## Atomic Sensors: from the Desktop to the Universe

Activities in Europe and beyond: *Quantum sensors for fundamental physics in the UK Axions, q. gravity, dark matter, varying "constants",*  $m_\nu$  *, … AION atom interferometer project MIGA project in France ELGAR proposed project in Europe*  **AEDGE** proposed space mission *Ultralight dark matter, gravitational waves, ... Other space missions: STE-QUEST, ... Equivalence principle, quantum correlations, ... ESA Voyage 2050 programme John Ellis*

## Quantum Science & Technology Programmes



## UK National Quantum Technology Programme

Phase 1 2015-2019, Phase 2 2020-24 (total investment Phase  $1+2=$  £1B) **Phase 2 investments:** 

- Industry led projects to drive innovation and commercialisation of QT (£173m over 6 years)
- Renewal of the QT Research Hubs (£94m over 5 years)
- Research training portfolio (£25m over 5 years)

• Quantum Sensors for Fundamental Physics programme (£40m over 4 years)

• National Quantum Computing Centre to drive development in this new technology

## Seven samurai ...

## **Quantum Sensors for the Hidden Sector**

# **ASHS** Quantum Sensors for the Hidden Sector

## Sheffield, Cambridge, Oxford, RHUL, Lancaster, UCL, NPL, Liverpool

- A search for axions/ALPs using resonant conversion to microwave photons in high magnetic fields
- Initial focus on QCD axion, mass range  $25-40 \mu\text{eV}$
- Collaboration with U.S. Axion Dark Matter eXperiment group, who operate the worlds most sensitive axion search, ADMX.



# Quantum-Enhanced Interferometry

## **Quantum-enhanced Interferometry** QI

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**Quantization of space time** 





## Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics: **Axion-Like Particles**



## Clock Network to Measure Stability of Fundamental Constants



## A network of clocks for measuring the stability of fundamental constants

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The aim of the consortium is to build a community that will achieve unprecedented sensitivity in testing variations of the fine structure constant,  $\alpha$ , and the proton-to-electron mass ratio,  $\mu$ . This in turn will provide more stringent constraints on a wide range of fundamental and phenomenological theories beyond the Standard Model and on dark matter models. The ambition of the QSNET consortium will be enabled by a unique network that connects a number of complementary quantum clocks across the UK







## Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics: Ultralight Scalar Dark Matter Searches



## Quantum-Enhanced Superfluid Technologies for Data Matter & Cosmology

## Quest-DMC



Lancaster<br>University

1 I S **University of Sussex** 







## **Quantum Simulators for Fundamental Physics**

# **QSimFP**

### **Team:**

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**Silke Weinfurtner talk At UK HEP Forum** 



## **Science goals:**

- Quantum vacuum: perform experiments for quantum simulation of false vacuum decay in an inflationary multiverse setting
- Quantum black holes: to perform the first experiments that will allow systematic study of quantum wave-modes around quantised analogue black holes

### Pathways to quantum black hole experiment

### Only assumption: a quantum black hole exhibits quantised angular momentum

Classical angular momentum Classical surface waves



Quantised angular momentum Classical relativistic ripplons



Quantised angular momentum Quantum relativistic ripplons



**Classical spacetime Classical relativistic fields**  **Quantum spacetime Classical relativistic fields**  **Quantum spacetime Quantum relativistic fields** 

## **Quantum Technologies for Neutrino Mass** Consortium









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A collaboration of particle, atomic and solid state physicists, electronics engineers and quantum sensor experts

### 3-yr proposal goal:

Technology demonstration for neutrino mass determination from  ${}^{3}H$   $\beta$ -decay

- Trapping  $^{\sim}10^{20}$  D/T atoms
- B-field mapping with  $\leq 0.1$ ppm precision
- Quantum limited micro-wave electronics

### **Ultimate goal:**

Neutrino mass measurement at a Tritium facility (e.g. Culham Centre for Fusion Energy)





# AION Collaboration

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AION Collaboration (Badurina, ..., JE et al): arXiv:1911.11755

# AION: an atom interferometer observatory and network

**Abstract.** We outline the experimental concept and key scientific capabilities of AION (Atom Interferometer Observatory and Network), a proposed experimental programme using cold strontium atoms to search for ultra-light dark matter, to explore gravitational waves in the mid-frequency range between the peak sensitivities of the LISA and LIGO/Virgo/ KA-GRA/INDIGO/Einstein Telescope/Cosmic Explorer experiments, and to probe other frontiers in fundamental physics. AION would complement other planned searches for dark matter, as well as probe mergers involving intermediate-mass black holes and explore earlyuniverse cosmology. AION would share many technical features with the MAGIS experimental programme, and synergies would flow from operating AION in a network with this experiment, as well as with other atom interferometer experiments such as MIGA, ZAIGA and ELGAR. Operating AION in a network with other gravitational wave detectors such as LIGO, Virgo and LISA would also offer many synergies.

Network with sibling MAGIS project in US

MAGIS Collaboration (Abe et al): arXiv:2104.02835

# AION – Staged Programme

- AION-10: Stage 1 [year 1 to 3]
- 1 & 10 m Interferometers & Site Development for 100m Baseline Initial funding from UK STFC
- AION-100: Stage 2 [year 3 to 6]
- 100m Construction & Commissioning
- AION-KM: Stage  $3$  [  $>$  year 6 ]
- Operating AION-100 and planning for 1 km & Beyond
- AION-SPACE (AEDGE): Stage 4 [ after AION-KM ]
- **Example 2 Space-based version**

# AION Design Parameters

**Table 1.** List of basic parameters: length of the detector L; interrogation time of the atom interferometer  $T_{int}$ ; phase noise  $\delta\phi_{noise}$ ; and number of momentum transfers LMT. The choices of these parameters largely determine the sensitivities of the projection scenarios. It should be noted that at a 100m detector it will be conceptually possible to increase the interrogation time of the atom interferometer beyond 1.4 sec.



## Initial targets and final goals



# Searches for Light Dark Matter



'Ultra-Light' dark matter

'Massive' dark matter

# Searches for Light Dark Matter

Linear couplings to gauge fields and matter fermions



DN Collaboration (Badurina, .... JE et al): arXiv:1911

## Sensitivities to Quadratic DM Interactions



# Gravitational Wave Spectrum



- Gap between ground-based optical interferometers & LISA
	- $-$  Formation of supermassive black holes (SMBHs)?
	- Electroweak phase transition? Cosmic strings?
- Gap between LISA & pulsar timing arrays (PTAs)

## How to Make a Supermassive BH?

SMBHs from mergers of intermediate-mass BHs (IMBHs)?



Collaboration (Badurina, .... JE et al): arXiv:1911.11755

## Gravitational Waves from IMBH Mergers



Probe formation of SMBHs Synergies with other GW experiments (LIGO, LISA), test GR

## Ultra-Cold Strontium Laboratories



To push the state-of-the-art single photon Sr Atom Interferometry, the AION project builds dedicated Ultra-Cold Strontium Laboratories in:

Birmingham, Cambridge, Imperial College, Oxford, and RAL The laboratories are expected to be operational in autumn 2021.

# Planned Site for AION 10m

- Oxford Physics Department
- New purpose-built building
	- Low vibration
	- Temperature control
	- Laser laboratory

AION Collaboration 

– Engineering support





# Possible Site for AION 100m (1km?) **Boulby Mine STFC Laboratory**





# Preliminary seismological study: **GGN strain at CERN**

CMS, at depth Lab 2, on surface  $10^{-12}$  $10^{-12}$  $10<sup>5</sup>$  $10<sup>5</sup>$  $10^{-1}$  $10^{-1}$  $10<sup>4</sup>$  $10<sup>4</sup>$  $10^{-16}$  $10^{-16}$  $h_{GGN}$ [ $1/\sqrt{Hz}$ ]  $h_{GGN}$ [ $1/\sqrt{Hz}$ ]  $10<sup>3</sup>$  $10<sup>3</sup>$  $10^{-18}$  $10^{-18}$  $10<sup>2</sup>$  $10<sup>2</sup>$  $10^{-20}$  $10^{-20}$  $10^{1}$  $10^{1}$  $10^{-22}$  $10^{-22}$  $10^{-24}$  $10<sup>0</sup>$  $10<sup>0</sup>$  $10^{-24}$  $10^{-2}$  $10^{-1}$  $10<sup>0</sup>$  $10^{1}$  $10^{-2}$  $10^{-1}$  $10<sup>0</sup>$  $10^{1}$ Frequency (Hz) Frequency (Hz)

Jeremiah Mitchell, using seismometer data obtained via Michael Guinchard (CERN)

# Possible Site for AION-1km?

## FUTURE<br>CIRCULAR<br>COLLIDER **FCC implementation - footprint baseline**





## **Present baseline position was established considering:**

- Molasse rock preferred for tunnelling, avoid limestone with karstic structures  $\bullet$
- low risk for construction, fast construction  $\bullet$
- 90 100 km circumference  $\bullet$
- 12 surface sites with few ha area each



## **CERN-Related GW Ideas**



SRGW2021 workshop (Berlin, ..., JE et al): arXiv:2105.00992

## Atom Interferometer Observatory & **Network**



# SCIENTIFIC REPARTS

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# **OPEN** Exploring gravity with the MIGA

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We present the MIGA experiment, an underground long baseline atom interferometer to study gravity at large scale. The hybrid atom-laser antenna will use several atom interferometers simultaneously interrogated by the resonant mode of an optical cavity. The instrument will be a demonstrator for gravitational wave detection in a frequency band (100 mHz-1Hz) not explored by classical ground and space-based observatories, and interesting for potential astrophysical sources. In the initial instrument configuration, standard atom interferometry techniques will be adopted, which will bring to a peak strain sensitivity of  $z \cdot 10^{-13} / \sqrt{Hz}$  at 2 Hz. This demonstrator will enable to study the techniques to push further the sensitivity for the future development of gravitational wave detectors based on large scale atom interferometers. The experiment will be realized at the underground facility of the Laboratoire Souterrain à Bas Bruit (LSBB) in Rustrel-France, an exceptional site located away from major anthropogenic disturbances and showing very low background noise. In the following, we present the measurement principle of an in-cavity atom interferometer, derive the method for Gravitational Wave signal extraction from the antenna and determine the expected strain sensitivity. We then detail the functioning of the different systems of the antenna and describe the properties of the installation site.

## The MIGA Large-Scale Atom Interferometer

Under construction in former nuclear bunker



Atomic fountains illuminated by laser beams



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## The MIGA Large-Scale Atom Interferometer



## The MIGA Large-Scale Atom Interferometer



Classical and Quantum Gravity

Next step?

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## **ELGAR-a European Laboratory for Gravitation and Atom-interferometric Research**

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## Design for the ELGAR Atom Interferometer



## Prospects for the ELGAR Atom Interferometer



## Prospects for the ELGAR Atom Interferometer

## Sensitivity to Intermediate-Mass Black-Hole mergers



# ESA Voyage 2050

## "Après-LISA"

Some of the Cold Atom White Papers submitted to ESA in response to its call for input to the Voyage 2050 long-term plan for the ESA Science Programme.

## **AEDGE: Atomic Experiment for Dark Matter and Gravity Exploration in Space**

## **Beyond LISA**



AEDGE: Abou El-Neaj, ..., JE et al: arXiv:1908.00802

## Conceptual Design of Experiment



Table 1. List of basic parameters of strontium atom interferometer designs for AEDGE and a benchmark 1-km terrestrial experiment using similar technologies: length of the detector L; interrogation time of the atom interferometer  $T_{\text{int}}$ ; phase noise  $\delta\phi_{\text{noise}}$ ; and the total number of pulses  $n_p^{\text{max}}$ , where n is the large momentum transfer (LMT) enhancement and  $Q$  the resonant enhancement. The choices of these parameters predominately define the sensitivity of the projection scenarios  $[45]$ .



Collaboration (Badurina, ..., JE et al): arXiv:1911.11755

## GWs from IMBH Mergers: SNR = 8



AEDGE: Abou El-Neaj, …, JE et al: arXiv:1908.00802 

## Gravitational Waves from IMBHs



Detect mergers of ~ 10<sup>4</sup> solar-mass BHs with SNR 1000 out to  $z \sim 10$ , Mergers of  $\sim 10^3$  solar-mass BHs with SNR 100 out to  $z \sim 100$ 



Lighter shades: inspiral Darker shades: merger + ringdown Complementarity + synergy

## GWs from a First-Order Phase Transition

- Transition by percolation of bubbles of new vacuum
- Bubbles grow and collide
- Possible sources of GWs:
	- Bubble collisions
	- $-$  Turbulence and sound waves in plasma
- Models studied:
	- Standard Model +  $H^6/\Lambda^2$  interaction
	- Standard Model +  $U(1)_{B-1} Z'$
- These also have prospective collider signatures

# Gravitational Waves from  $U(1)_{B-I}$  Phase Transition



# Sensitivities to  $U(1)_{B-1}$  Z'



JE, Lewicki & Vaskonen, arXiv:2007.15586

## Tests of the Weak Equivalence Principle



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## Proposed Space Mission: STE-QUEST





# Quantum Prophet

- John Bell: CERN 1960/90
- Particle/accelerator physics



- "Spooky action at a distance"
- Long-range correlations > classical physics
	- Verified in laboratory experiments (Aspect et al.)
- Destruction if somebody eavesdrops
	- $-$  Applications in quantum cryptography, ...

"Quantum engineering" to "Quantum cosmology" to "Quantum finance"? 



# Long-Distance Correlations

• Observed between Geneva & CERN





• Between Canary Islands > 100km, Chinese satellite > 1000km



• Next step: between Earth & Moon? Correlation  $> 10^7c$ 







**Final recommendations from** the Voyage 2050 Senior Committee



**SCIENCE & EXPLORATION** 

# Voyage 2050 sets sail: **ESA chooses future** science mission themes



# ESA Voyage 2050 Programme

## In 2018, the ESA Director of Science established a Senior Committee to identify

- Next three Large missions following JUICE, ATHENA and LISA.
- Possible science themes that could be addressed through Medium missions
- Long-term technology development for ESA Space Science missions beyond Voyage 2050 Large missions:
- Moons of the Giant Planets
- Exoplanets
- New Physical Probes of the Early Universe. Fundamental physics and astrophysics, deploying gravitational wave detectors or precision microwave spectrometers to explore the early Universe at large redshifts.

### **Possible Medium missions:**

Magnetospheres, plasmas, solar magnetic field & particle acceleration, solar poles, Venus, astrometry, astrospectrometry, ISM, accretion, mapping structure, IGM, QM & GR (cold atoms?) 

## **Possible contributions to international missions:**

• Ice giants, NASA observatories, interstellar probe, origins of solar system

## **Technology development recommendations ->**

# Technology Development

## **Cold Atom Interferometry**

- must reach TRL 5 or 6, be superior to classical technologies
- start with atomic clocks
- choose single species: recommend strontium
- clock on free-flyer or ISS?
- M-mission with science goals similar to STE-QUEST?
- for gravitational wave detectors in new wavebands ..., detectors for dark matter candidates, sensitive clock tests of general relativity, tests of wave function collapse ....

## **(Also X-rays, technologies for solar system exploration, ...)**

# Comments of ESA Executive

## **Cold atom interferometry**

- … was one of the themes identified in the "Call for new scientific ideas" issued by the Executive in 2016 .... This activity showed that the feasibility of a mission in this field is strictly driven by the lack of maturity of payloads in this area.
- Experiments in this field in laboratories in a number of countries have produced and continue to produce outstanding science results, with an impressive rate of progress. While this is of course a testimonial to the fertility and great promise of the field, it has for this reason proven to be difficult to identify experts that would invest the very significant amount of time and resources that would be necessary to mature and develop viable space payload starting from the very performing but very complex, and often fragile, laboratory experiments.
- The Executive plans nevertheless on the basis of this recommendation to consult again with the interested community, as well as with Member States, to define a possible concrete plan of action in this field.

# "Per ardua ad astra" (Onward and upward)

- We (Oliver Buchmueller, JE, ...) are coordinating a two-fold community response
- A letter to ESA's Director of Science, Guenther Hasinger:
	- to raise awareness in ESA that the community is prepared to organise itself and to work actively with ESA as it shapes a roadmap for a Cold Atom technology in space development programme.
- A community workshop in September:
	- $\bullet$  to formulate a roadmap for the development programme, which would provide input to ESA on how to structure it and what priorities could be established.

### **Please let me know of you want to co-sign and/or join the workshop**