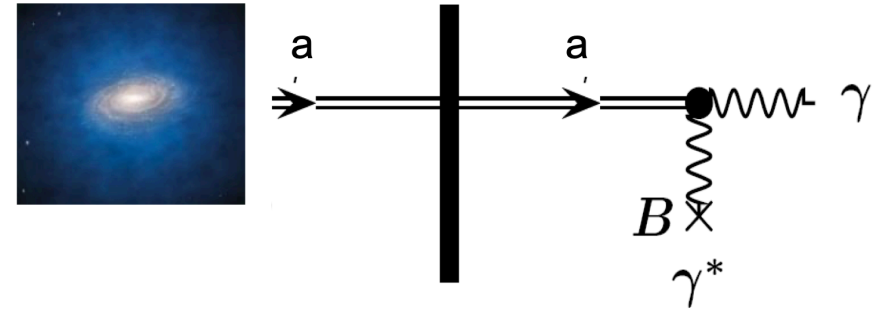


How to look: three kinds of experiments

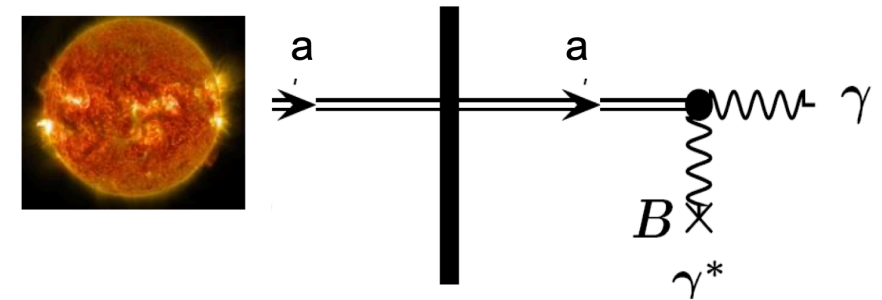
Axion/ALP: different sources

- Haloscopes
looking for dark matter constituents,
microwaves
- Helioscopes
Axions emitted by the sun,
X-rays
- Purely laboratory experiments
“light-shining-through-walls”,
microwaves, optical photons

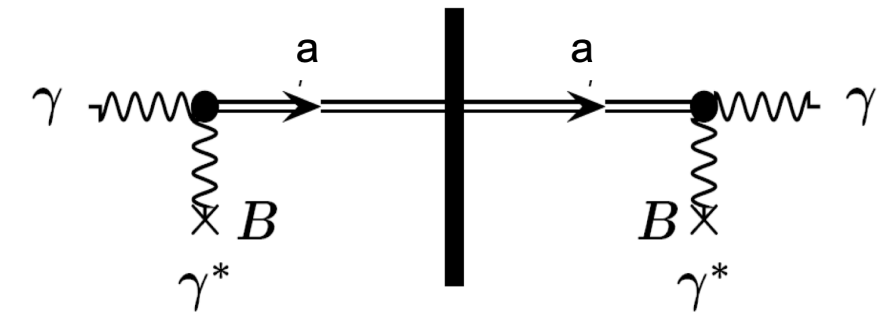
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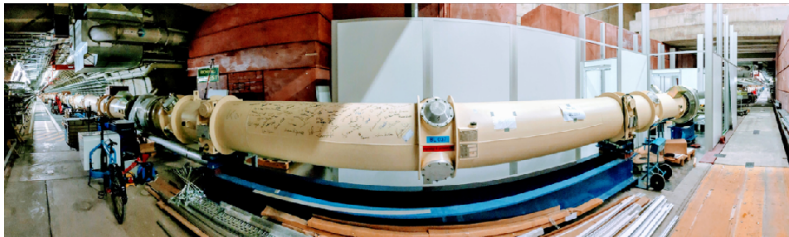
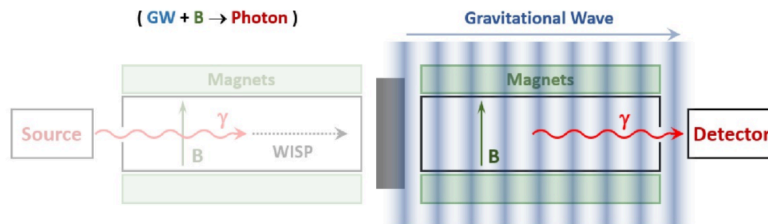


Graviton photon mixing

Main detection concepts

Photon regeneration

Detect GW to **photon conversion** in a **static magnetic field** (e.g. LSW experiments, helioscopes)



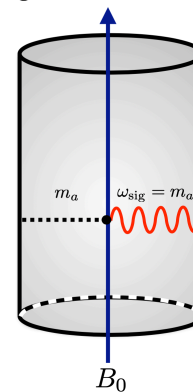
GW drives harmonic oscillator

GW produces **oscillating EM field** in a **microwave cavity** placed in **static magnetic field** (e.g. ADMX)

GW produces a **magnetic flux** in a **toroid** (resonant LC circuits, e.g. DM radio)

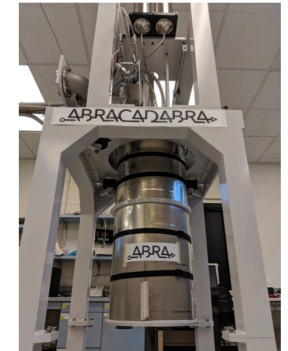
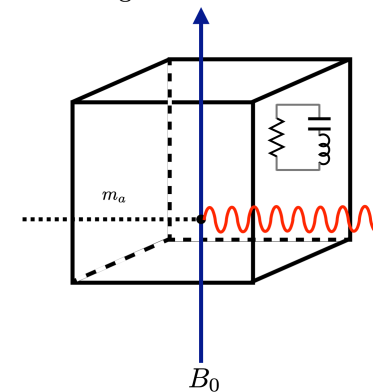
Static-field Haloscope:
e.g. ADMX

$$\omega_{\text{sig}} = m_a \sim V^{-1/3}$$



LC Resonator:

$$\omega_{\text{sig}} = m_a = \omega_{\text{LC}}$$

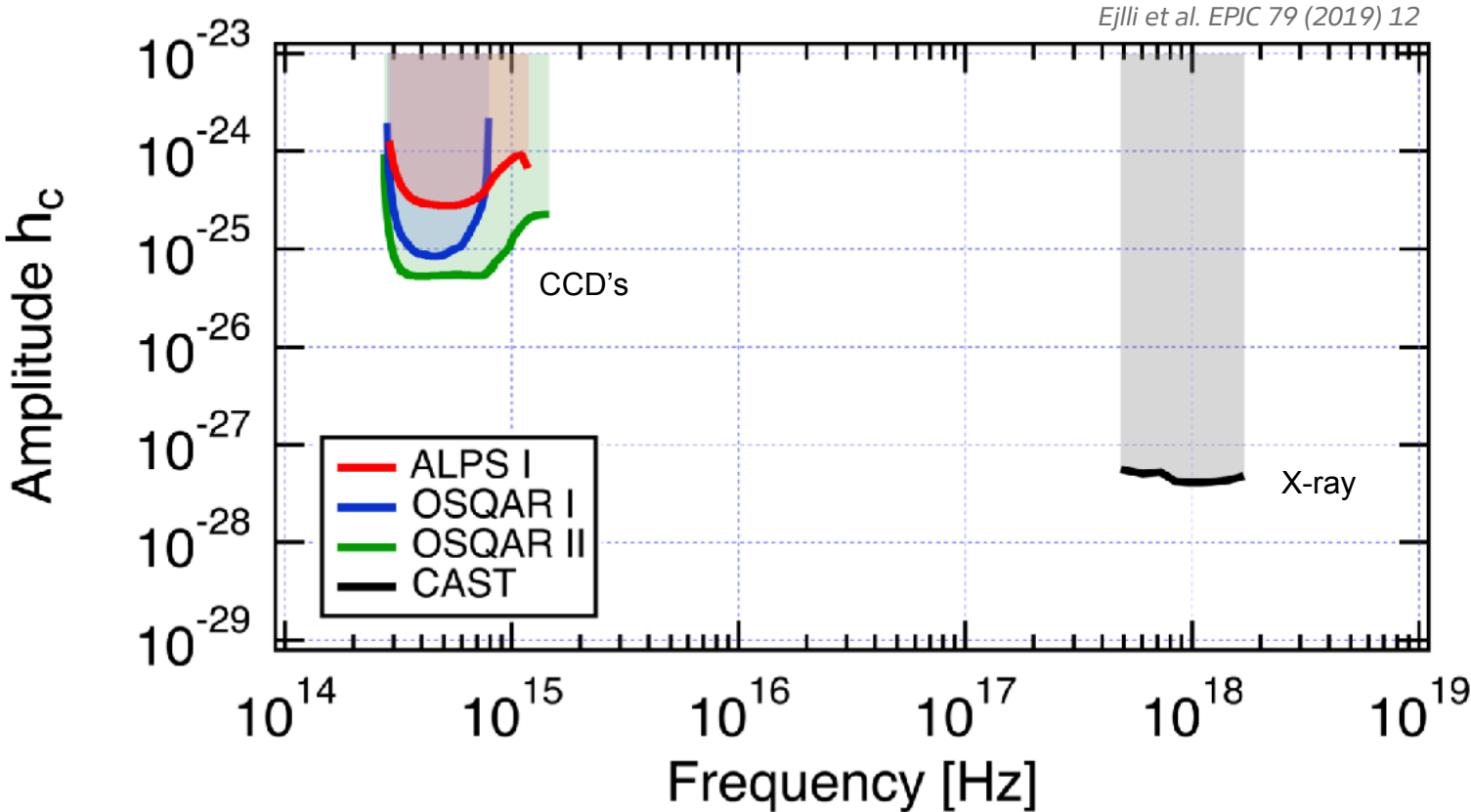


See talk from K. Schmieden

Current bounds

First experimental upper limits in these frequency regions

Bounds on the axion photon coupling obtained by ALPS, OSQAR, CAST can be translated into bounds on the characteristic amplitude of the stochastic GW background:



$$h_c^{\min}(0, \omega) \simeq \sqrt{\frac{4N_{\text{exp}}}{AB^2L^2\varepsilon_\gamma(\omega)\Delta\omega}} \simeq 1.6 \times 10^{-16} \times$$

$$\times \left(\frac{1\text{ T}}{B}\right) \left(\frac{1\text{ m}}{L}\right) \sqrt{\left(\frac{N_{\text{exp}}}{1\text{ Hz}}\right) \left(\frac{1\text{ m}^2}{A}\right) \left(\frac{1\text{ Hz}}{\Delta f}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon_\gamma}\right)}$$

ALPS

Light-shining-through wall experiment

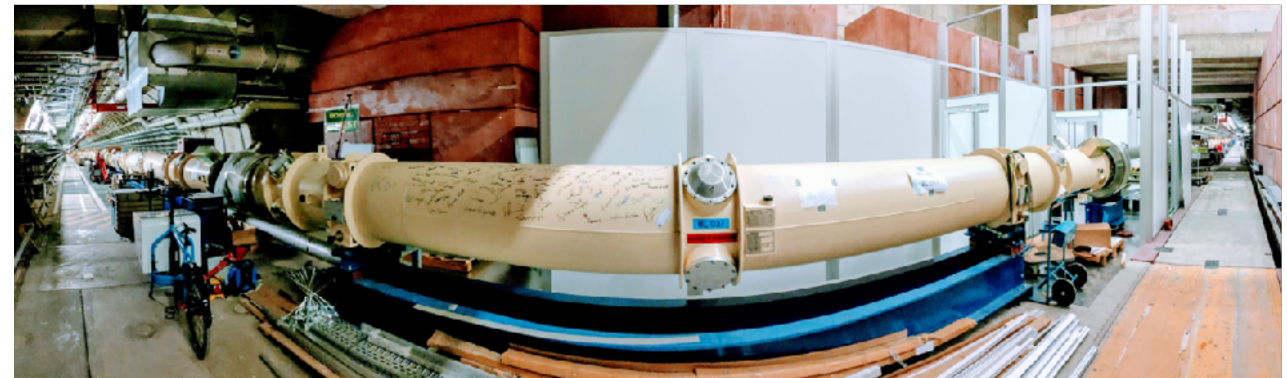
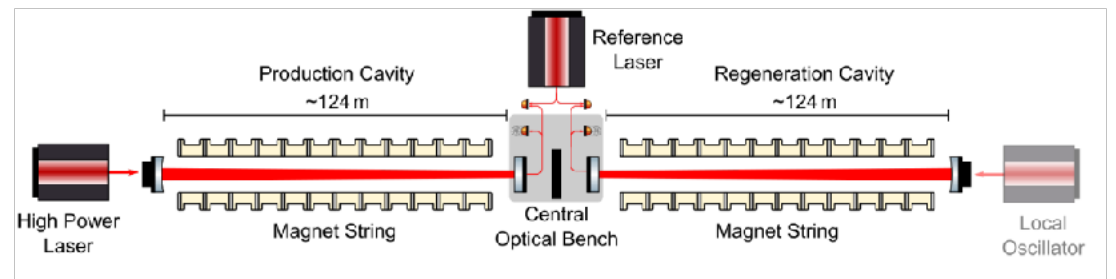
Any-Light-Particle-Search (ALPS) experiment @ DESY searches for the conversion of photons into light particles and vice versa in a strong transverse magnetic field

ALPS I (data taking 2009):

- 1 HERA dipole
- Optical cavity on generation side to enhance number of photons on generation side

ALPS II (data taking since 2023):

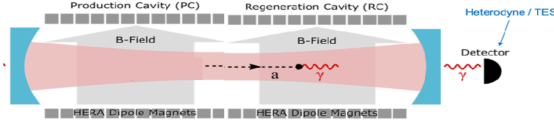
- 12 + 12 HERA dipoles
- Additional optical cavity on regeneration side to enhance reconversion



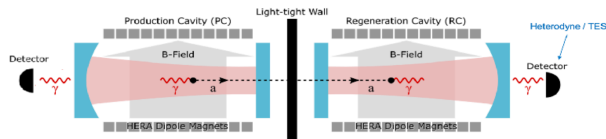
Options for ALPS II

Enhance sensitivity for GW detection

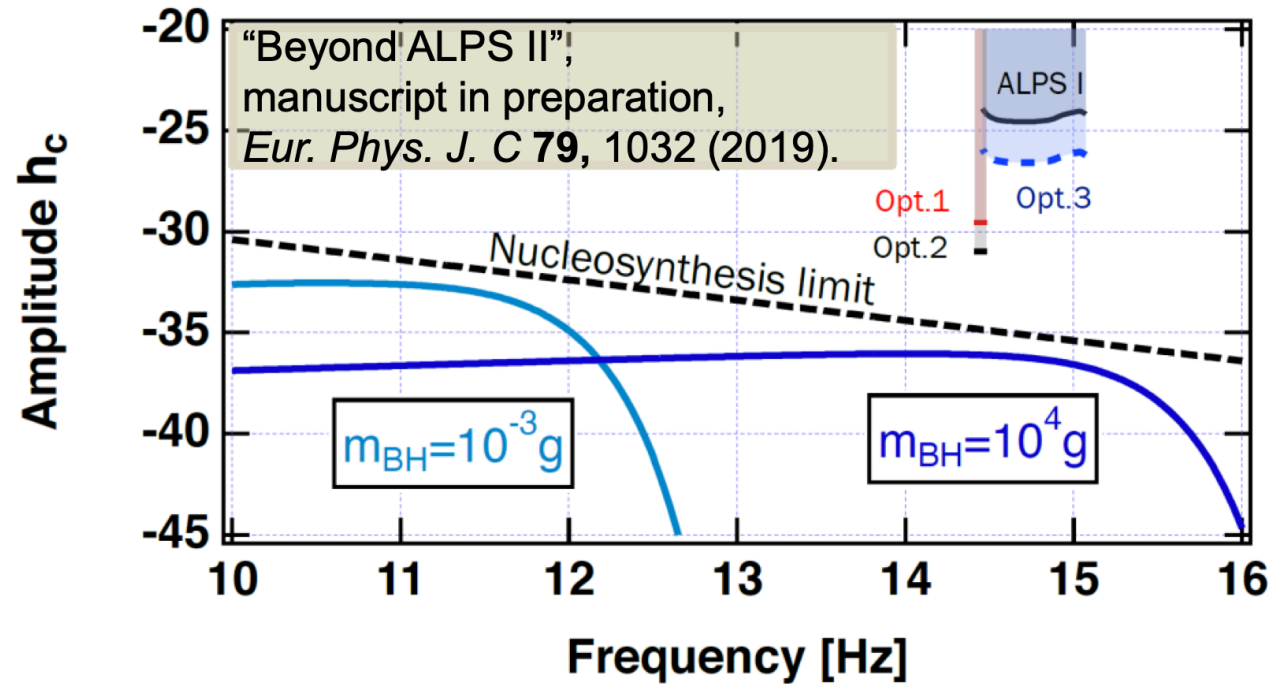
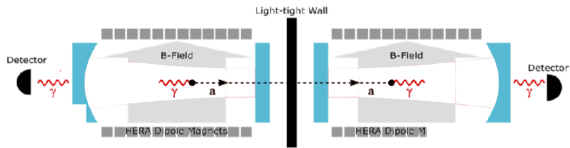
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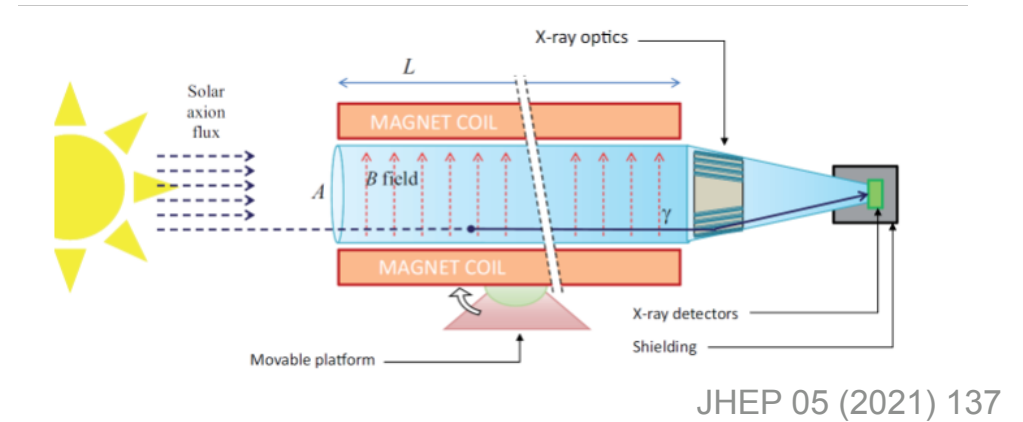
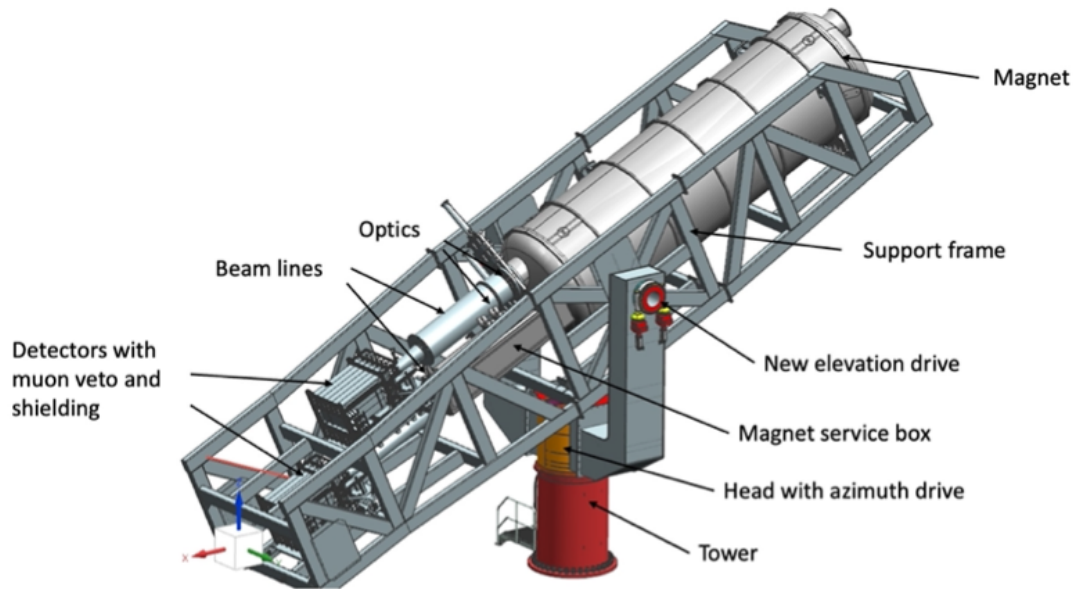


Option 1: 212m long **single optical cavity** and single **TES detector**

Option 2: **Cross-correlating two 106m optical cavities** with individual TES detectors to **lower statistical noise**

Option 3: No optical cavity, **broadband photon detection**

BabyIAXO: funded  prototype

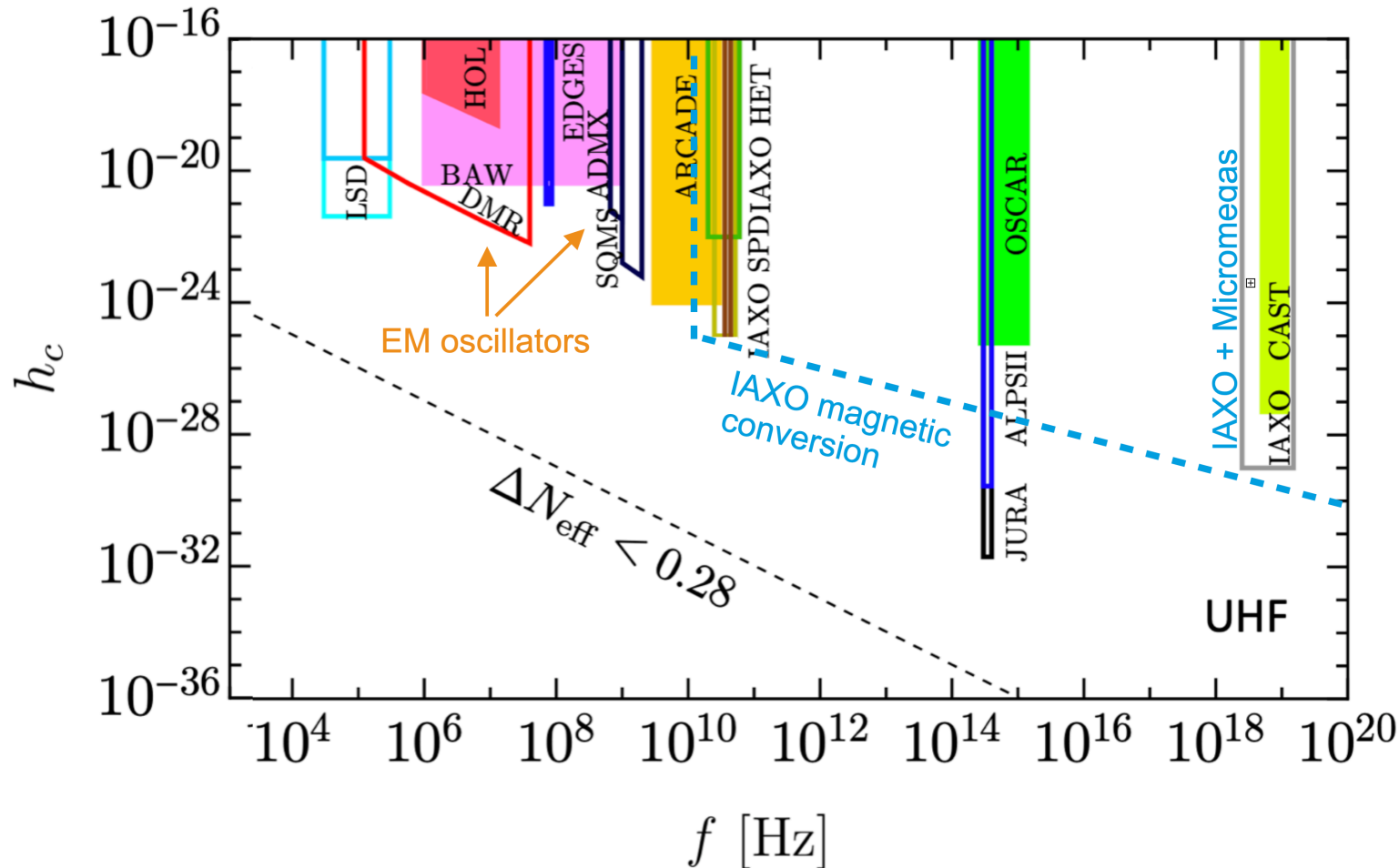


Conversion of solar axions to x-ray photons

Data taking expected in 2028 at DESY

Projected bounds

Based on the axion search infrastructure



Experiment	$BLA^{1/2}$ [Tm ²]	F_{low} [Hz]
ALPSI (for comparison)	2	$2 \cdot 10^{11}$
ALPSII	50	$5 \cdot 10^{12}$
BabyIAXO	22	$1 \cdot 10^9$
IAXO	88	$2 \cdot 10^9$
MADMAX	32	$2 \cdot 10^8$

In photon regeneration experiments beam tube acts as EM waveguide, effective lower frequency cut-off

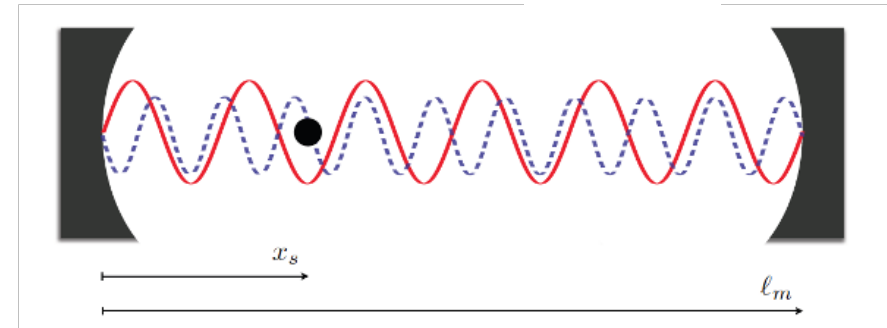
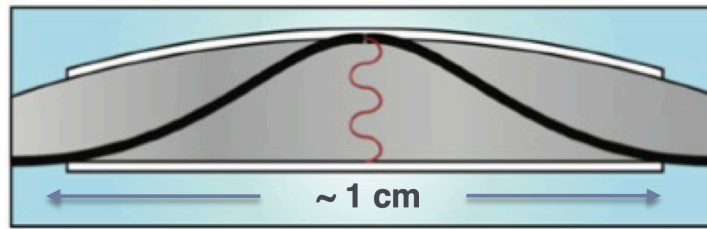
$$h_c^{\min}(0, \omega^*) \simeq 2.8 \times 10^{-16} \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{\mathcal{F}}\right) \left(\frac{N_{\text{dark}}}{1 \text{ Hz}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{A}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ T}}{B}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ m}}{L}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ Hz}}{\Delta f}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_\gamma(\omega)}\right)}$$

Mechanical resonators



SRF cavities

Bulk acoustic wave devices



Levitated sensors

Levitated sensors

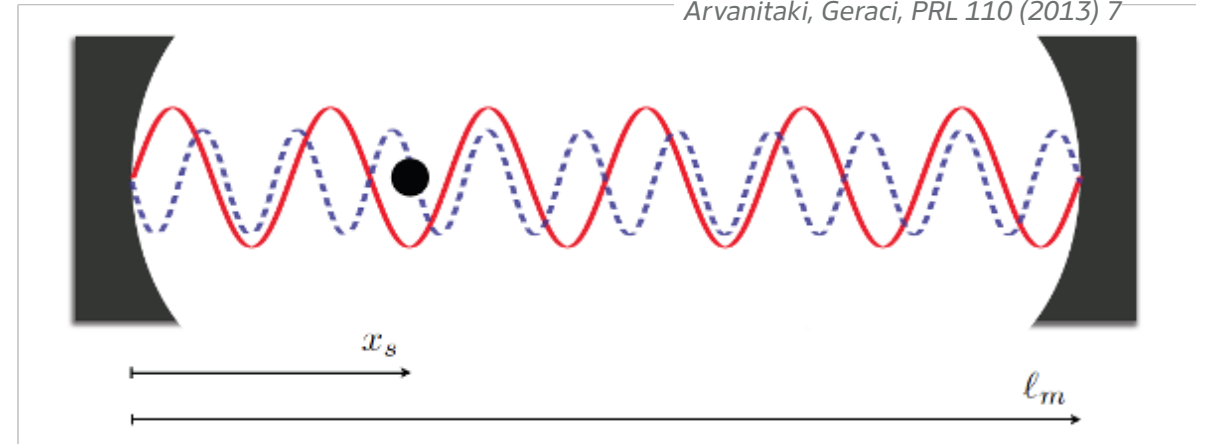
Basic idea

Trap a dielectric nanoparticle in a laser beam in an optical cavity

GW displaces particle from its equilibrium position and causes a harmonic restoring force

- Displacement is resonantly enhanced when ω_G coincides with trap frequency
- Similar to a resonant bar experiment, but sensor is levitated
- Relatively small sizes of the setups (10~100m)

Limited by thermal noise in the motion of the levitated particles and heating due to light scattering



Second light field to cool and read out axial position of the levitated object

- Displacement of the nanoparticle w.r.t. the trap minimum
- $\Delta X = 1/2 h(x_s - l_m) + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$

1-meter prototype

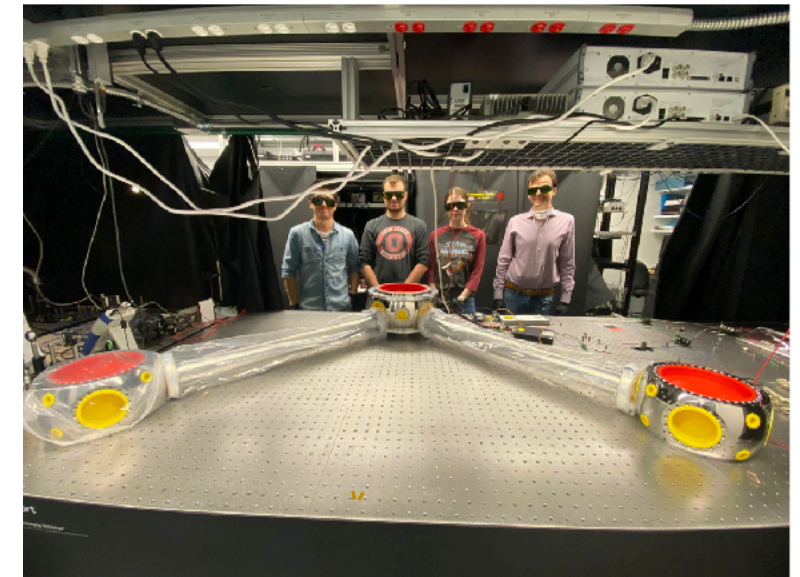
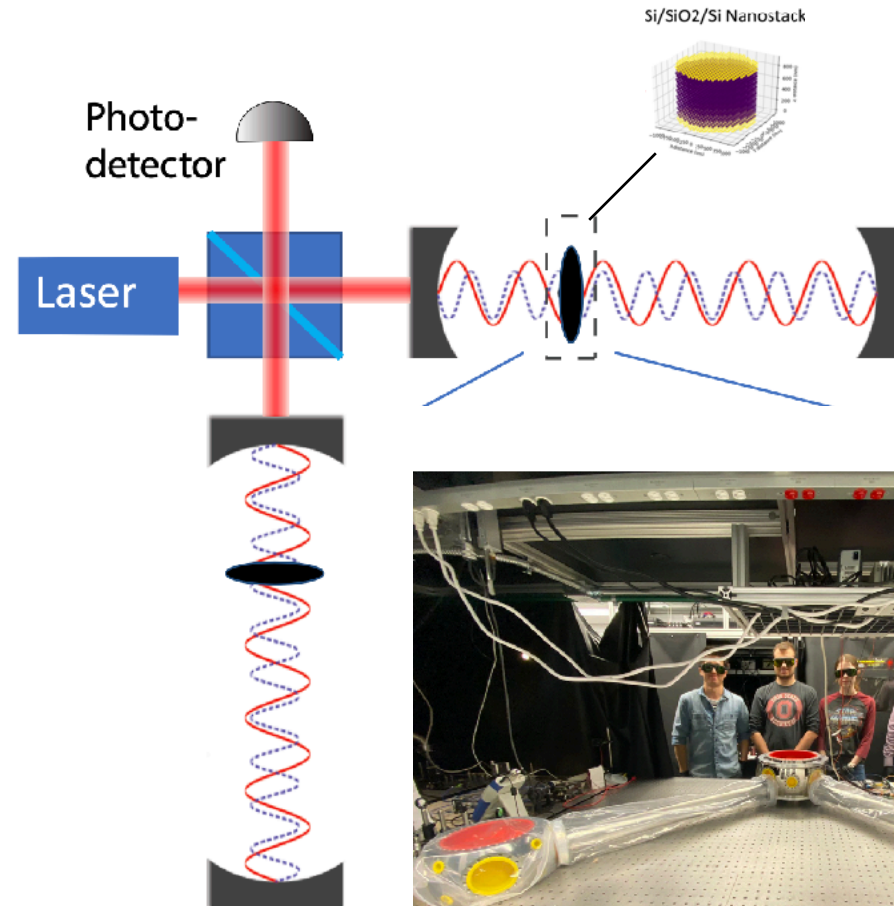
Levitated sensor detector

1-meter prototype under construction at Northwestern University

- Compact Michelson interferometer configuration (to reject common noise sources)
- Pilot run planned in ~1y
- Network of detectors with UC Davis and UCL

Stacked dielectric disc reduces photon recoil heating and increases mass of levitated object

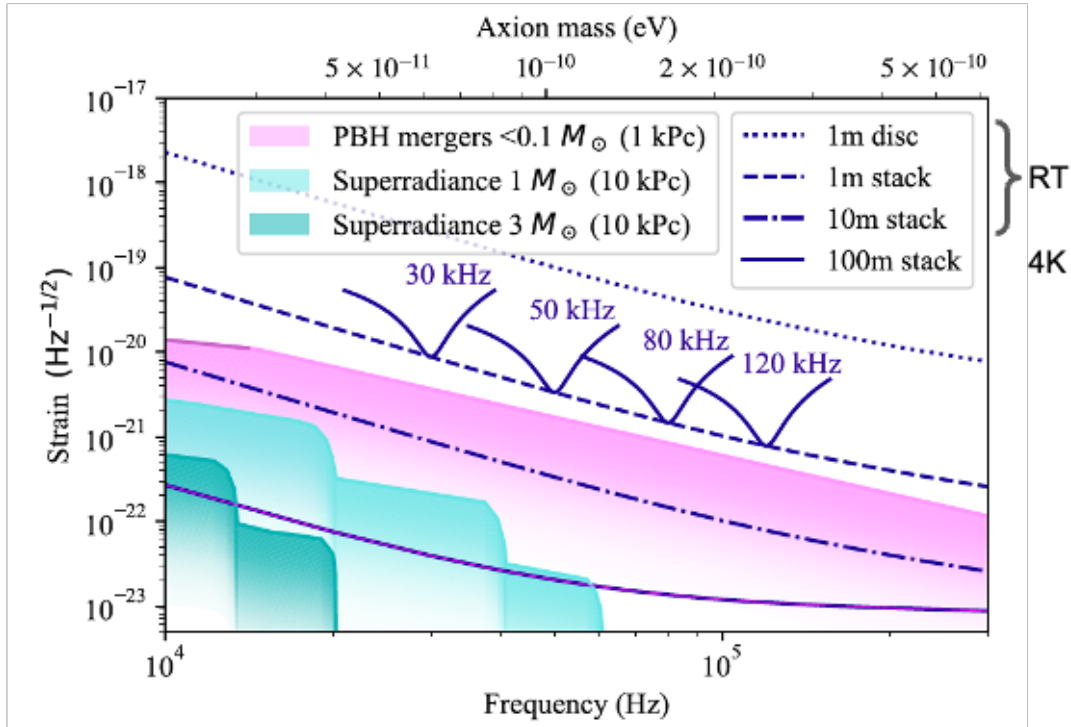
- Sphere → disc → stack
- Ongoing R&D at DESY to use partially-levitated membrane inside cavity (larger membrane size allows to reduce mirror radius)



Levitated sensors

Sensitivity projections

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**Resonance tunable from 10 to 300 kHz
by varying the laser intensity**

$$h_{\min} \propto \frac{1}{l_m} \sqrt{\frac{T}{m}}$$

a) longer cavity.
b) lower temperature.
c) heavier particles.

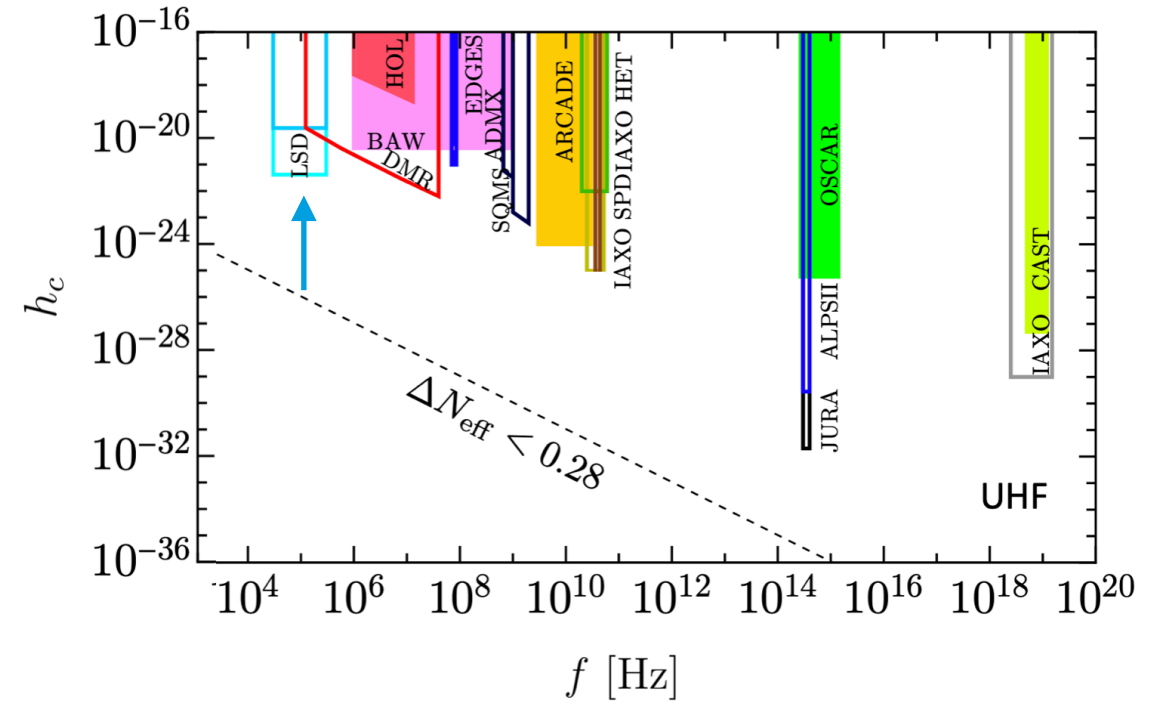
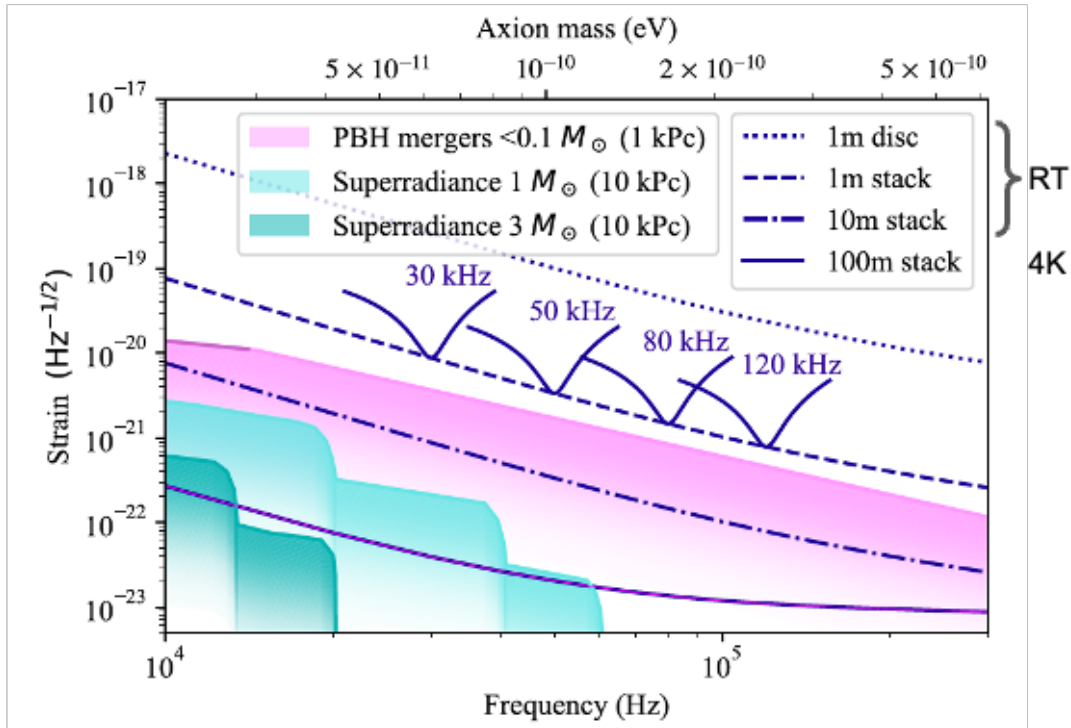
Planned improvements

- 1-meter prototype under construction @ Northwestern University
- 10-meter instrument → 1 order of magnitude
- 100-meter instrument → 2 orders of magnitude

Levitated sensors

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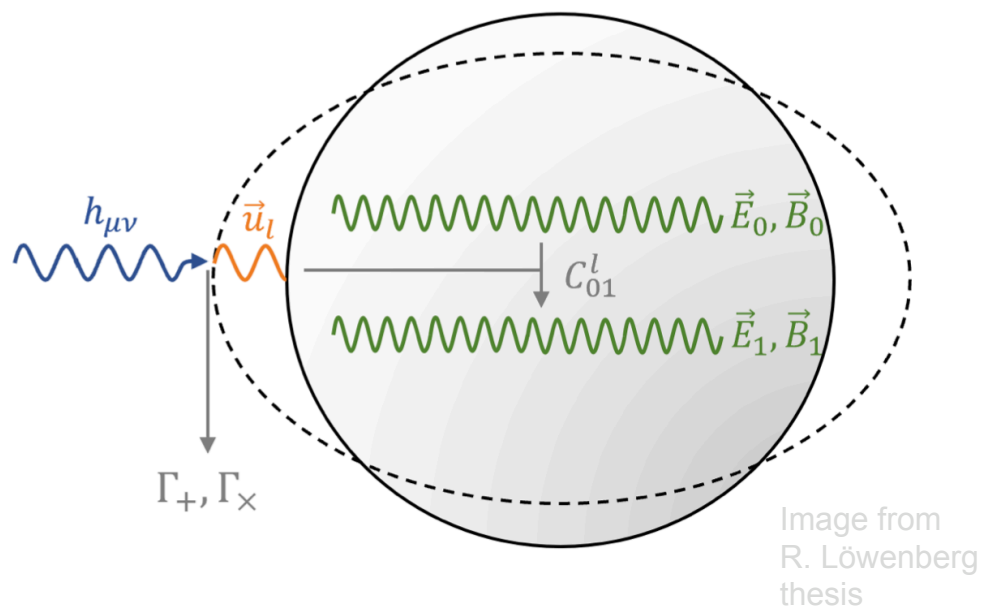


**Resonance tunable from 10 to 300 kHz
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Superconducting radio frequency cavities

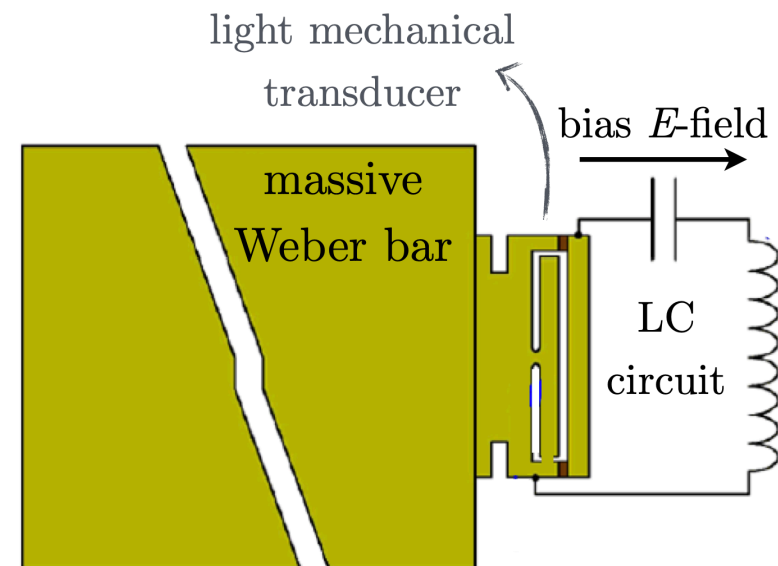
Analogous to Weber bars, mechanical to EM transducer

GW perturbs cavity walls, which induces EM mode-mixing



Efficient converters of mechanical to EM energy

Operate with small readout noise



$$Q_{LC} \sim 10^6 \ll Q_{cav} \sim 10^{11}$$

Heterodyne detection

GWs induce energy transfer between two levels of an EM resonator

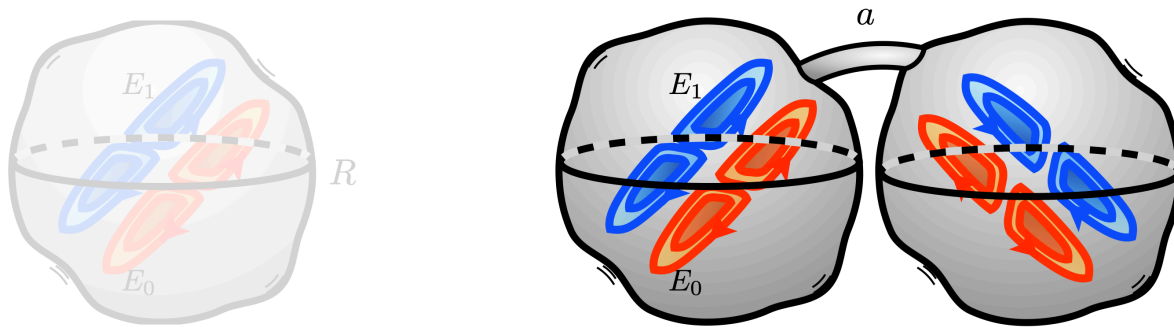
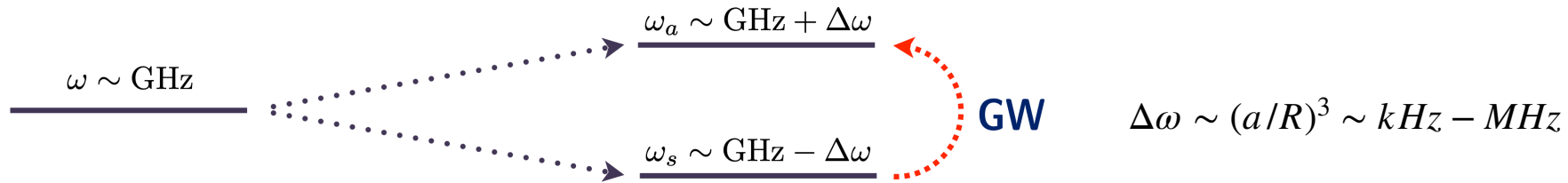


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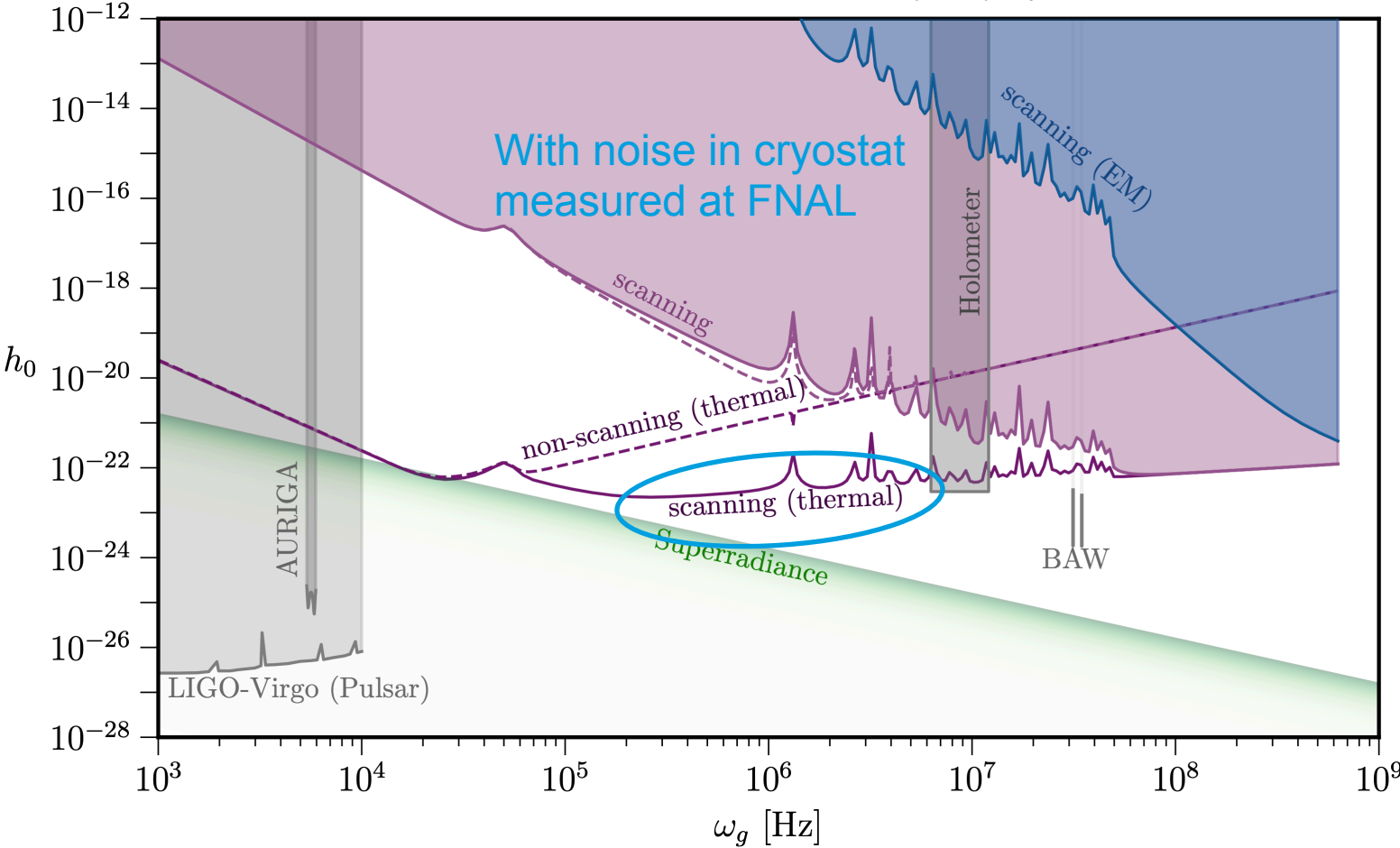
Two EM levels achieved by coupling identical cavities

- Each resonant mode of the individual cavities is split in two modes of the coupled resonator with different spacial field distribution (ω_0 and ω_π , symmetric and anti-symmetric modes)

Promising experimental reach

Unique broadband sensitivity

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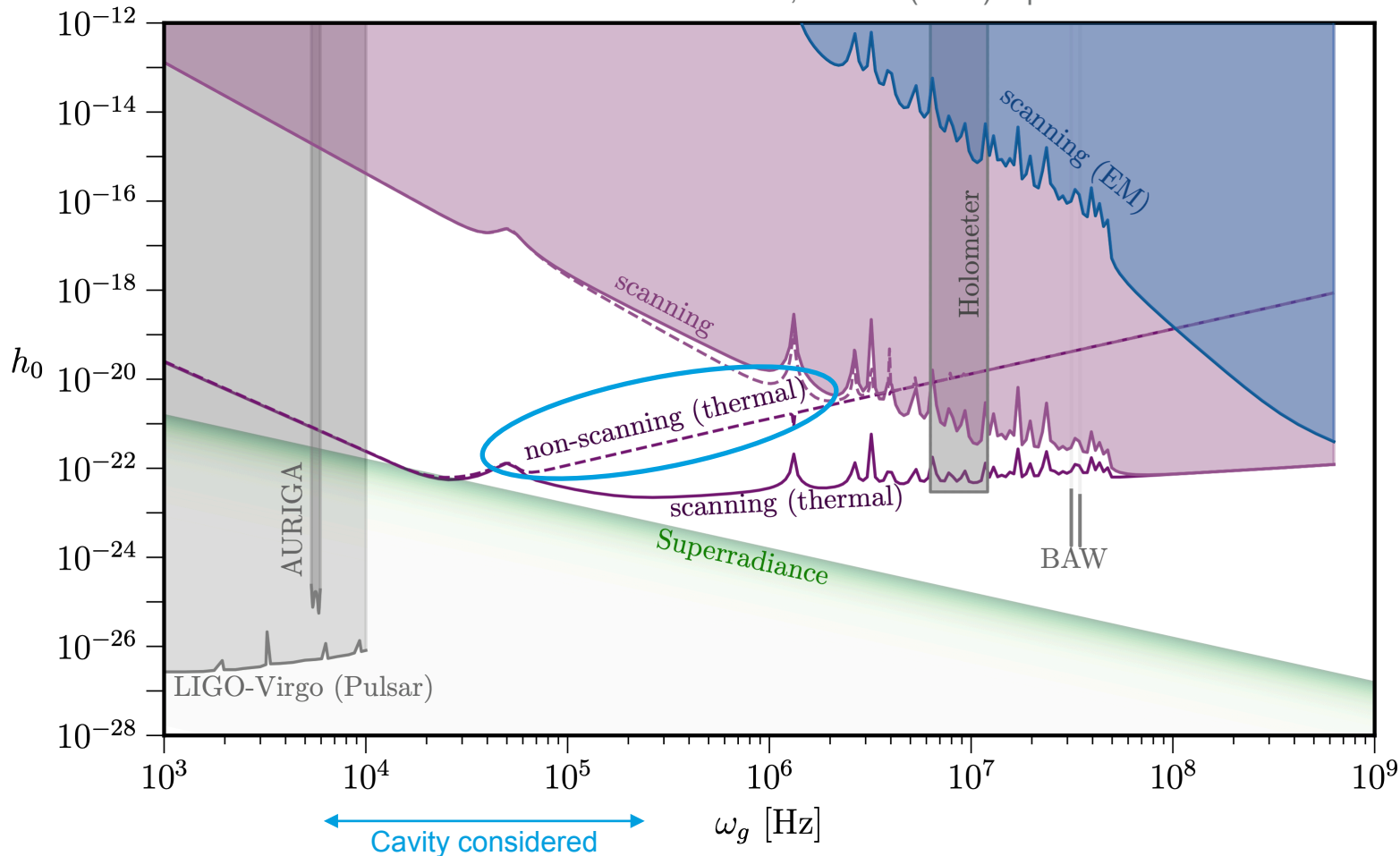
Already with a standard cryostat, explore novel frequency ranges (albeit week limits)

Strongly improve reach by attenuating vibrational noise to its thermal level

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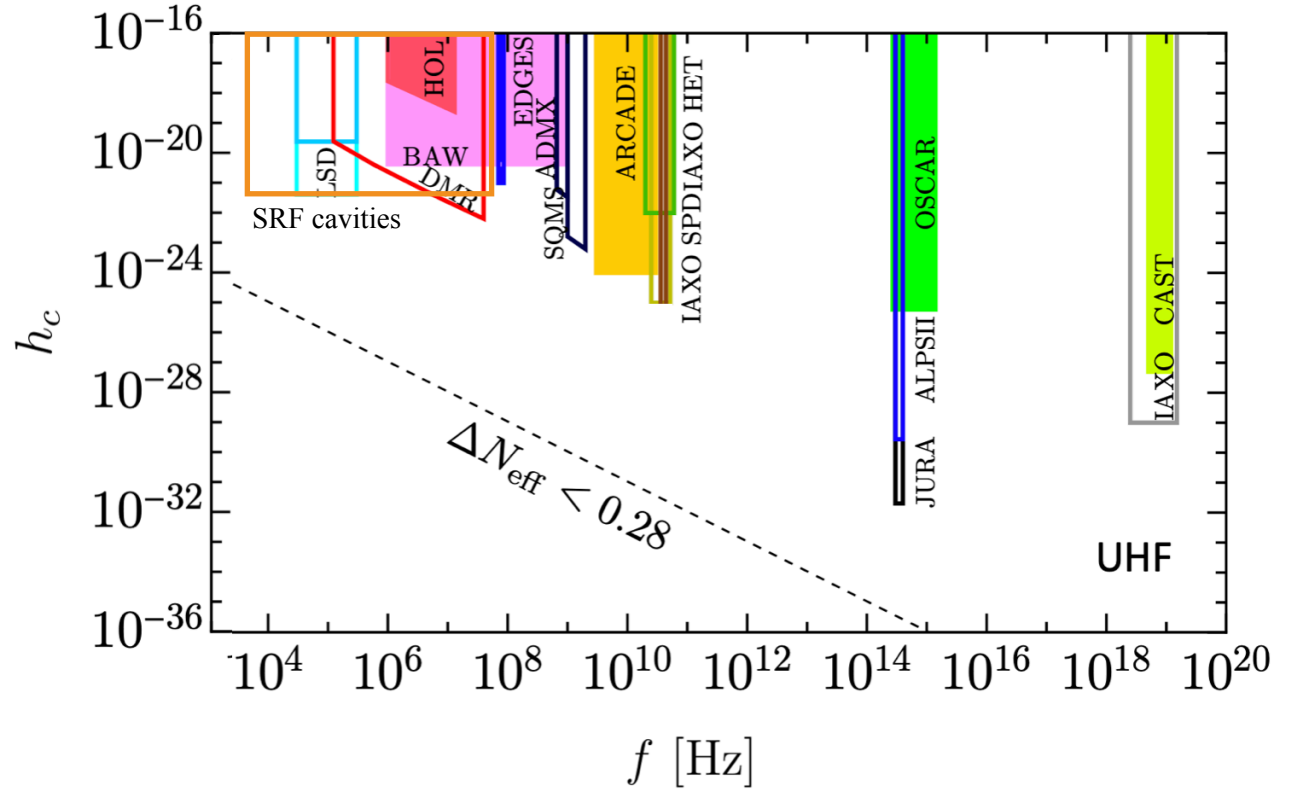
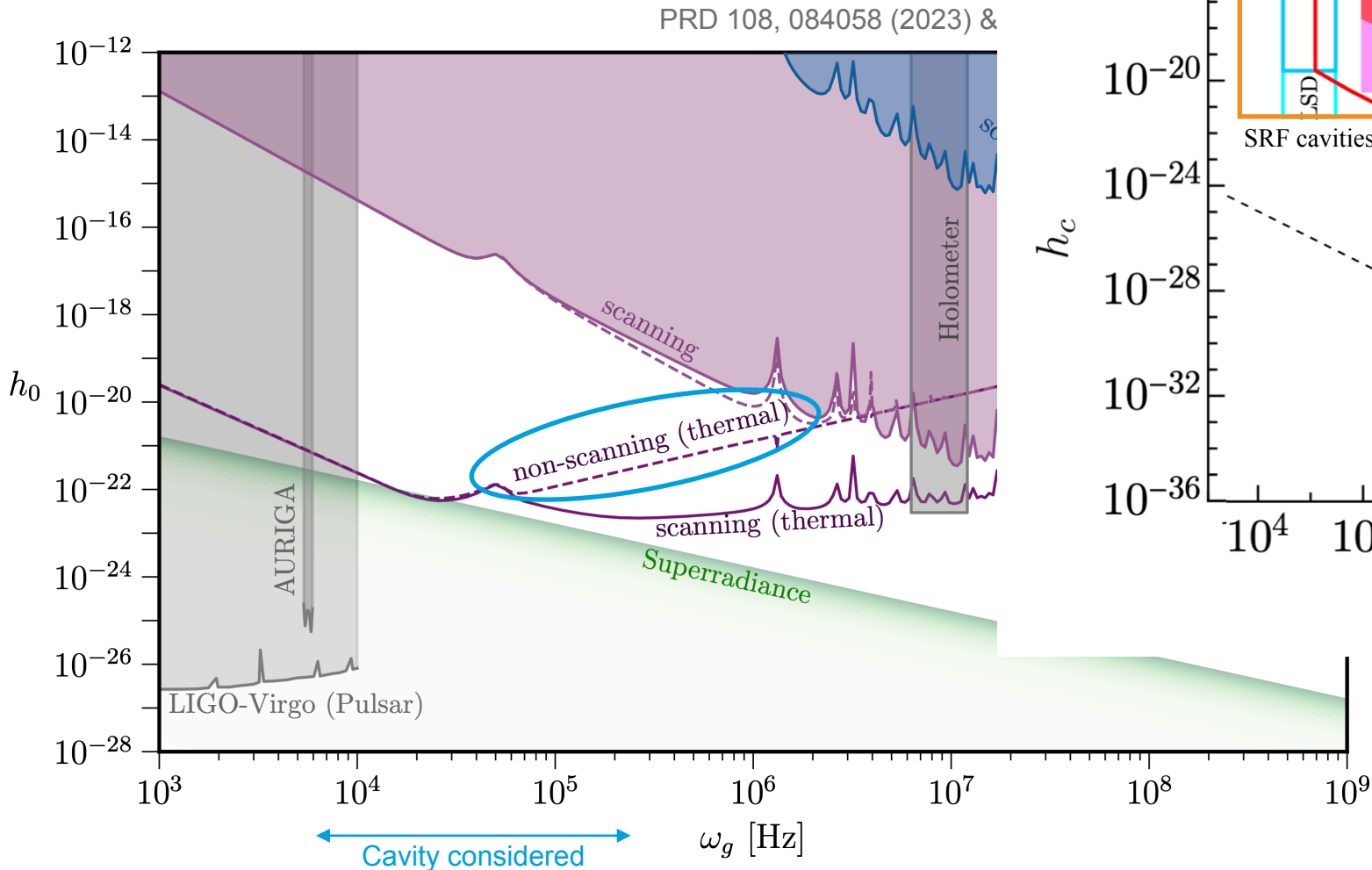
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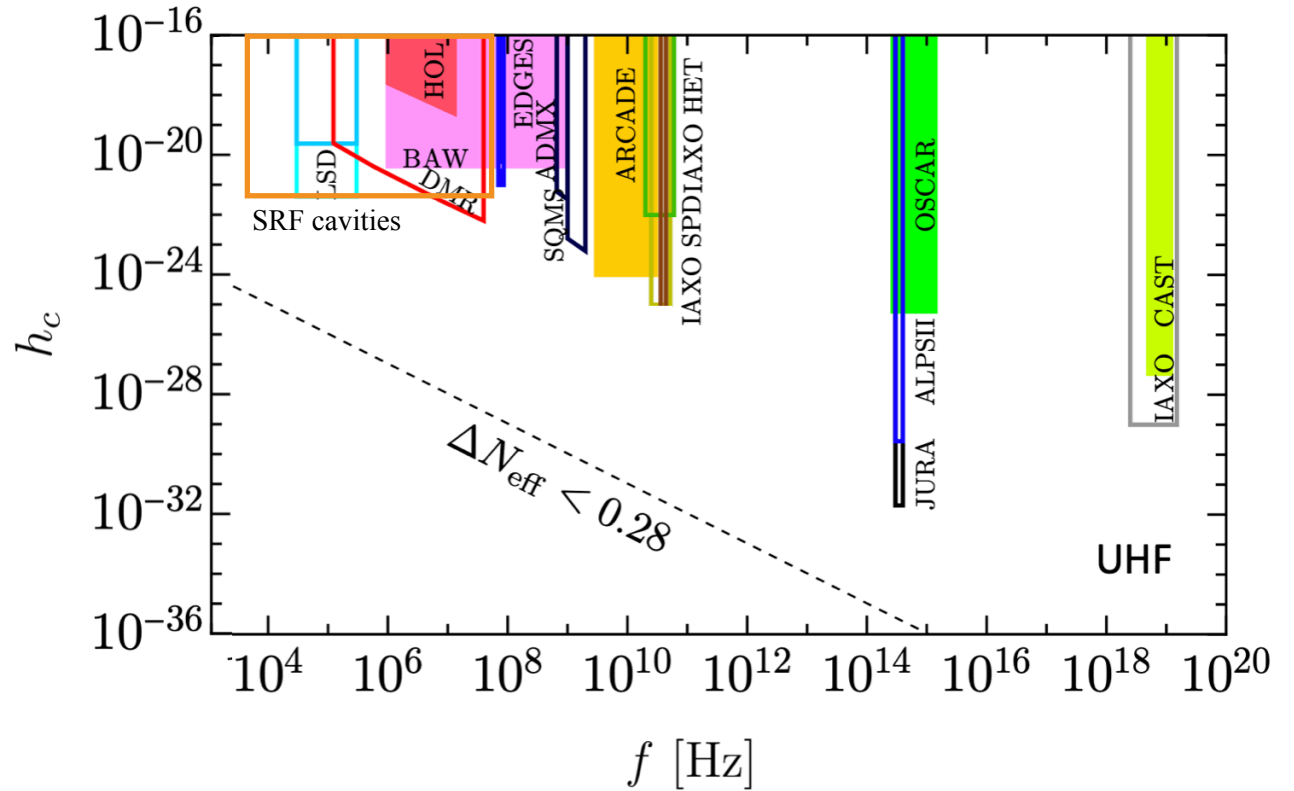
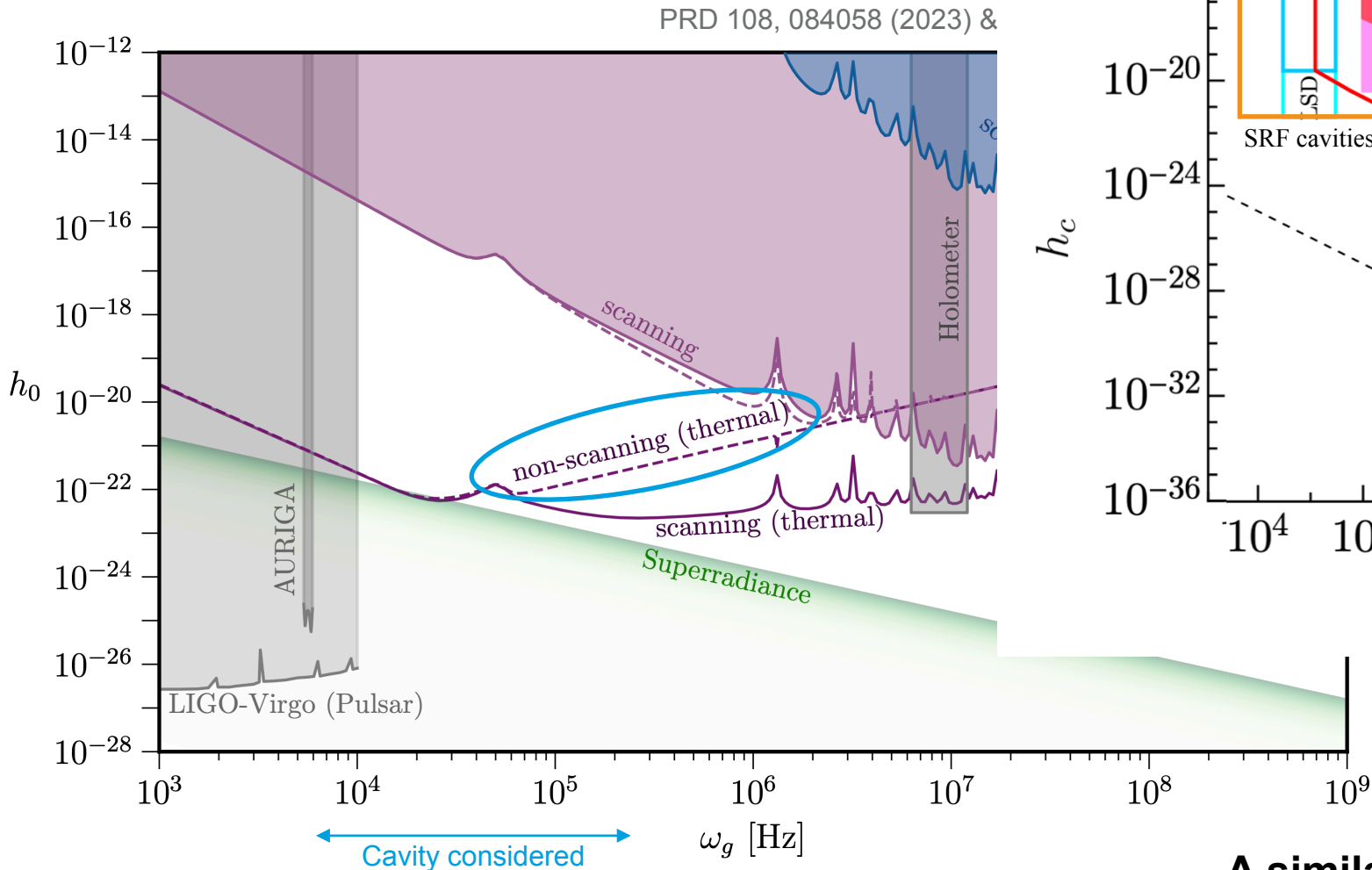
Unique broadband sensitivity



Unique broadband sensitivity!

Promising experimental reach

Unique broadband sensitivity



Unique broadband sensitivity!

A similar setup, with differently optimised cavities, can be used to search for Axions

The MAGO proposal

... and its revival

On the operation of a tunable electromagnetic detector for gravitational waves

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Microwave Apparatus for Gravitational Waves Observation

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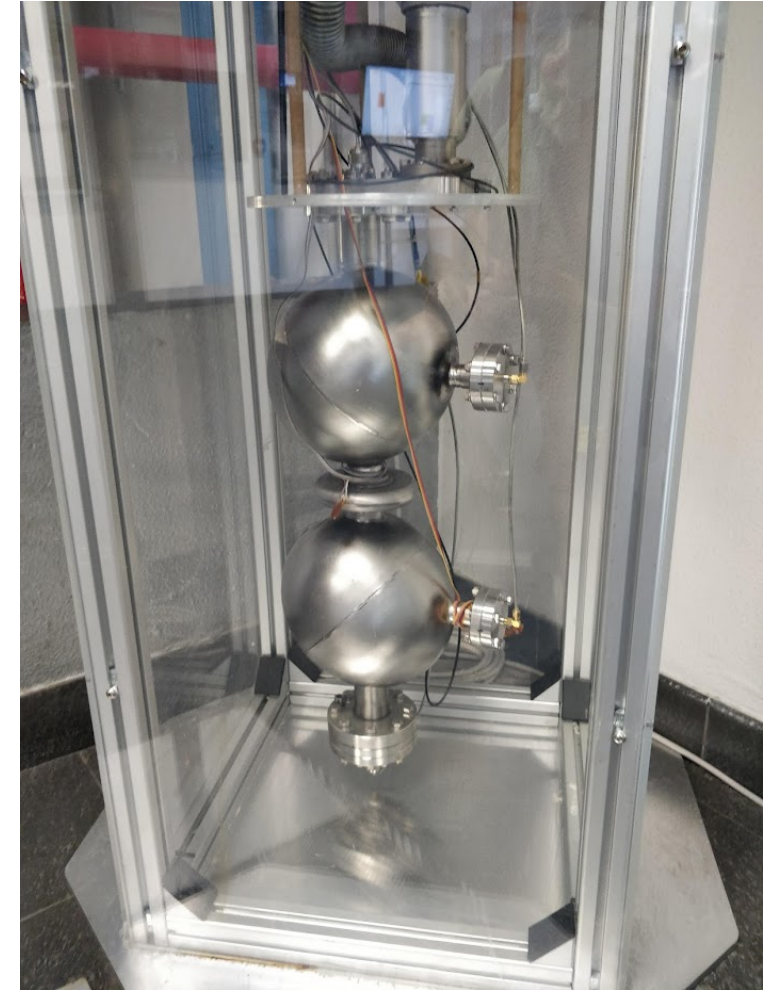
Initial idea from the 70s, which led to the **MAGO proposal** for a **scaled-up experiment** with 500 MHz cavities (not funded)

During the **R&D activities** 3 SRF cavities were built, the first one used for a **proof-of-principle experiment**

The third cavity

- 2-cell cavity with optimised geometry and variable coupling cell
- Never treated nor tested – on shelf for >15y @ INFN Genova

In a collaborative effort, DESY/UHH - FNAL - INFN, **continue the R&D studies** with a goal to have synchronised observatories



University Genova

Ultra-High-Frequency Gravitational Waves Initiative

Development of GW science in the frequency range above 10 kHz

Main aim to promote scientific progress in this new area of research, both from theoretical and experimental points of view

Regular workshops organised (last one in Dec. 2023) to create a network of researchers and discuss the state-of-the-art of the field

Summary of the first workshop published in a white paper

Currently being updated to include latest results and developments

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Challenges and Opportunities of Gravitational Wave Searches at MHz to GHz Frequencies

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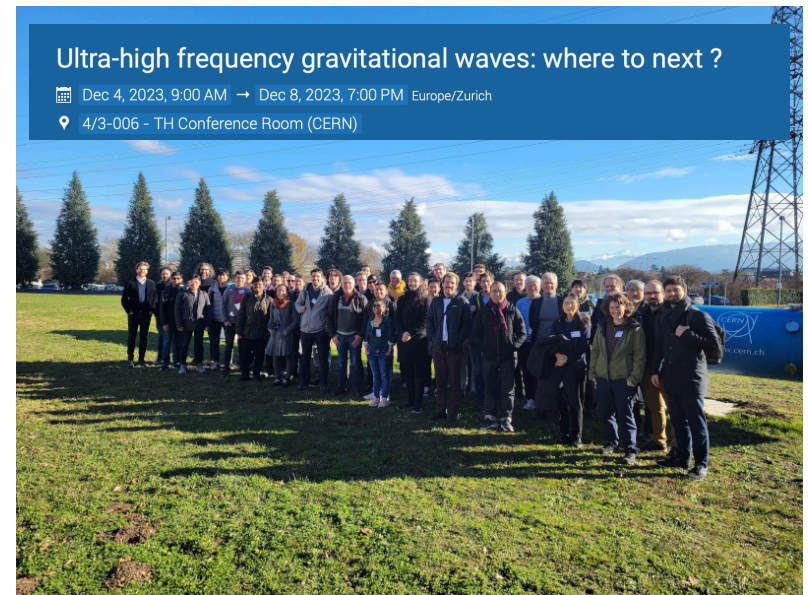
Abstract

The first direct measurement of gravitational waves by the LIGO and Virgo collaborations has opened up new avenues to explore our Universe. This white paper outlines the challenges and gains expected in gravitational wave searches at frequencies above the LIGO/Virgo band, with a particular focus on *Ultra High-Frequency Gravitational Waves* (UHF-GWs), covering the MHz to GHz range. The absence of known astrophysical sources in this frequency range provides a unique opportunity to discover physics beyond the Standard Model operating both in the early and late Universe, and we highlight some of the most promising gravitational sources. We review several detector concepts which have been proposed to take up this challenge, and compare their expected sensitivity with the signal strength predicted in various models. This report is the summary of the workshop *Challenges and opportunities of high-frequency gravitational wave detection* held at ICTP Trieste, Italy in October 2019, that set up the stage for the recently launched Ultra-High-Frequency Gravitational Wave (UHF-GW) initiative.

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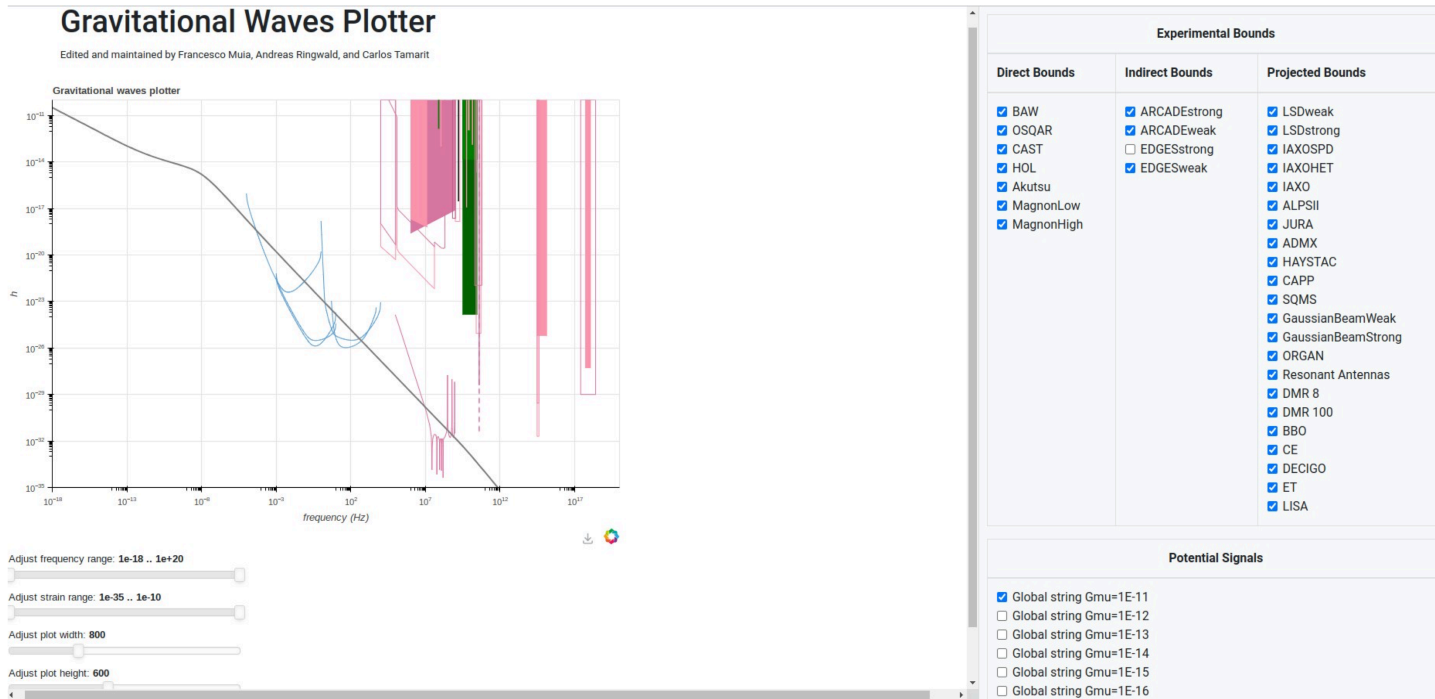


Towards a new gravitational wave plotter

Extend coverage to high frequencies and add cosmological signals

Aim to develop a **new gravitational wave plotter** that can cover the **ultra-high frequency range** and which adapts to the **needs of the community** (up to date and reactive to feedback)

Francesco Muia, Carlos Tamarit, Andreas Ringwald



What would you like to see and have?
Please send feedback to:

<https://forms.gle/Vw28pmgYLaMmgunb8>

Current status still preliminary

For more details see talk by C. Tamarit
at Dec. Workshop

Conclusions

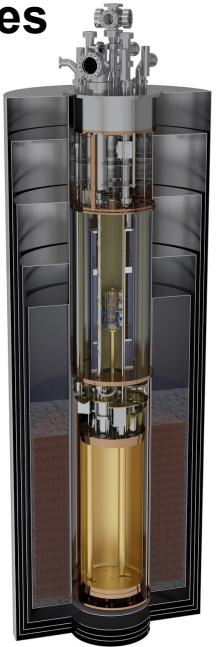
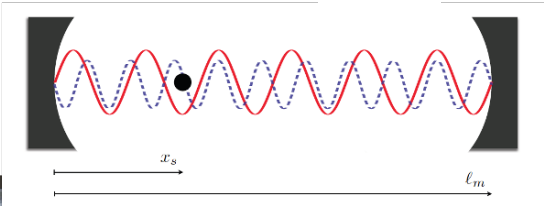
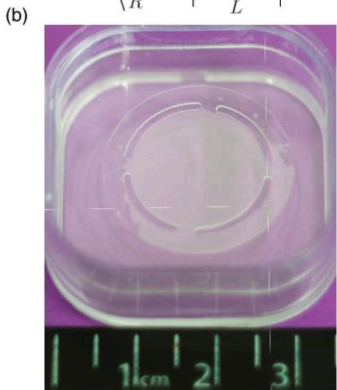
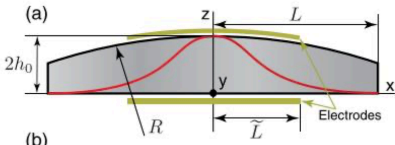
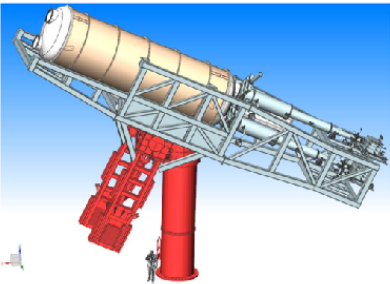
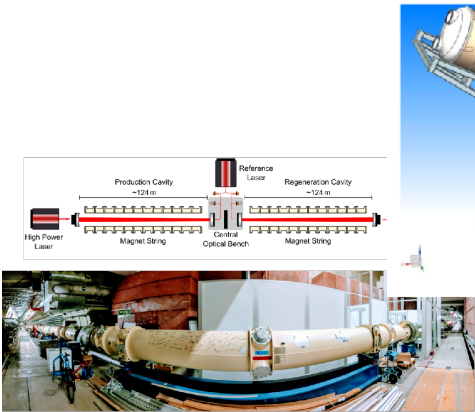
GW signals above 10 kHz a smoking gun for BSM physics, exciting scientific opportunities

Strongly growing interest in the community

Important synergies between axion searches and HFGW searches

Experimental efforts started with several isolated attempts, will hopefully grow in more systematic approaches

Moderate size of experiments very attractive, allows also for several synchronised observatories



Thank you

With helpful input from Francesco Muia and many other members of the UHFGW initiative, and from speakers of our recent workshop <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1257532/>

Cosmic Gravitational Microwave Background (CGMB)

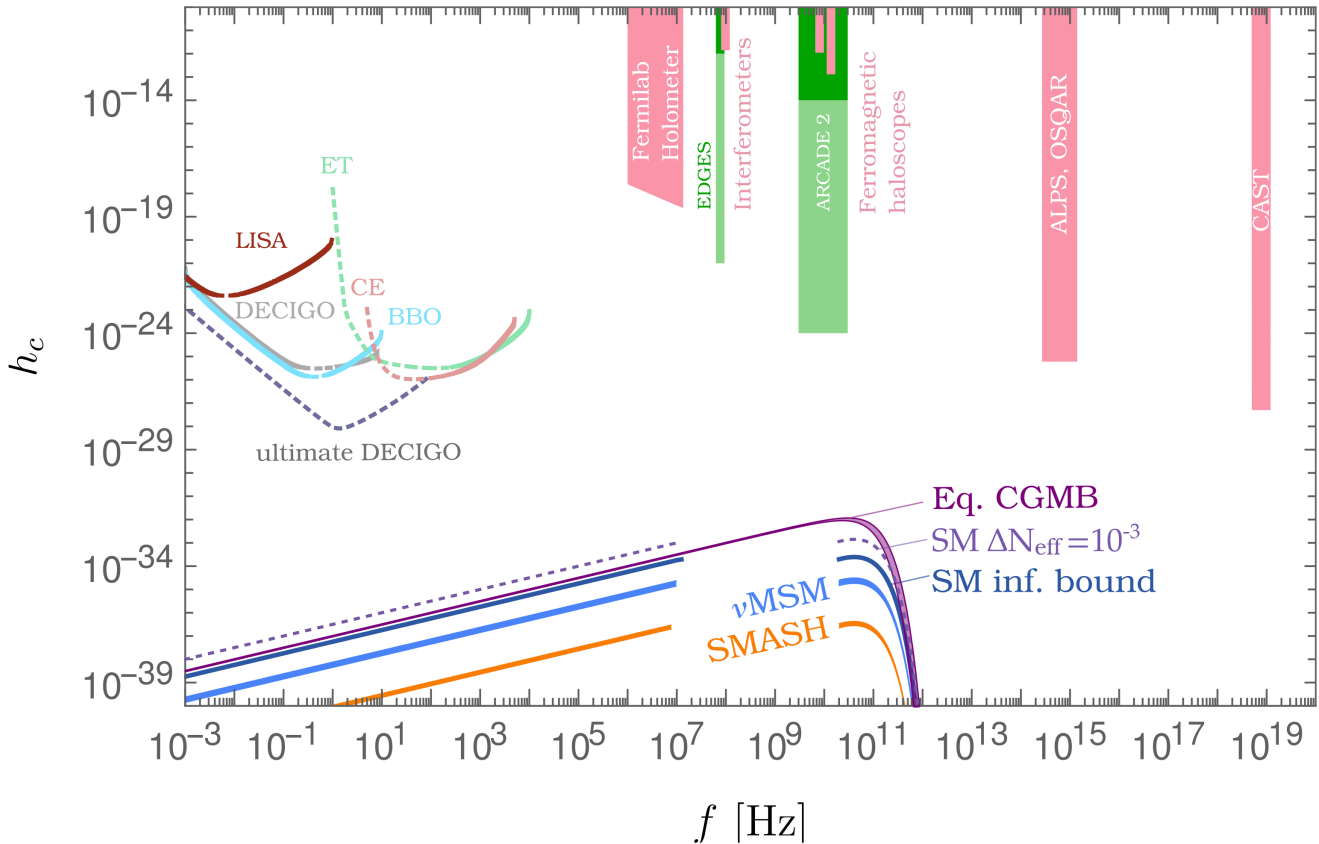
Guaranteed GW background

Particle collisions in the radiation dominated universe due to thermal fluctuations in the plasma

Results in GWs, enhanced and redshifted to the approx. same frequency today in the GHz range

Magnitude and peak frequency to distinguish between SM and BSM models

Ringwald et al, 2011.04731



Standard Model*Axion*Seesaw*Higgs-Portal Inflation

Minimal model of particle physics and cosmology

[Ballesteros, Redondo, AR, Tamarit, arXiv:1608.05414; 1610.01639]

SMASH extends the SM by

- 3 right-handed SM singlet neutrinos N_i
- a SM singlet complex scalar field σ
- a vector-like extra quark Q

all charged under a new global $U(1)_{PQ}$ symmetry, that is spontaneously broken by vev $\langle |\sigma| \rangle = v_\sigma / \sqrt{2} \sim 10^{11}$ GeV

It solves five puzzles in particle physics and cosmology in one smash:

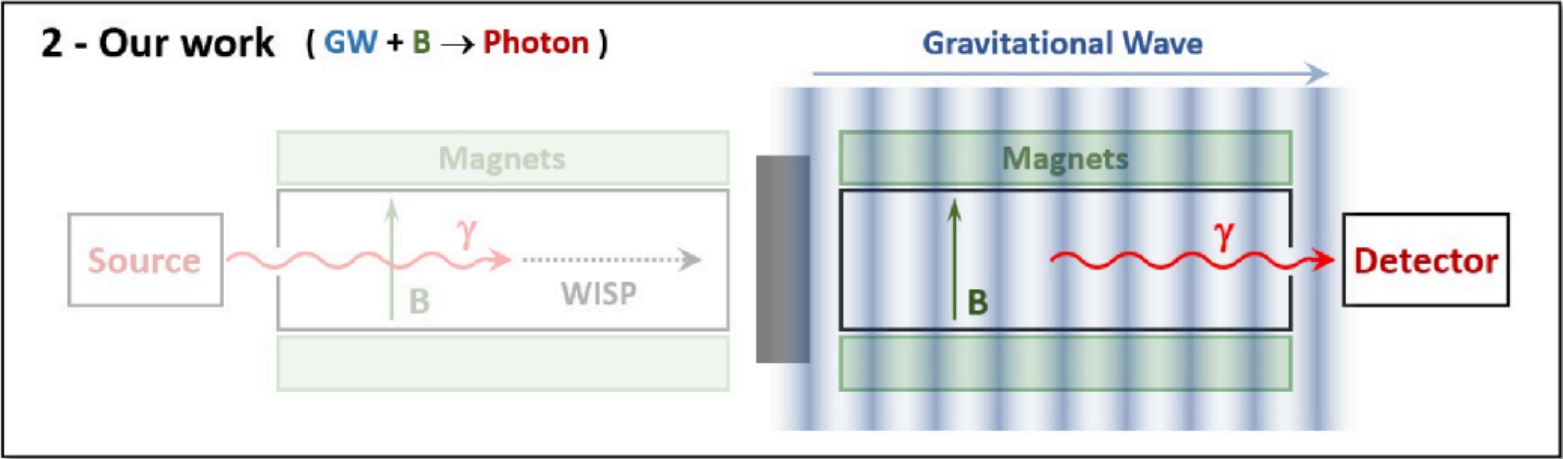
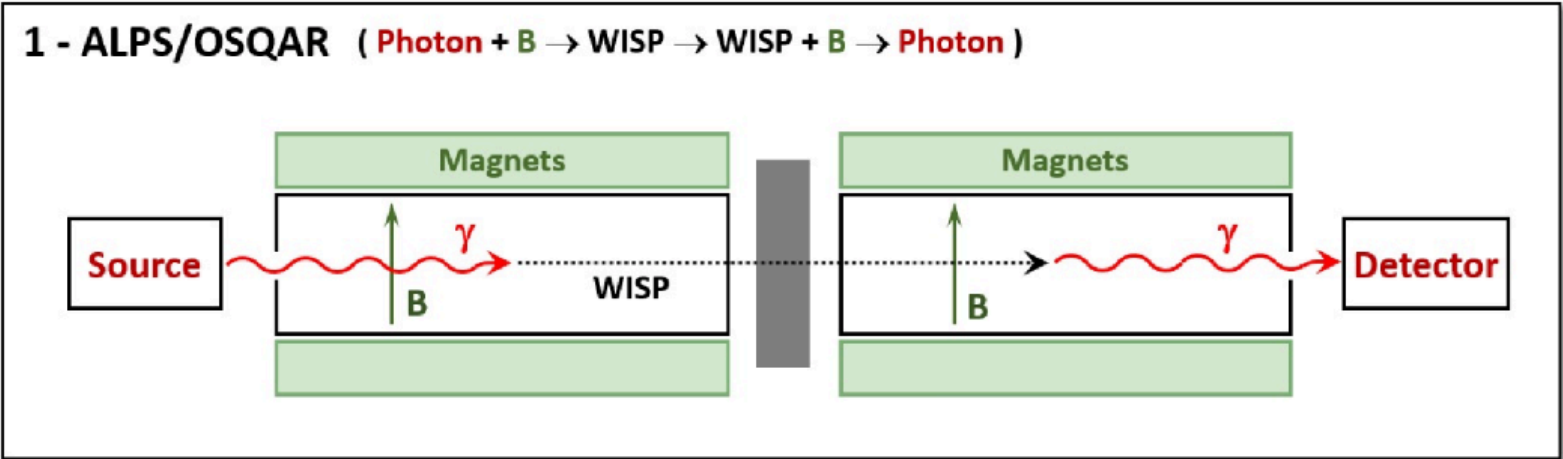
1. Strong CP problem (Peccei Quinn (PQ) mechanism)
2. Dark matter (Axion)
3. Neutrino masses and mixing (Typ I seesaw mech.)
4. Baryon asymmetry (Thermal leptogenesis)
5. **Inflation** (Higgs-portal inflation)



Gravitational wave searches with photon regeneration

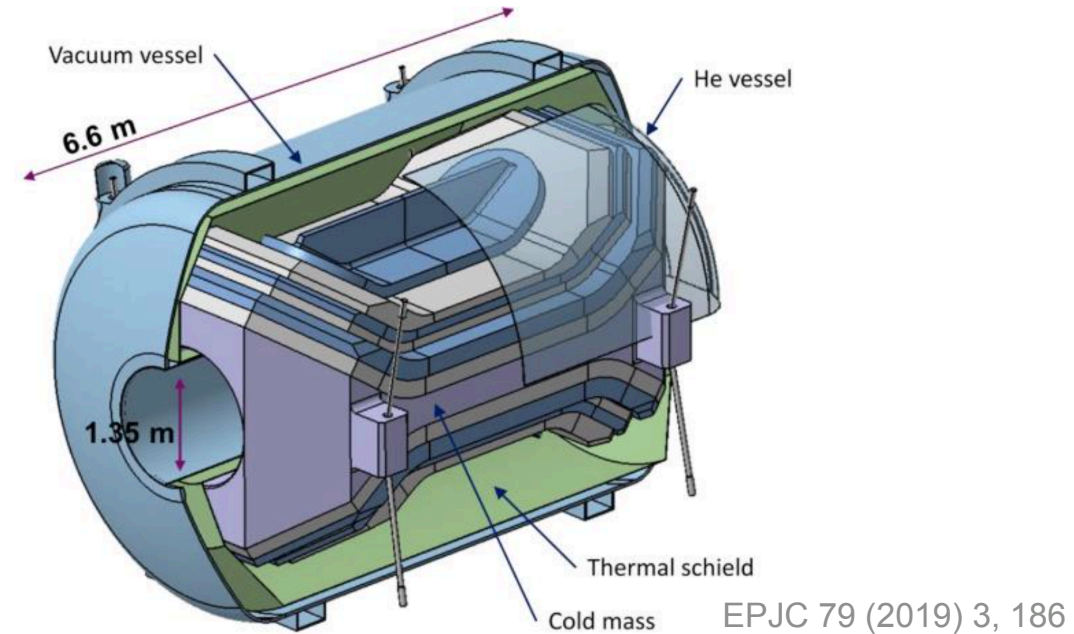
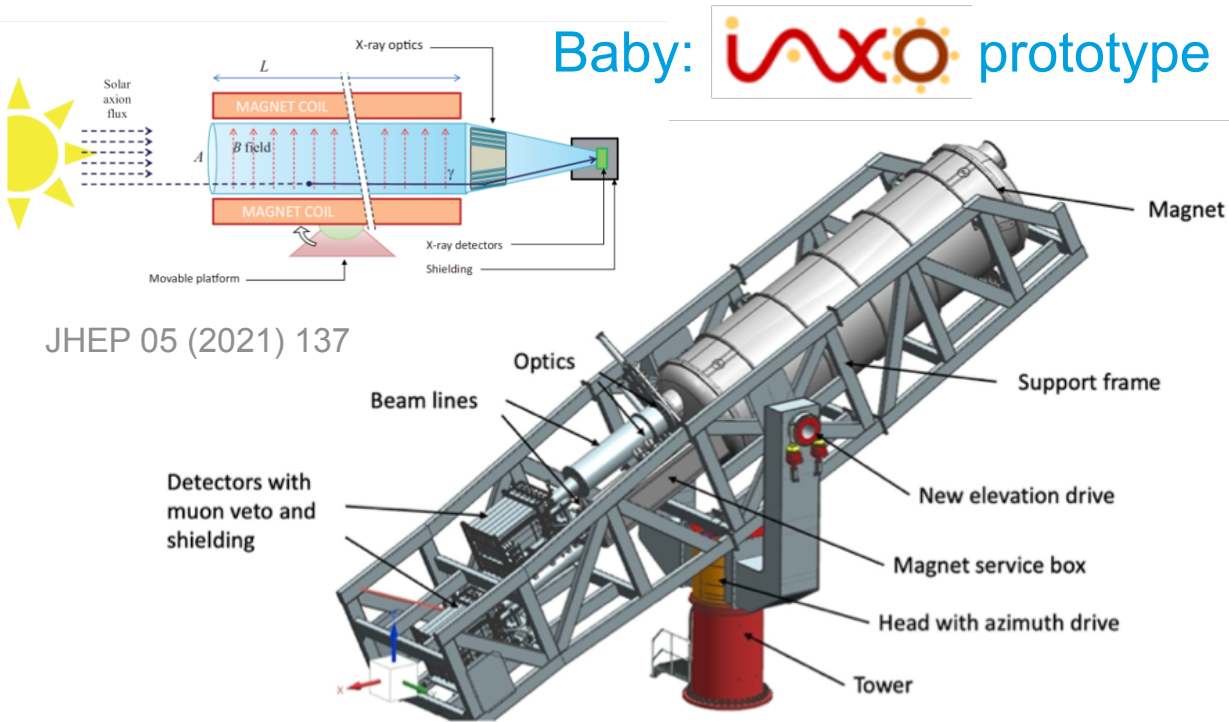
LSW experiments (ALPS, OSQAR), helioscopes (CAST, IAXO)

Ejlli et al. Eur.Phys.J.C 79 (2019) 12



(Baby) IAXO and MADMAX

Looking for solar axions and direct DM search



Conversion of solar axions to x-ray photons

Data taking in 2028 in HERA-South

Resonantly enhance axion-photon conversion with a stack of dielectric plates

10T dipole magnet with an aperture of 1m

In prototyping phase (operation ~2030 if funded)

Partially-levitated membrane inside cavity

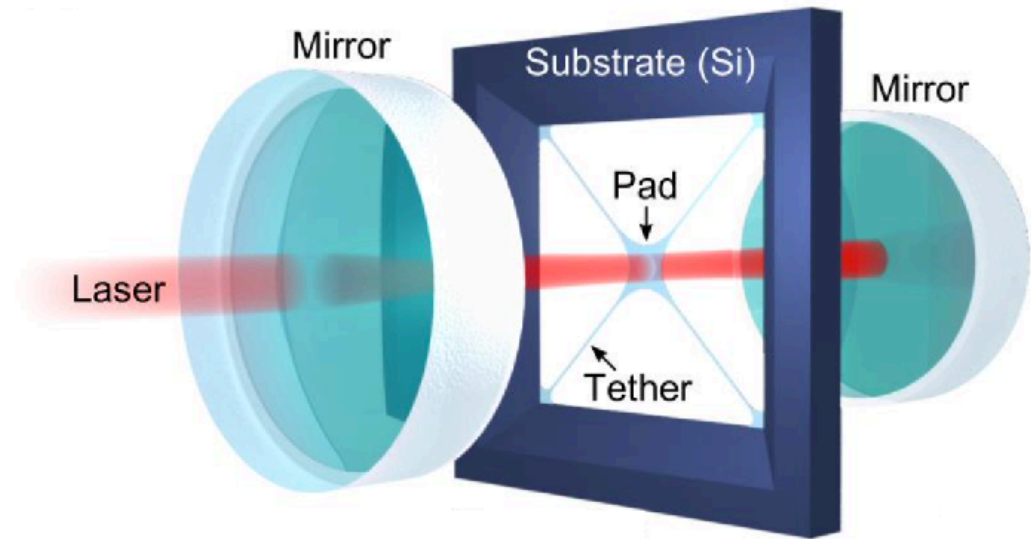
Alternative approach to levitated particle or disc

At a cavity length of 100m and disk radius of $75\ \mu\text{m}$ requires an end mirror radius of 1m

- 3x considered for ET \rightarrow requires new technology

Membrane, realized via microfabrication techniques, is structurally connected to the environment via a supporting substrate

- Membrane Q factor similar to levitated stacks, results in comparable sensitivity
- Allows to reduce mirror radius, enabling to rely on established mirror technology
- Membrane's connection to a substrate enables straight forward handling and installation in the cavity



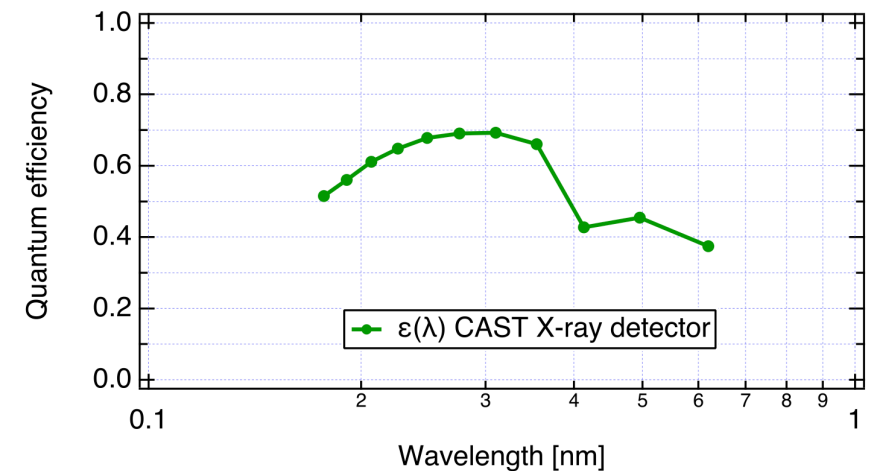
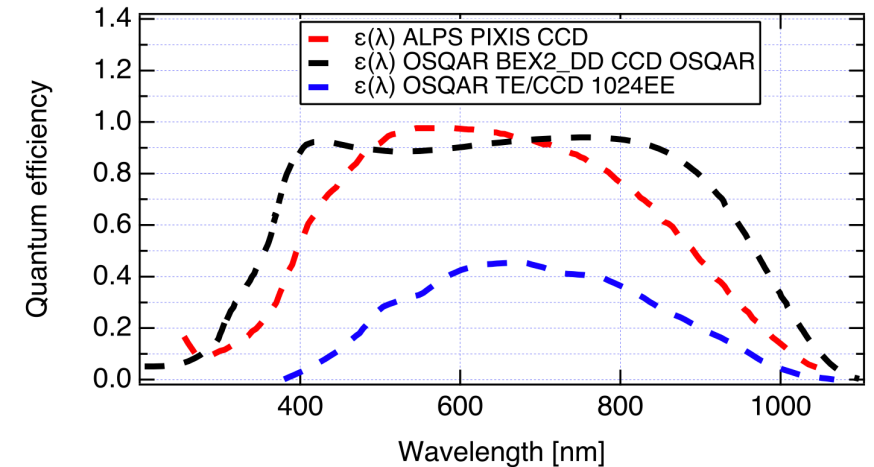
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Parameters necessary to compute the characteristic amplitude

$$h_c^{\min}(0, \omega) \simeq \sqrt{\frac{4 N_{\text{exp}}}{A B^2 L^2 \epsilon_\gamma(\omega) \Delta\omega}} \simeq 1.6 \times 10^{-16} \sqrt{\left(\frac{N_{\text{exp}}}{1 \text{ Hz}}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ m}^2}{A}\right) \left(\frac{1 \text{ T}}{B}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ m}}{L}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ Hz}}{\Delta f}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon_\gamma(\omega)}\right)}$$

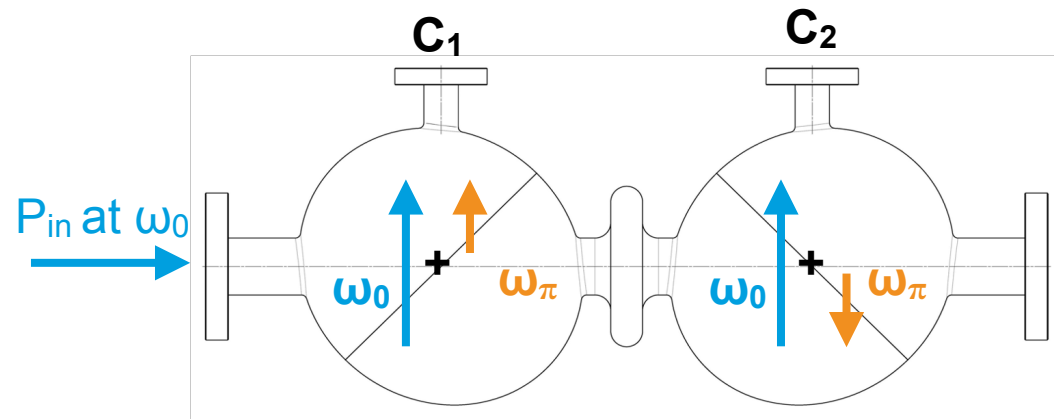
- N_{exp} - detected number of photons per second,
- A - cross-section of the detector,
- B - magnetic field amplitude,
- L - distance extension of the magnetic field,
- $\epsilon_\gamma(\omega)$ - quantum efficiency of the detector,
- Δf - operation frequency of the CCD.

	$\epsilon_\gamma(\omega)$	N_{exp} (mHz)	A (m ²)	B (T)	L (m)	Δf (Hz)
ALPS I	see Fig 2	0.61	0.5×10^{-3}	5	9	9×10^{14}
OSQAR I	see Fig 2	1.76	0.5×10^{-3}	9	14.3	5×10^{14}
OSQAR II	see Fig 2	1.14	0.5×10^{-3}	9	14.3	1×10^{15}
CAST	see Fig 2	0.15	2.9×10^{-3}	9	9.26	1×10^{18}

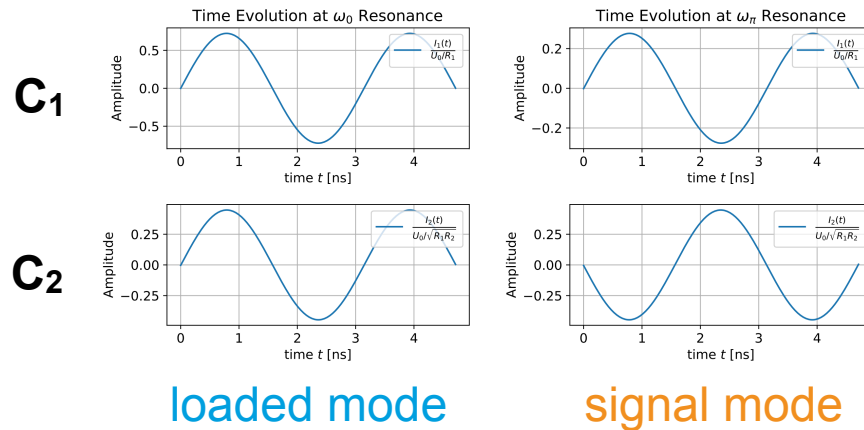
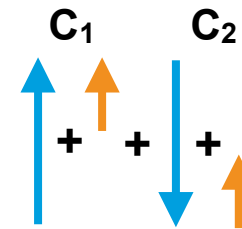


MAGO's readout

Phase shift in signal mode gives additional discrimination



Magic-tee



Magic-tee approach

- Shift signal phase of one cell by π
- **Loaded mode** cancels, **signal mode** amplified

Can be tested with injected signal or with mechanical deformation of cavity with piezos

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