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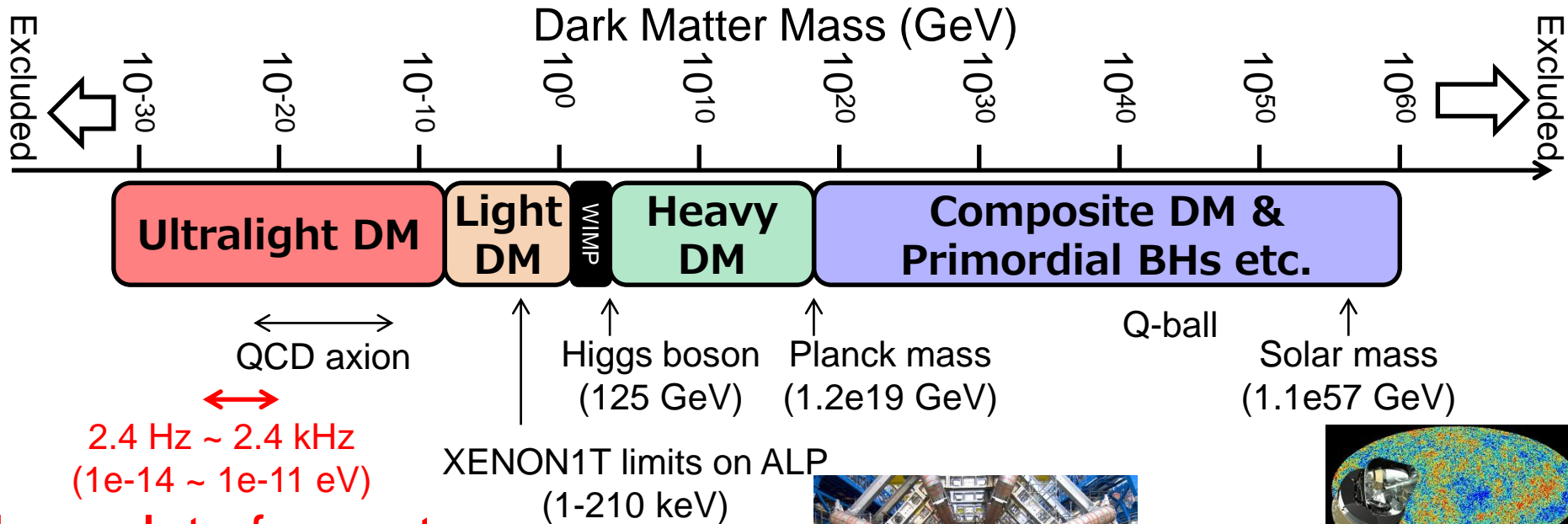
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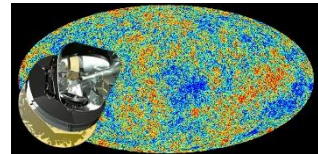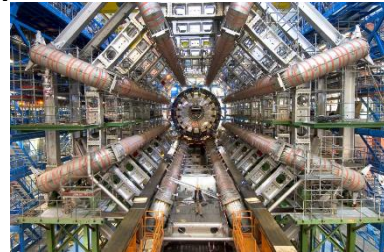
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Dark Matter Searches

- Previous searches focused mainly on WIMPs

- Need for new ideas to search for huge variety of other candidates

Dark Matter Mass (GeV)

Excluded ←

10^{-30} 10^{-20} 10^{-10} 10^{0} 10^{10} 10^{20} 10^{30} 10^{40} 10^{50} 10^{60}

Excluded →

Ultralight DM | **Light DM** | WIMP | **Heavy DM** | **Composite DM & Primordial BHs etc.**

QCD axion

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

Laser Interferometry

Higgs boson
(125 GeV)

XENON1T limits on ALP
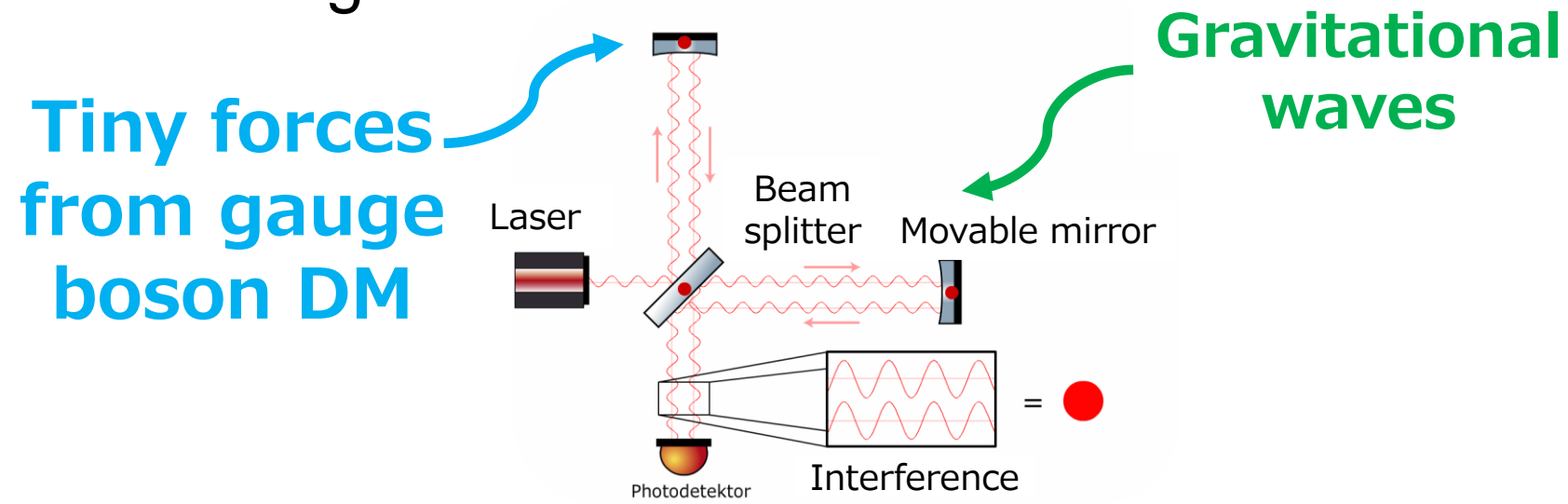(1-210 keV)

Planck mass
(1.2e19 GeV)

Q-ball

Solar mass
(1.1e57 GeV)

Ultralight DM with Interferometry

- Bosonic ultralight fields (<~1 eV) are well motivated by cosmology

- Behaves as classical wave fields

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

- Laser interferometers are sensitive to tiny length changes from such oscillations

Tiny forces from gauge boson DM

Gravitational waves

Laser

Beam splitter

Movable mirror

Photodetektor

Interference

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Our Target: 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

gauge field

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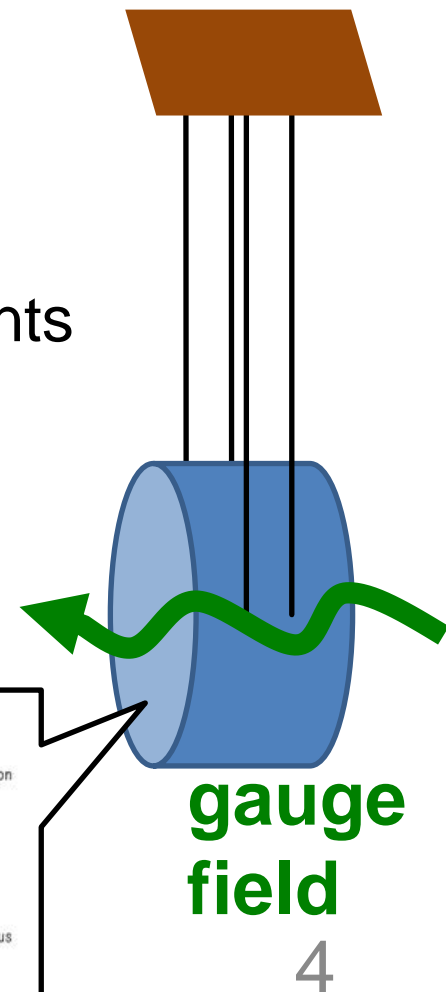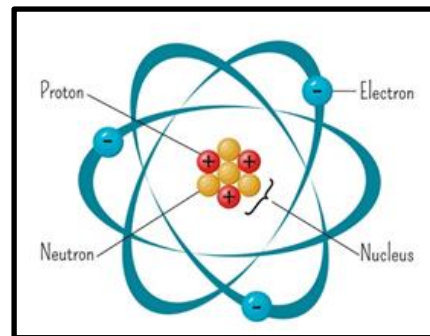
Oscillating Force from Gauge Field

- Acceleration of mirrors

charge

gauge boson mass

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

coupling
(normalized by *e*)

mirror mass

DM density

polarization

different phase at
different position

- Gauge boson mass and coupling can be measured by measuring the oscillating mirror displacement

Force   Force

L_{x}

- 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?

A. Pierce+, Phys. Rev. Lett. **121**, 061102 (2018)

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Previous Search 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, arXiv:2105.13085

- Better constraint than equivalence principle tests
  So far searches focus on $U(1)_B$ baryon number coupling

- Why repeat the search with KAGRA?
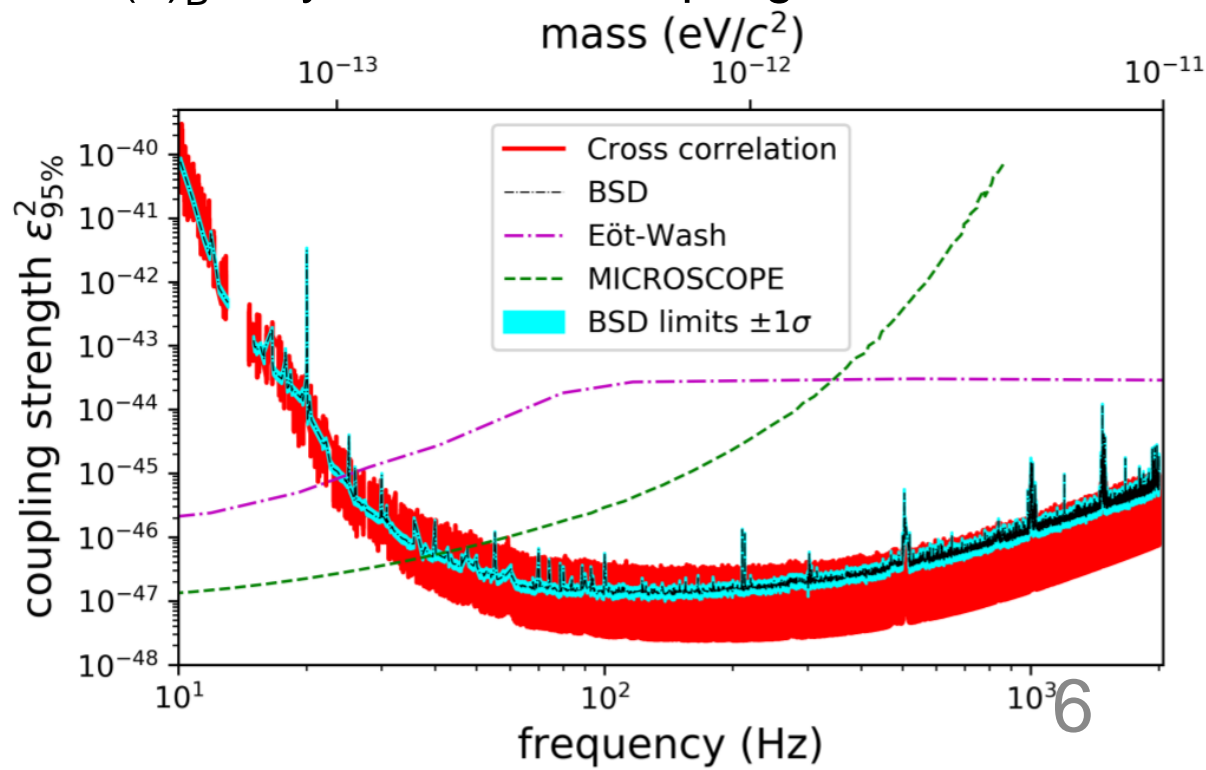
Search with GW Detectors

- GW Detectors are sensitive to differential arm length (DARM) change

- Most of the signal is cancelled out (LIGO/Virgo case)

L_{y}

L_{x}

Gauge field

Force   Force

Laser
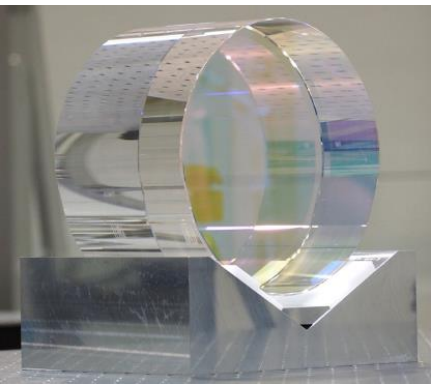
photodiode

DARM

$L_{\mathrm{x}} - L_{\mathrm{y}}$

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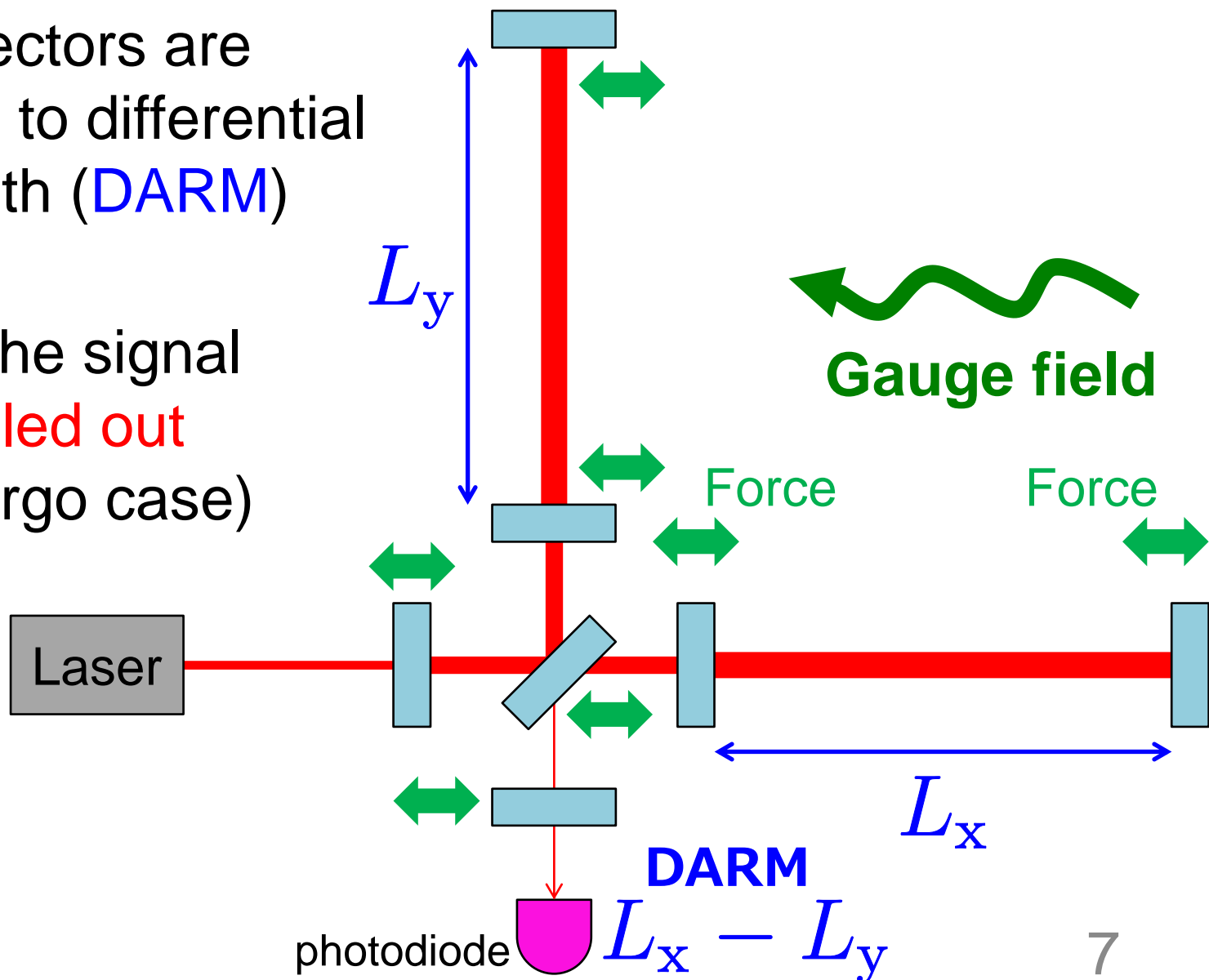
Search with KAGRA

- 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
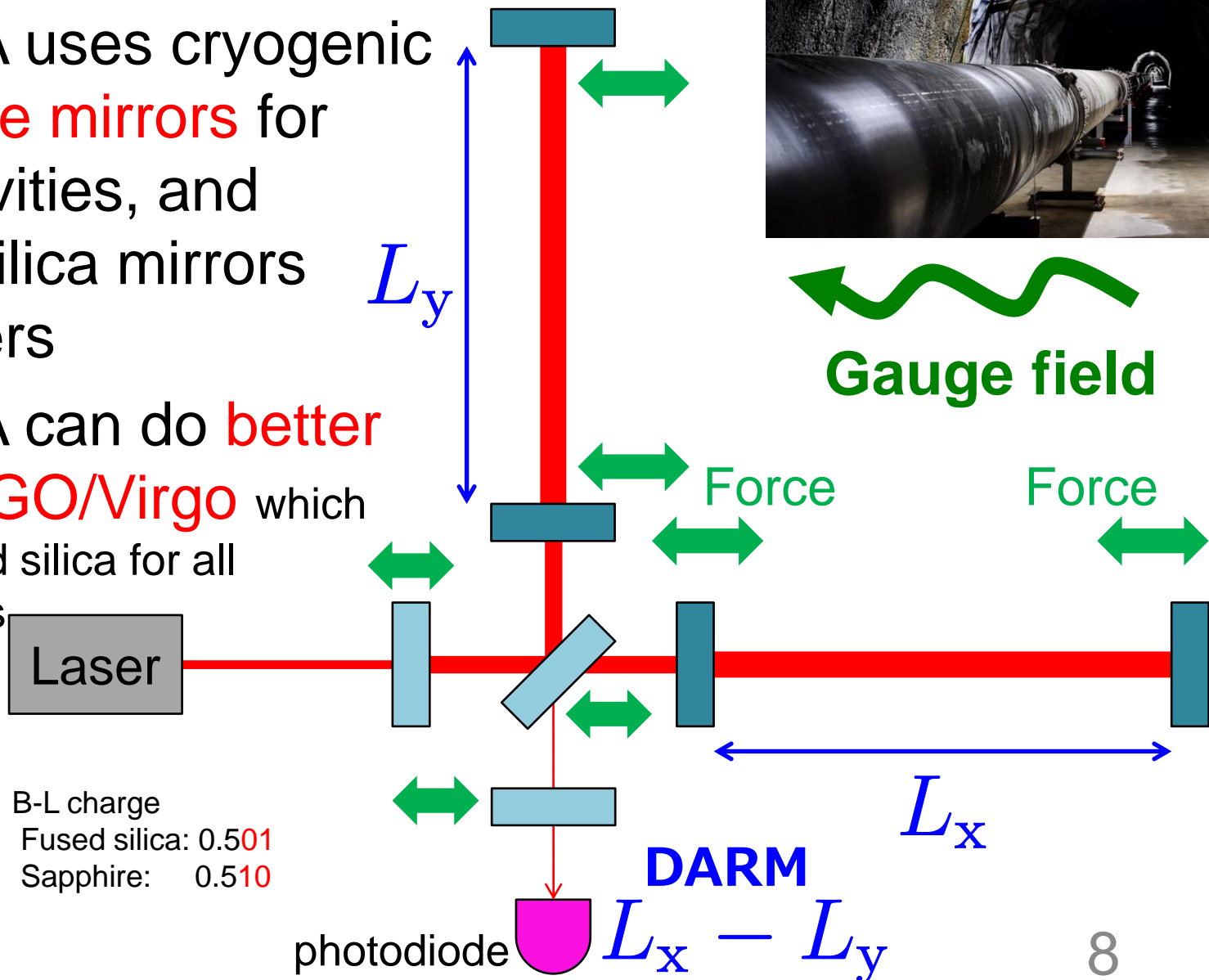
B-L charge
  Fused silica: 0.501
  Sapphire: 0.510

Gauge field

L_y

Force   Force

Laser

L_x

DARM

photodiode $L_x - L_y$

KAGRA

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

L_y

Gauge field

Force   Force

Laser

Auxiliary lengths

L_x

DARM

photodiode $L_x - L_y$

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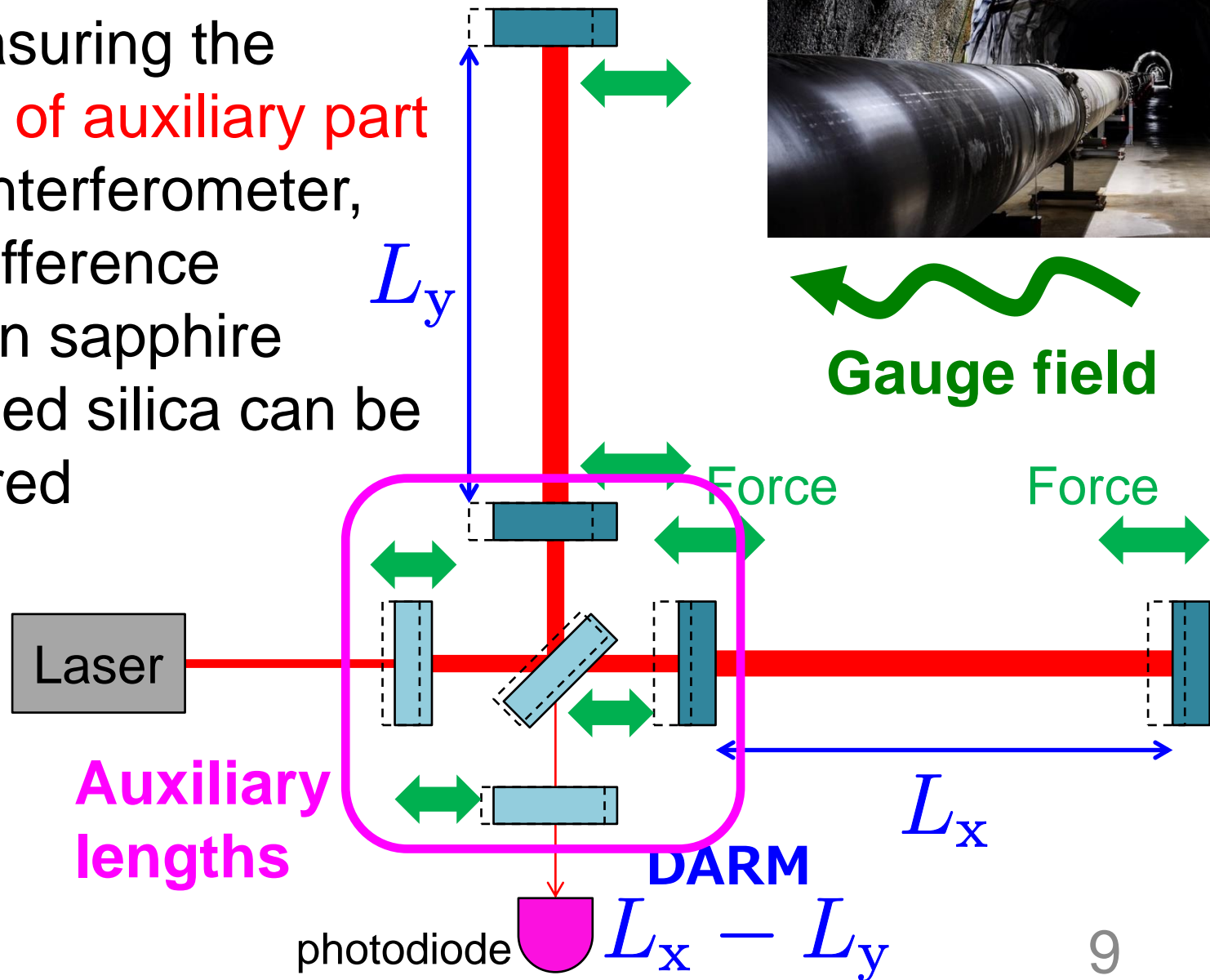
KAGRA Gauge Boson Sensitivity

- Auxiliary length channels have better design sensitivity than DARM (GW channel) at low mass range

- Sensitivity better than equivalence principle tests
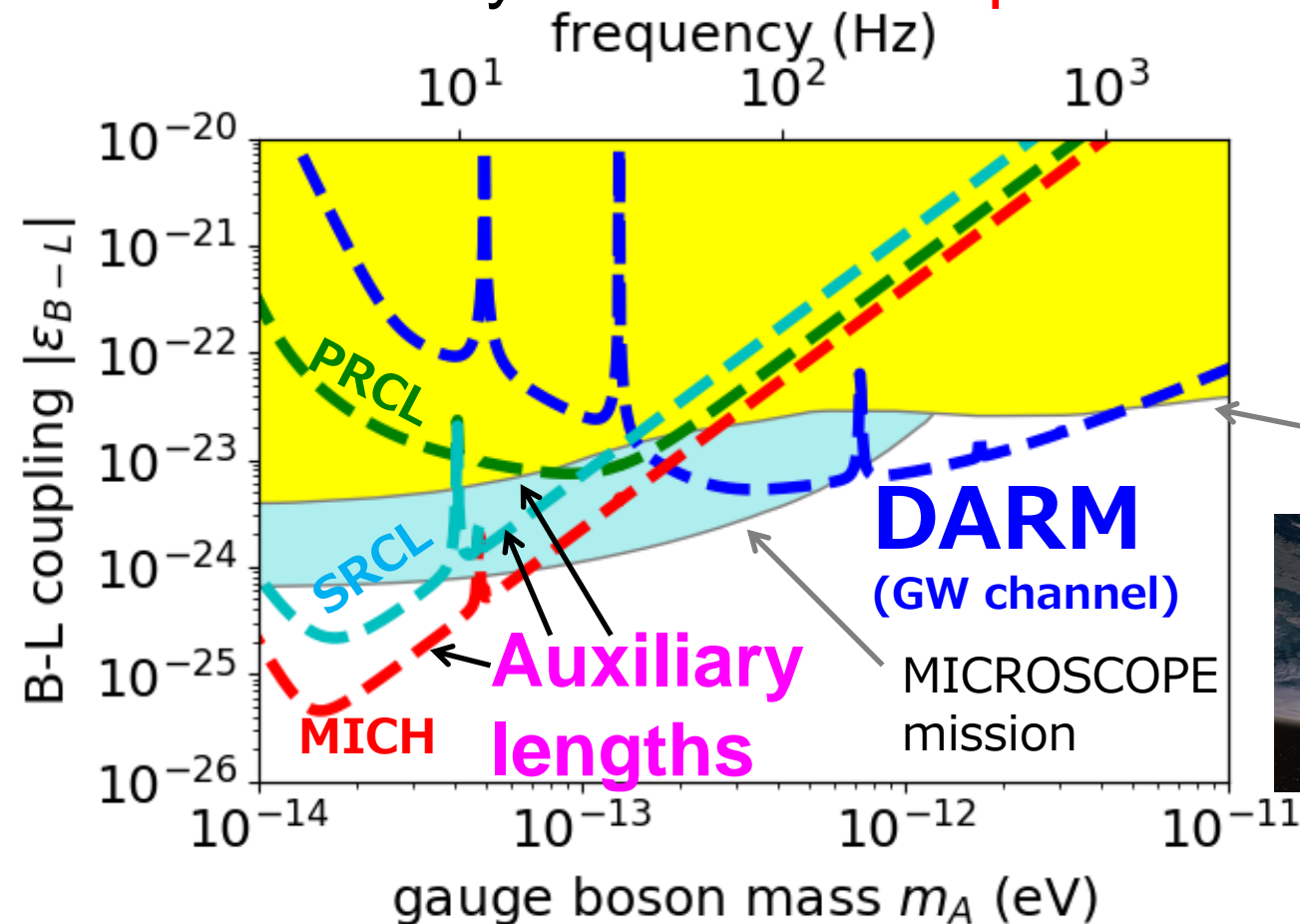
YM, T. Fujita, S. Morisaki, H. Nakatsuka, I. Obata, PRD 102, 102001 (2020)

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Eöt-Wash torsion pendulum

MICROSCOPE mission

KAGRA's Observing Run in 2020

- 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

- We have developed a data analysis pipeline to search for gauge boson DM
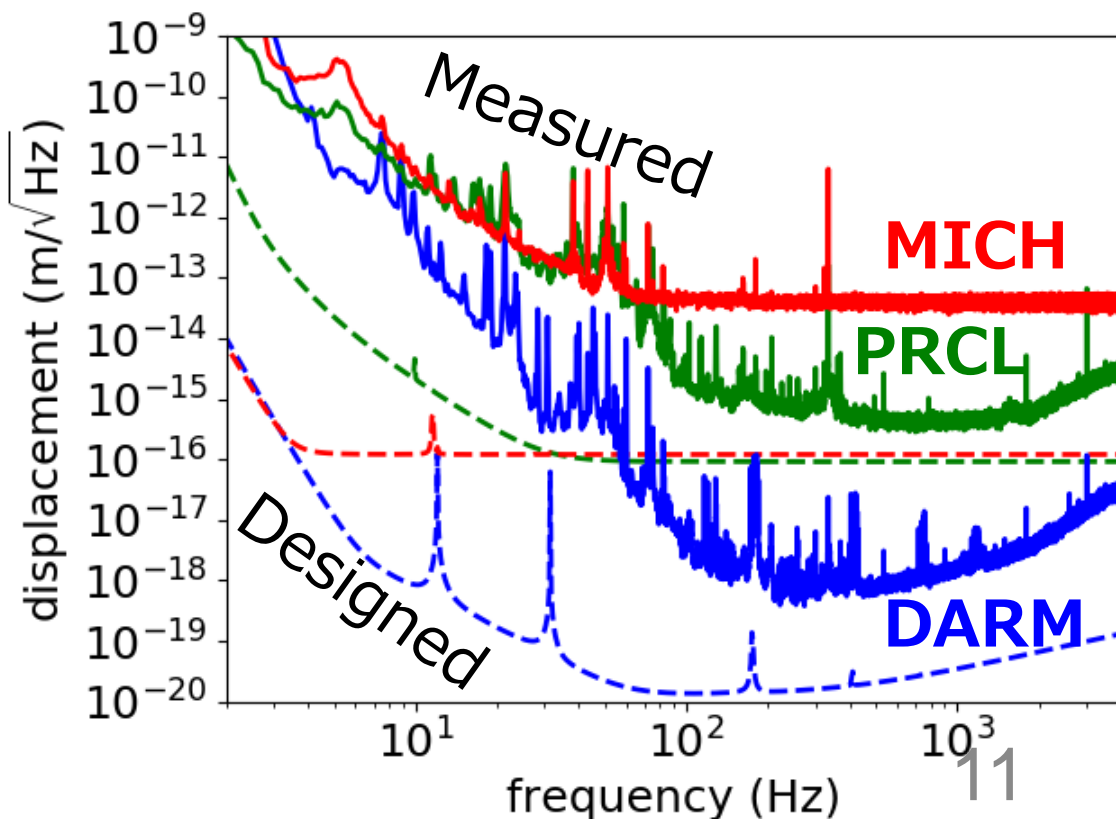
Data Analysis Pipeline

- 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

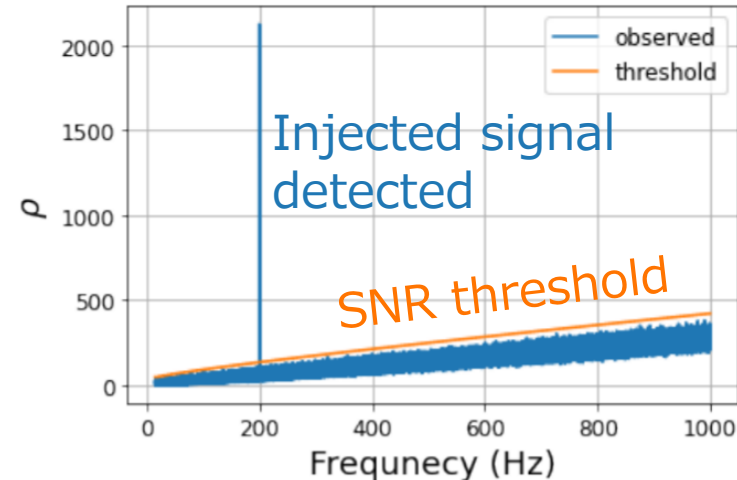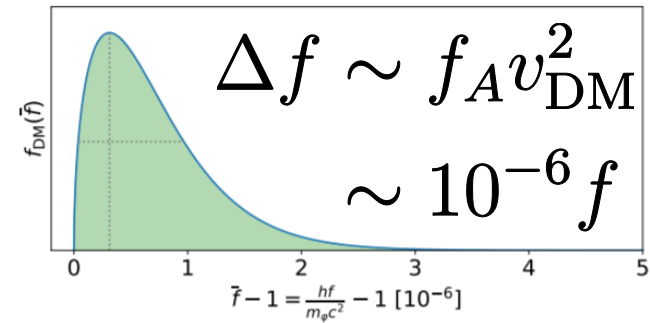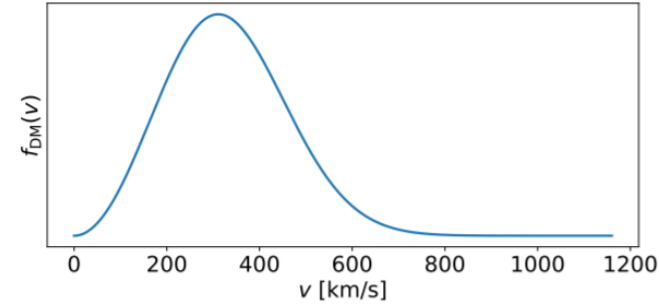$$\rho = \sum \frac{4|\tilde{d}(f_k)|^2}{T_{\rm obs} S_n(f_k)}$$

Data

PSD

Obs. time

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

$$\Delta f \sim f_A v_{\rm DM}^2$$

$$\sim 10^{-6} f$$

Injected signal detected

SNR threshold

- Detection threshold determined assuming ρ follows χ^2 distribution (=assuming Gaussian noise)

- From ρ , 95% upper limit on coupling constant calculated

- Applied the pipeline to mock data for verification

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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+, *in preparation*

G. P. Centers+, arXiv:1905.13650

Stochastic upper limit (from mock data)

Deterministic upper limit

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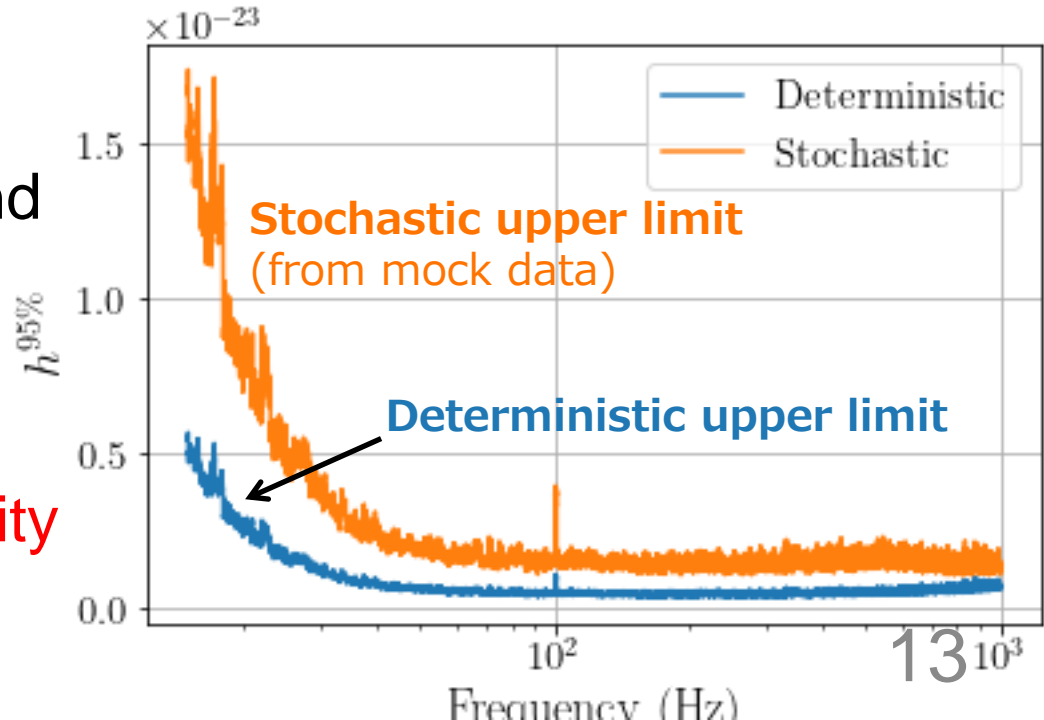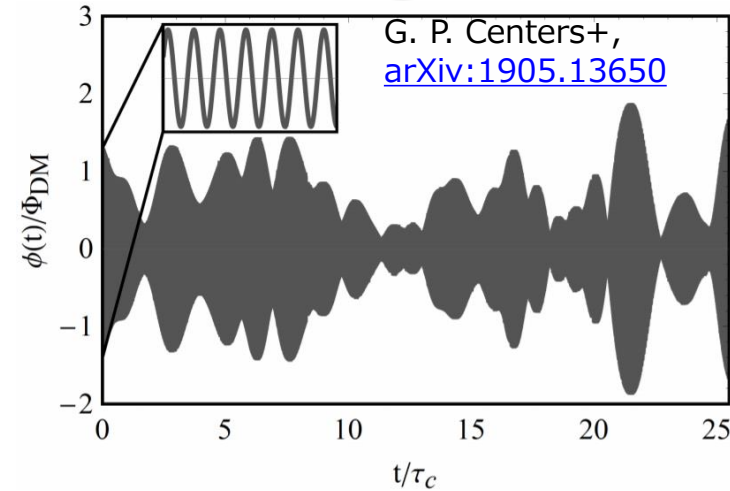
Testing Method on O3GK Data

- Applying the pipeline for two sets of 10^4 sec data

- Veto using
  - sharpness of the peak ($\Delta f / f \sim 10^{-6}$ for DM)
  - consistency between segments

- Some candidates found (mostly in noise contaminated region)

- Working on further veto by
  - shape of the peaks
  - line noise investigations
  - consistency between channels etc.

- Obtained proof-of-principle results from O3GK data
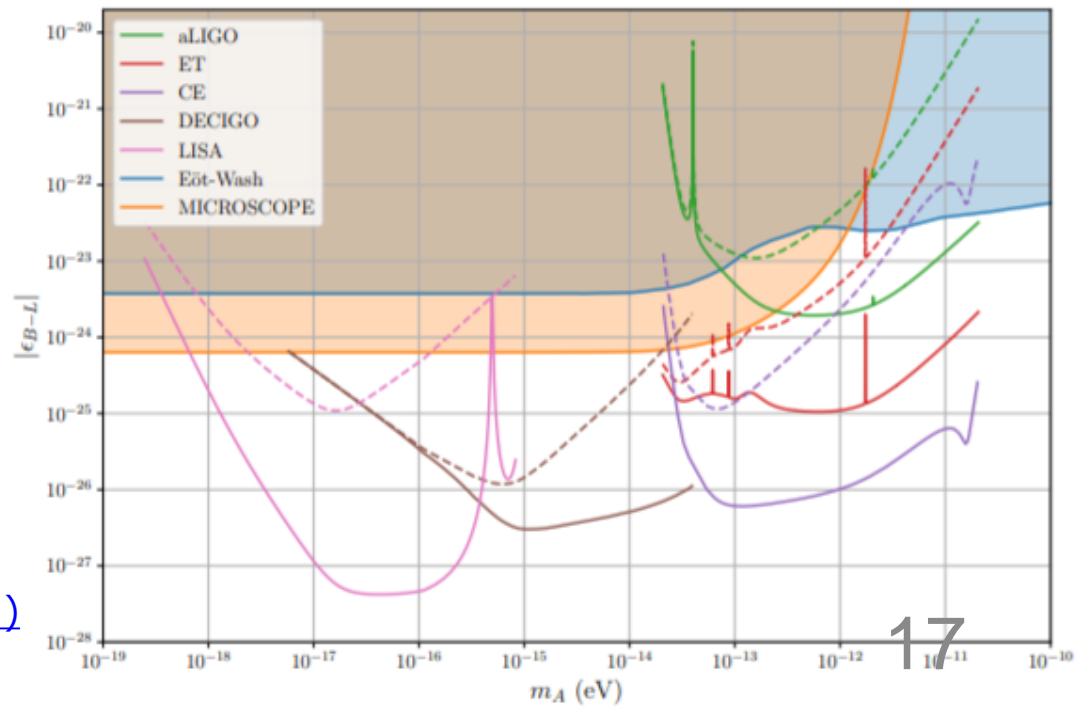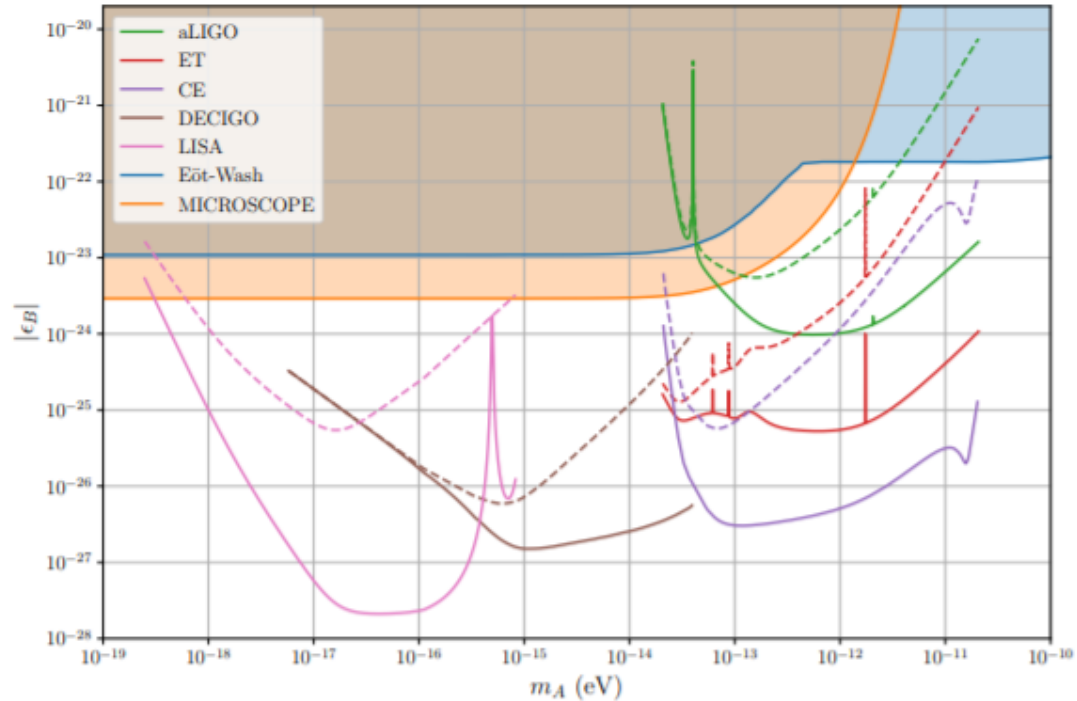 - internal review to be done

Summary and Outlook

- KAGRA can do unique gauge boson dark matter search since the interferometer consist of sapphire and fused silica mirrors

- Data analysis pipeline developed

- Applied the pipeline to real KAGRA data in 2020 and got proof of principle results

- Further veto studies in progress

- Observing run in 2022 planned with better sensitivity (O4)

- Stay tuned!

DARM

Auxiliary lengths
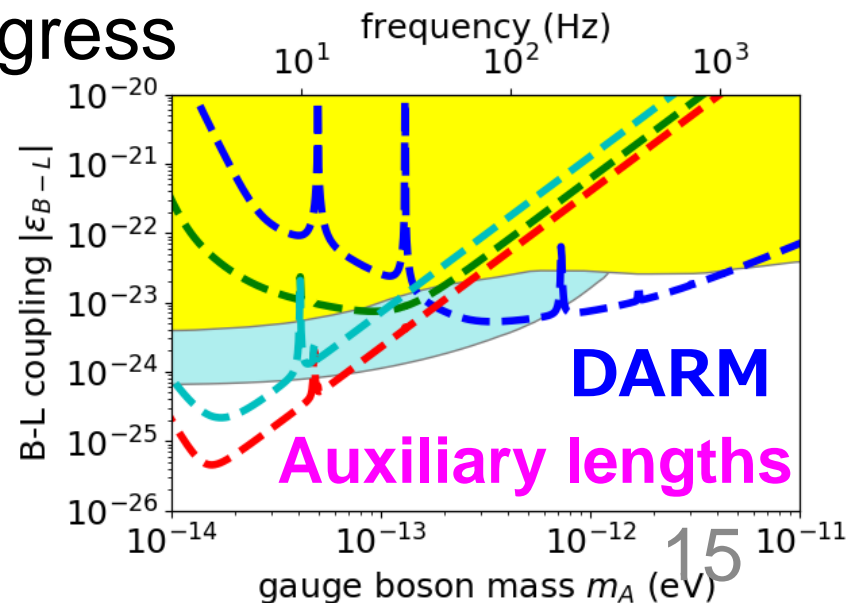
Additional Slides

With Space and 3G Detectors

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H. Nakatsuka, I. Obata,
PRD 103, L051702 (2021)

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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