

Terrestrial Very Long Baseline atom interferometry - setting the technology scene

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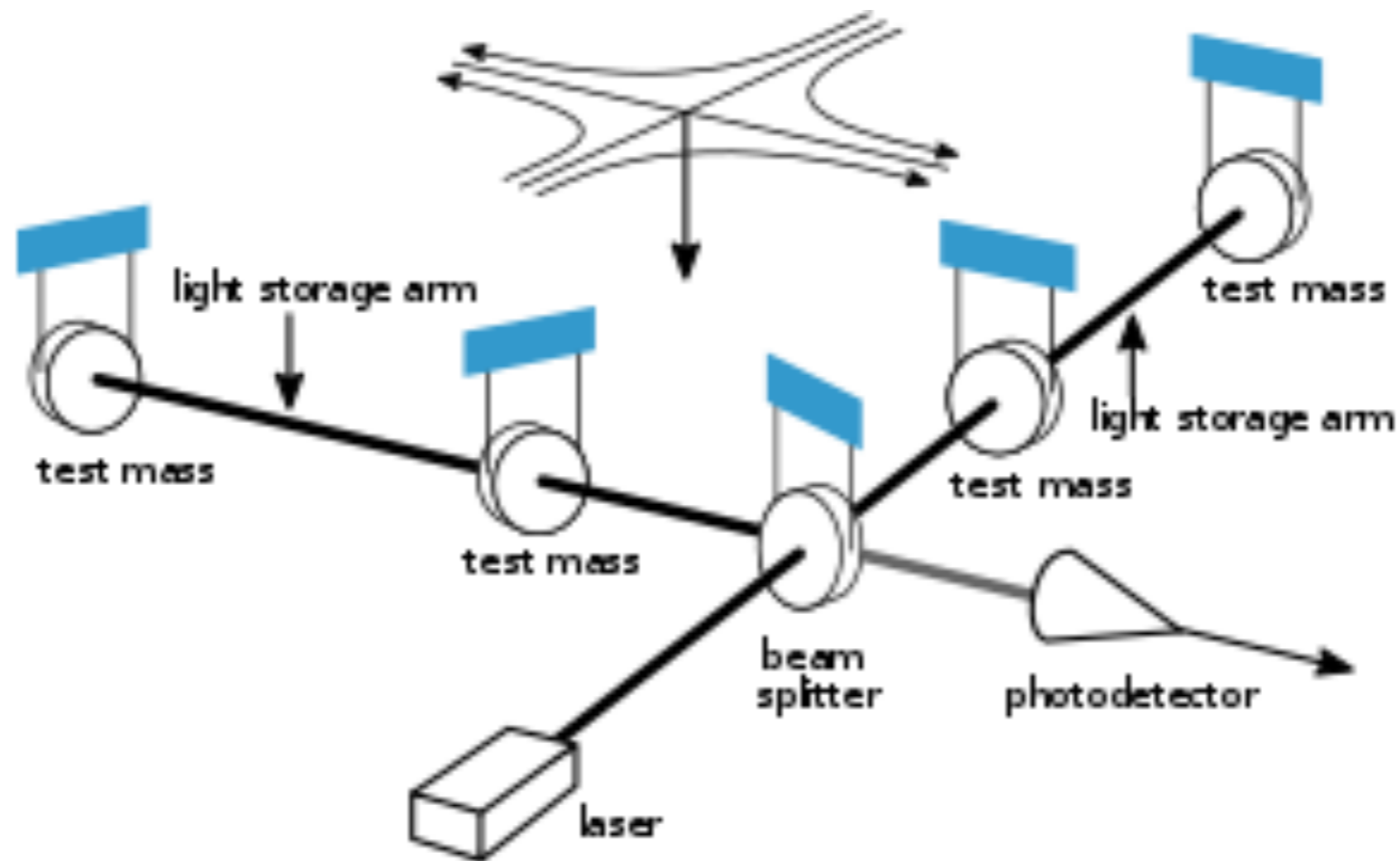
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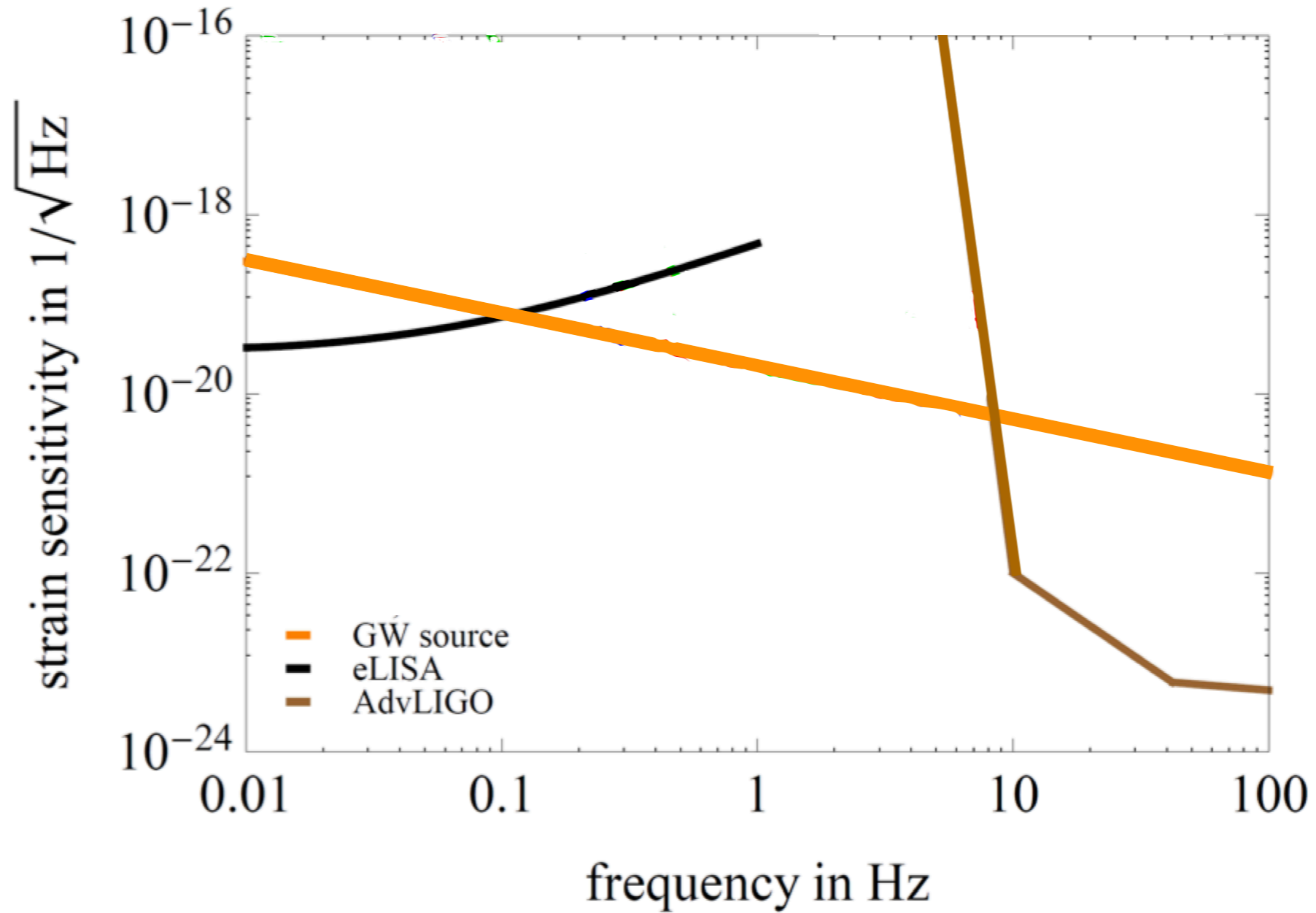


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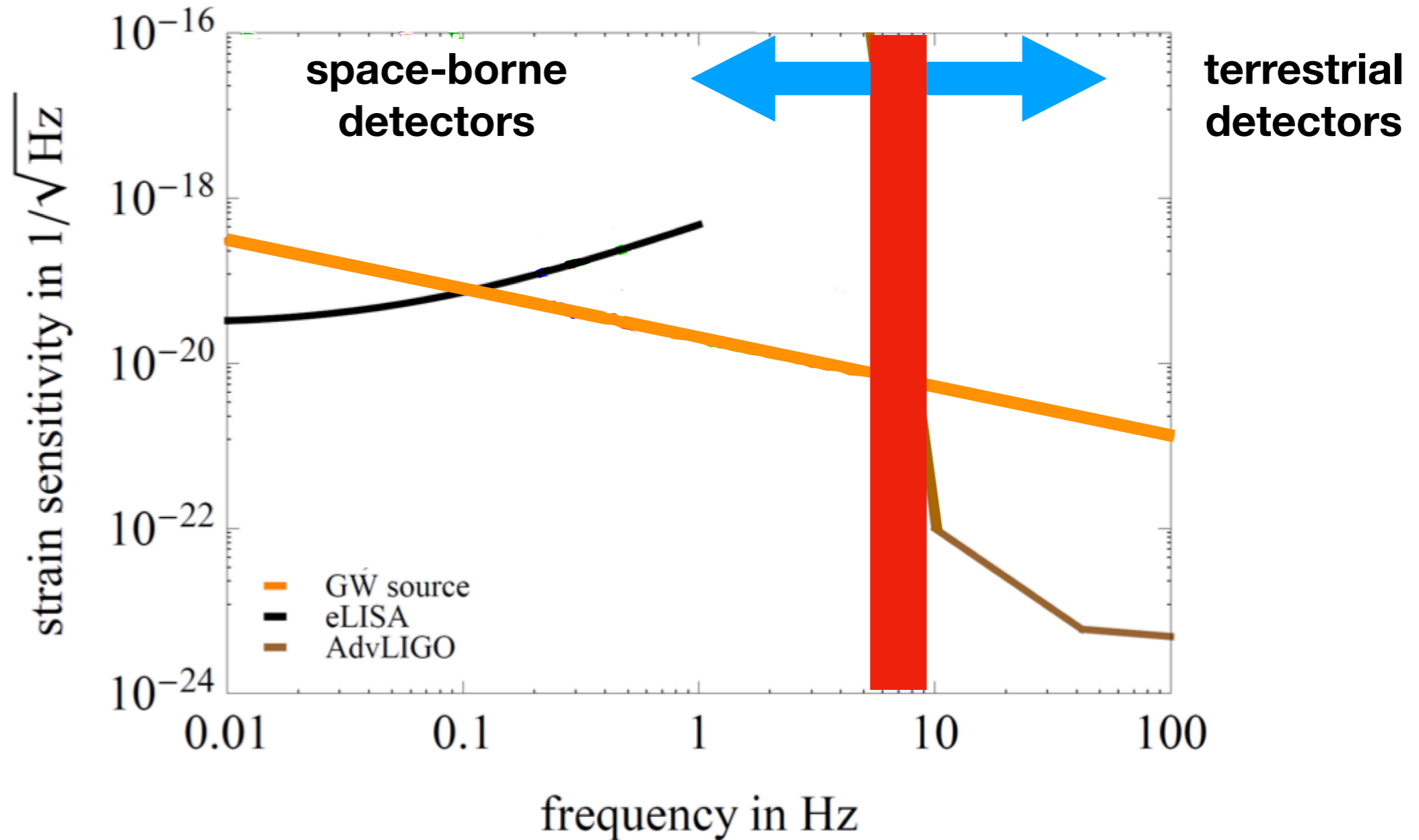


en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gravitational-wave_observatory

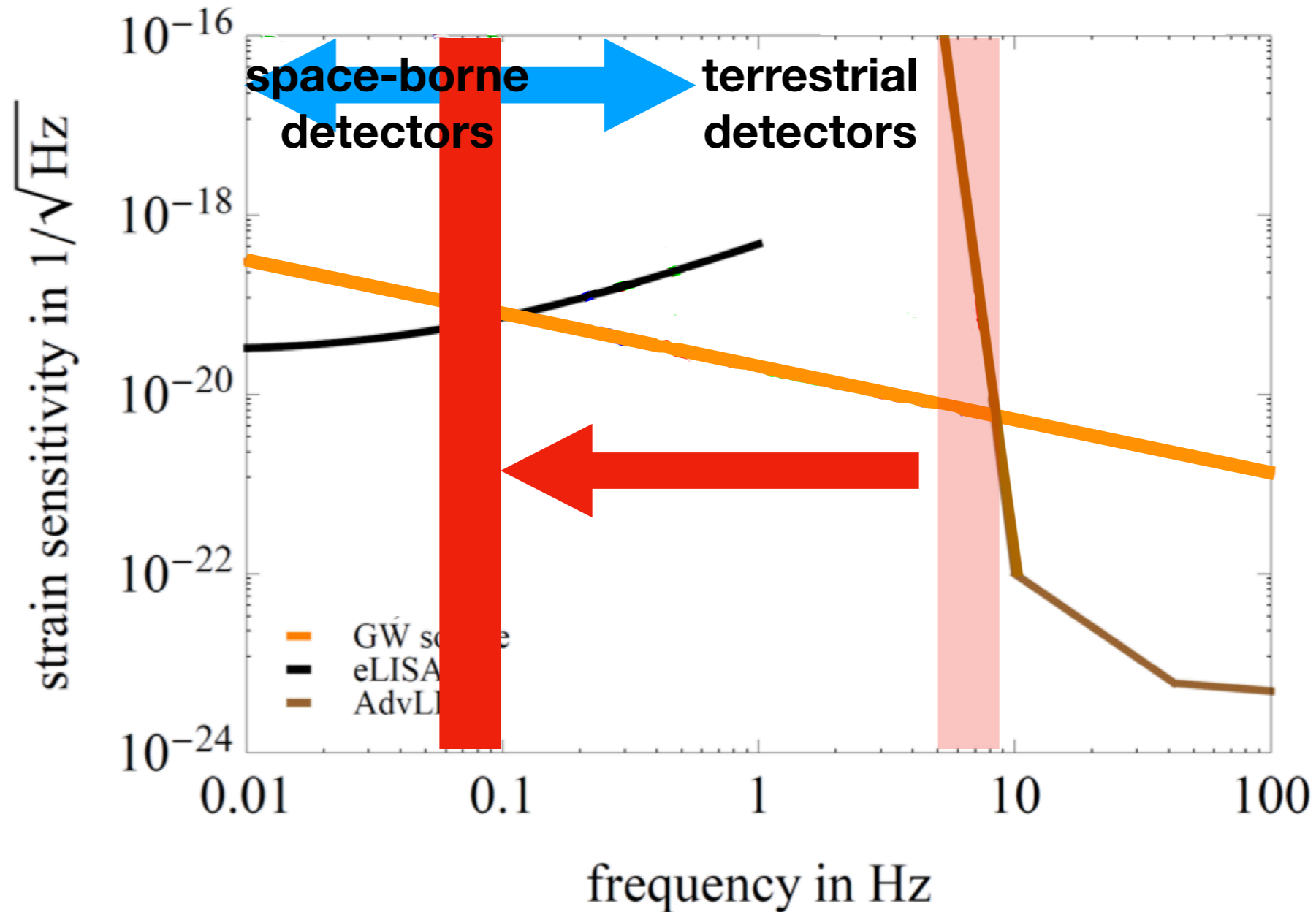
Strain sensitivity of light-interferometric gravitational wave detectors



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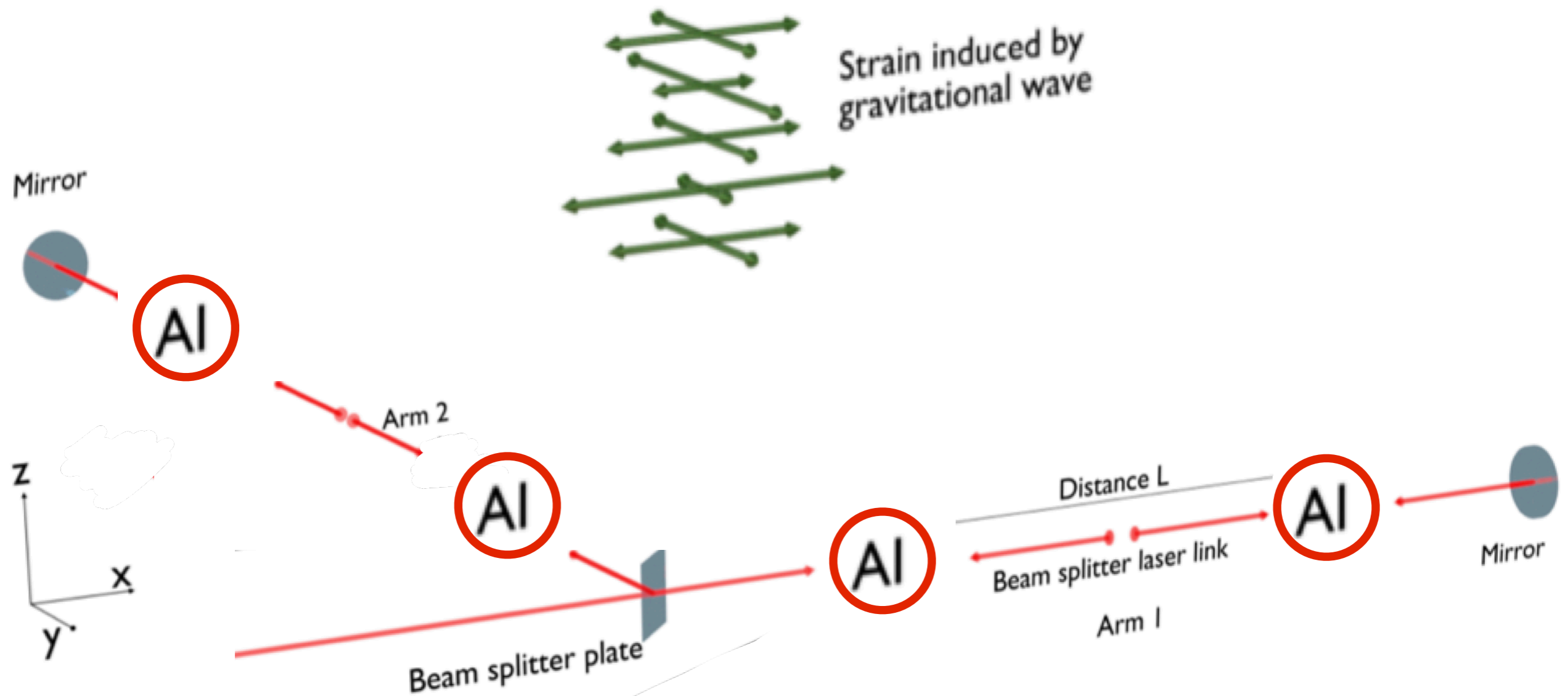


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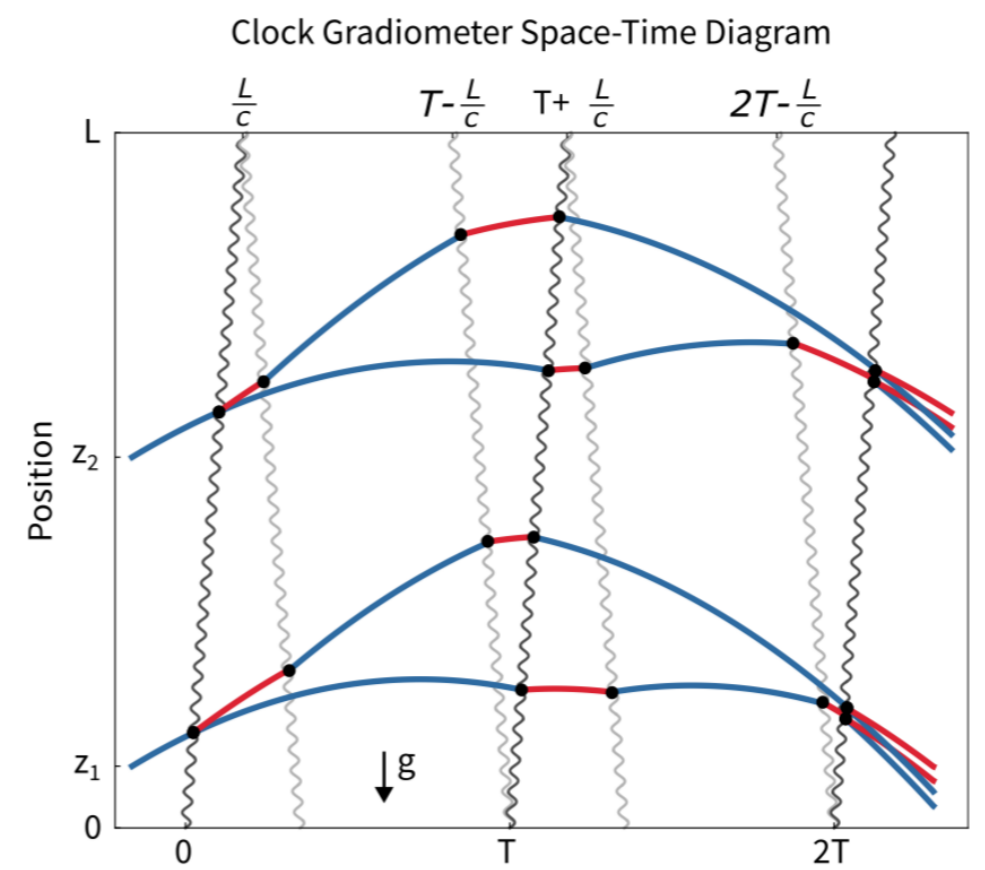
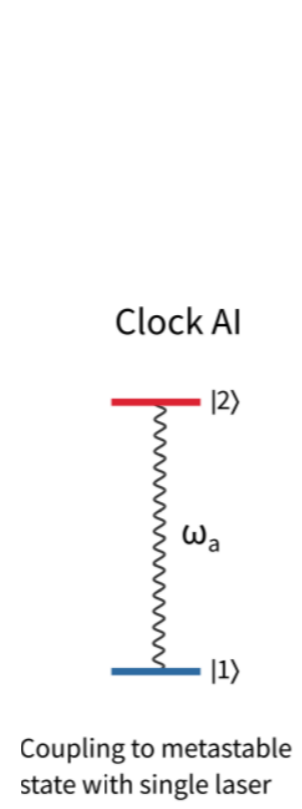
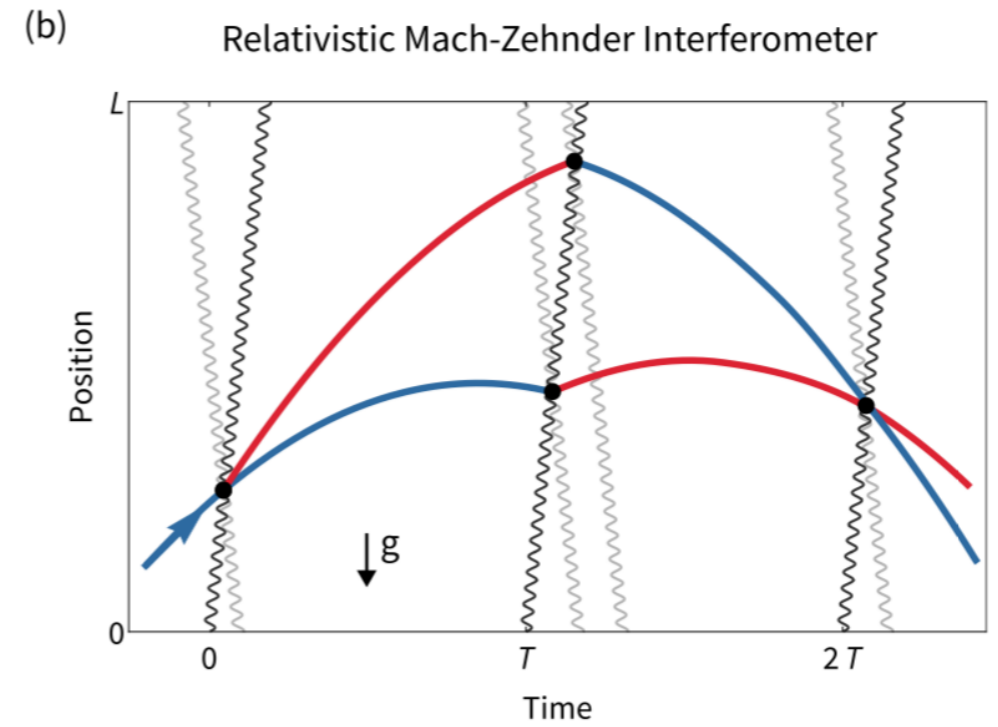
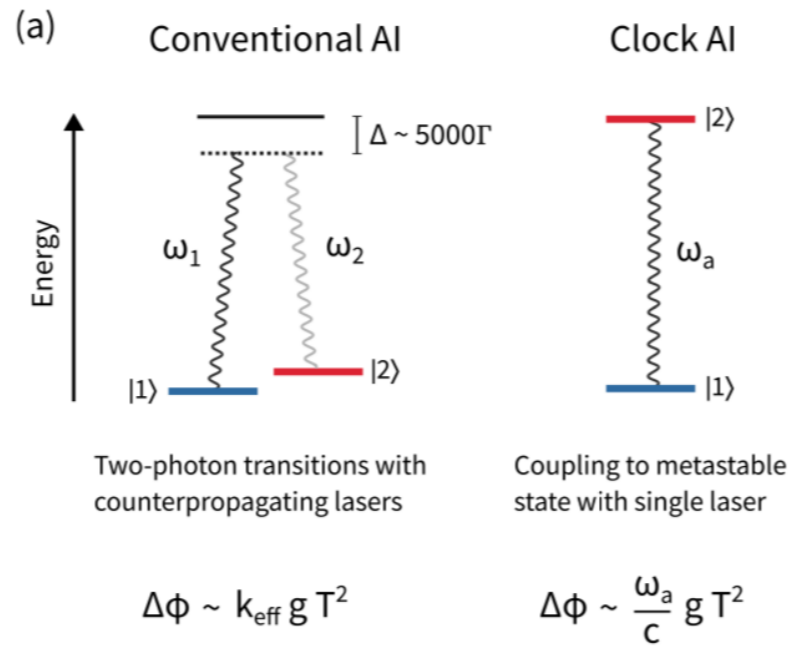


can one extend **terrestrial** detectors into the infrasound range ?

Schematic of a gravitational wave detector based on atom interferometry

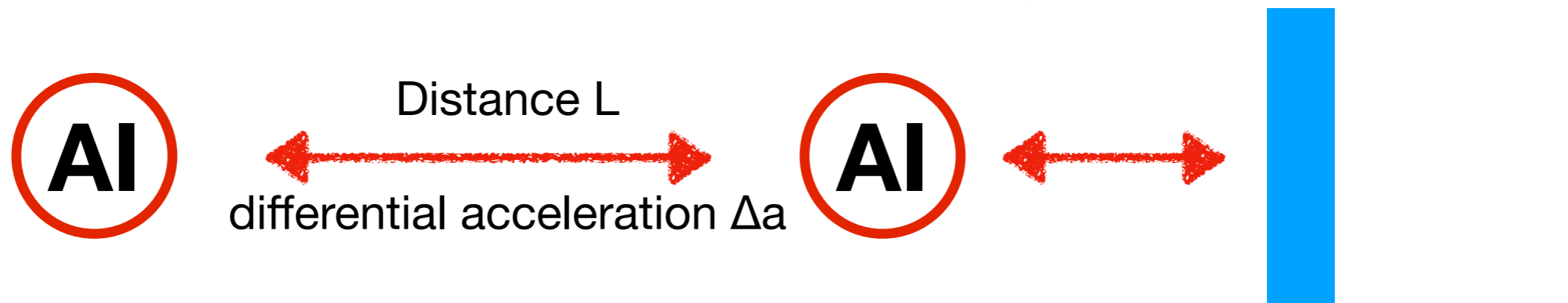
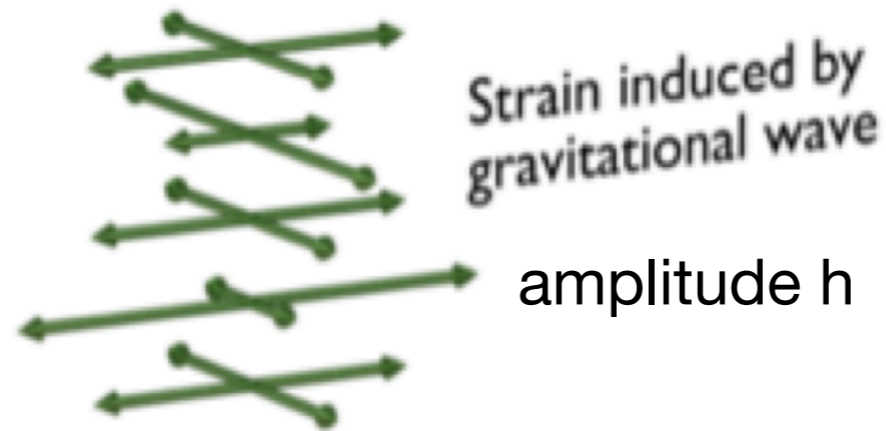


Light pulse atom interferometry (AI)



ideally sensitivity scales with momentum transfer of multiple photon recoils $n k$

horizontal Light pulse atom interferometry (AI)



gravitational wave induced phase

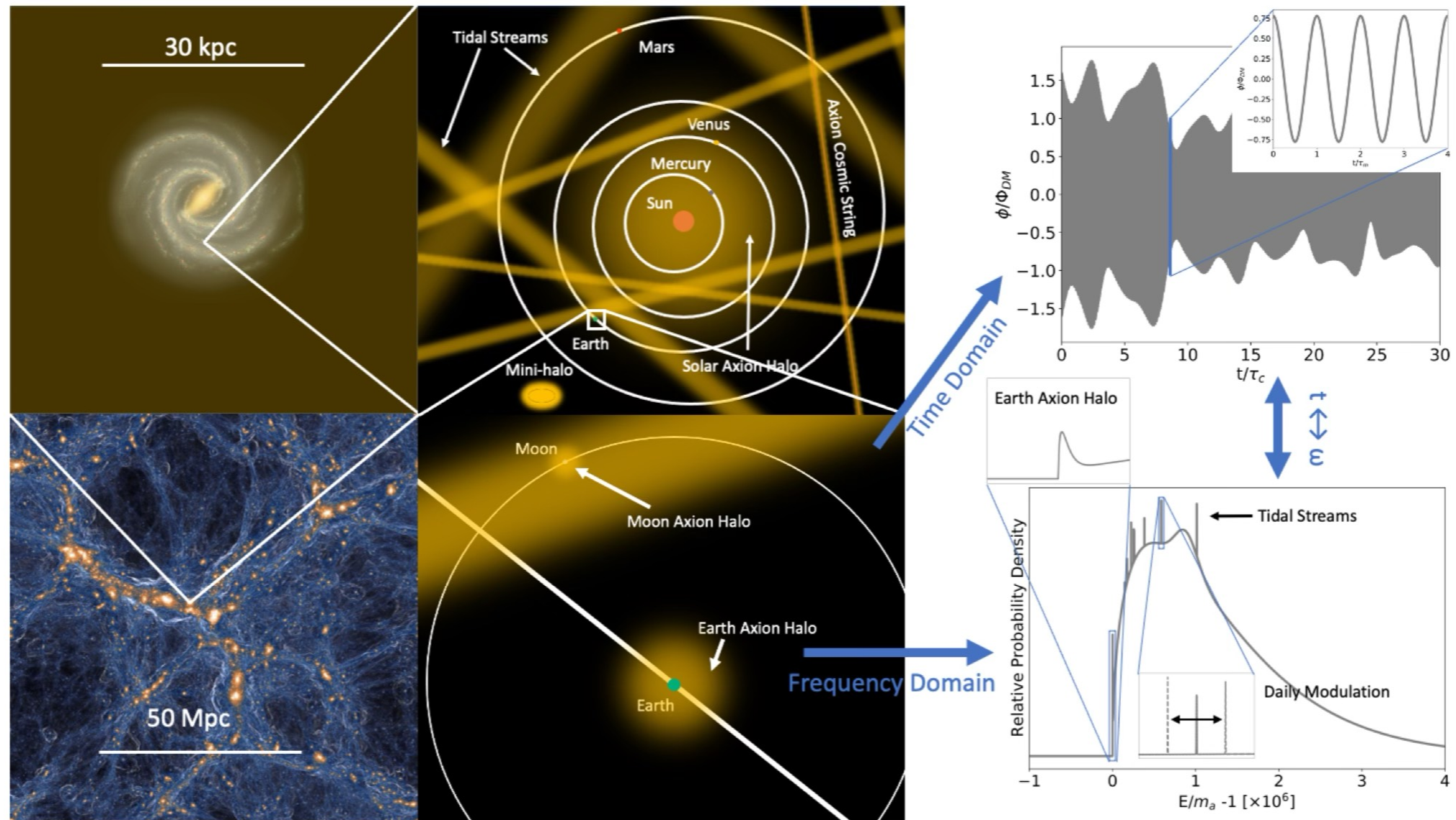
$$\delta\Phi_{GW} \sim n k h L f(\omega, T)$$

acceleration induced phase

$$\delta\Phi_{\text{Grav}} \sim n k T^2 \Delta a f(\omega, L)$$

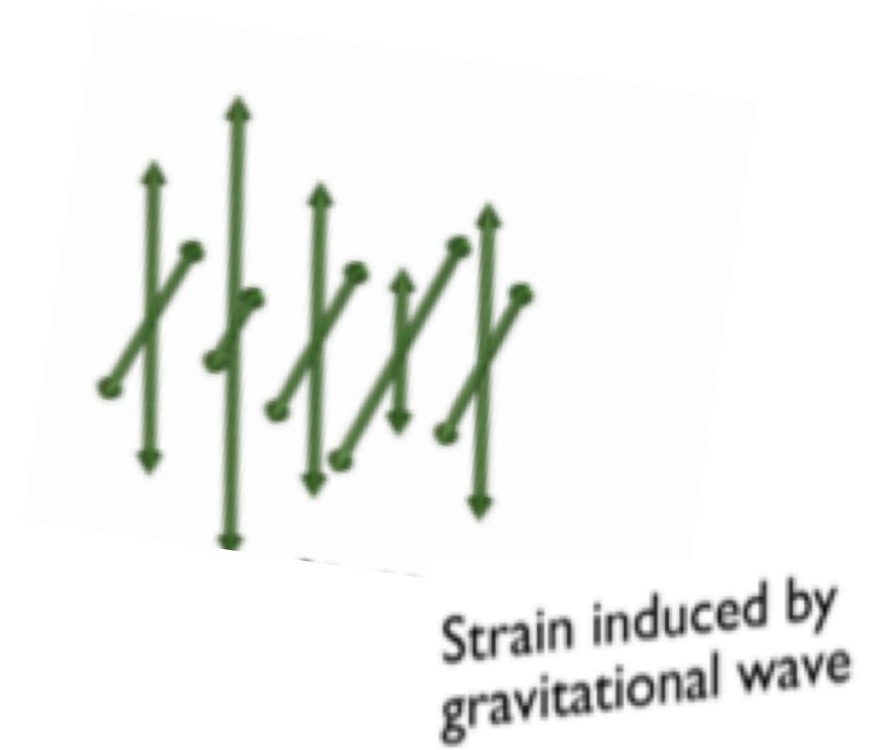
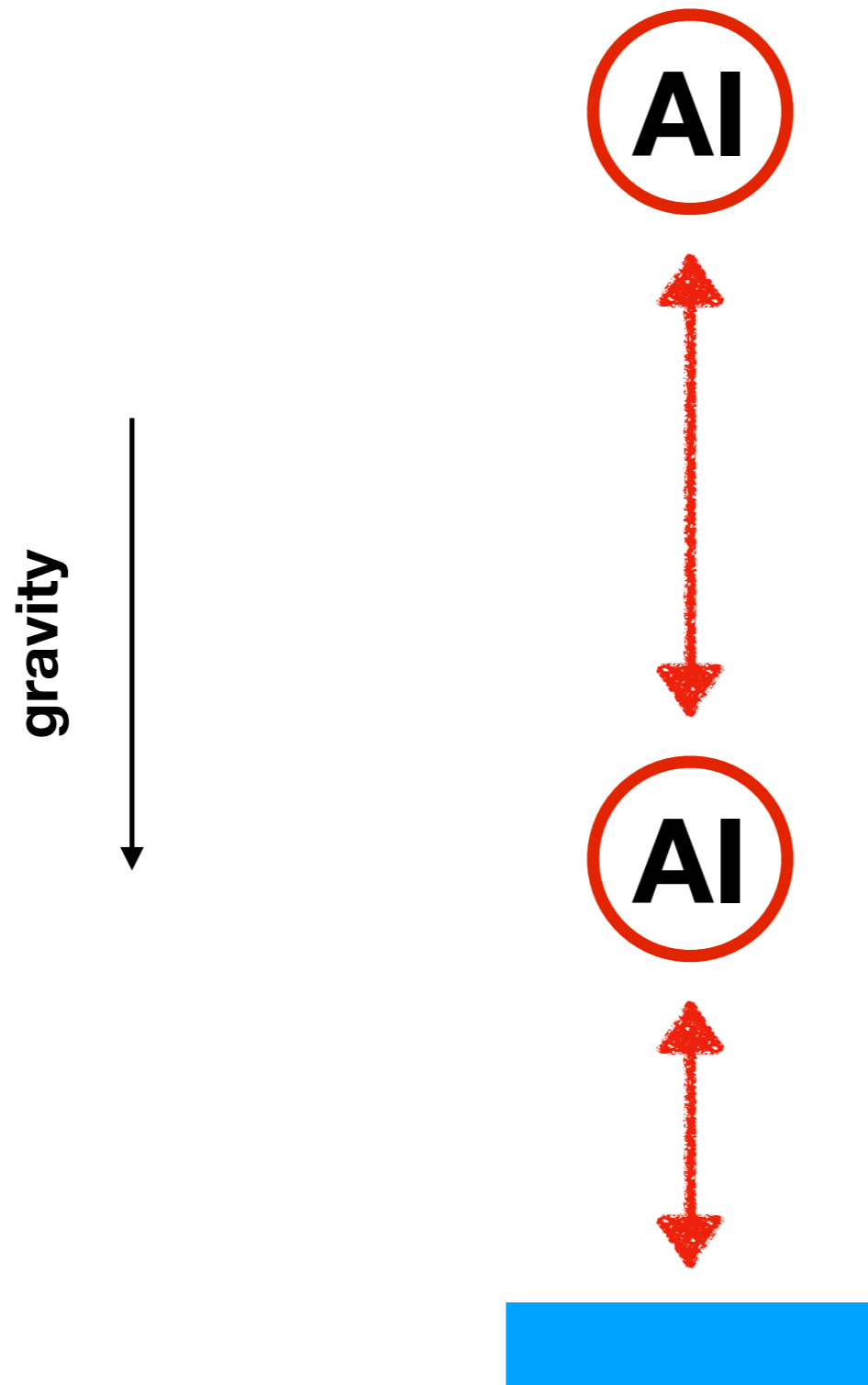
differential acceleration Δa

coupling of light dark matter axions/axion-like particles



arXiv:2203.14923v3 [hep-ex]

vertical light pulse atom interferometry (AI)



pioneering

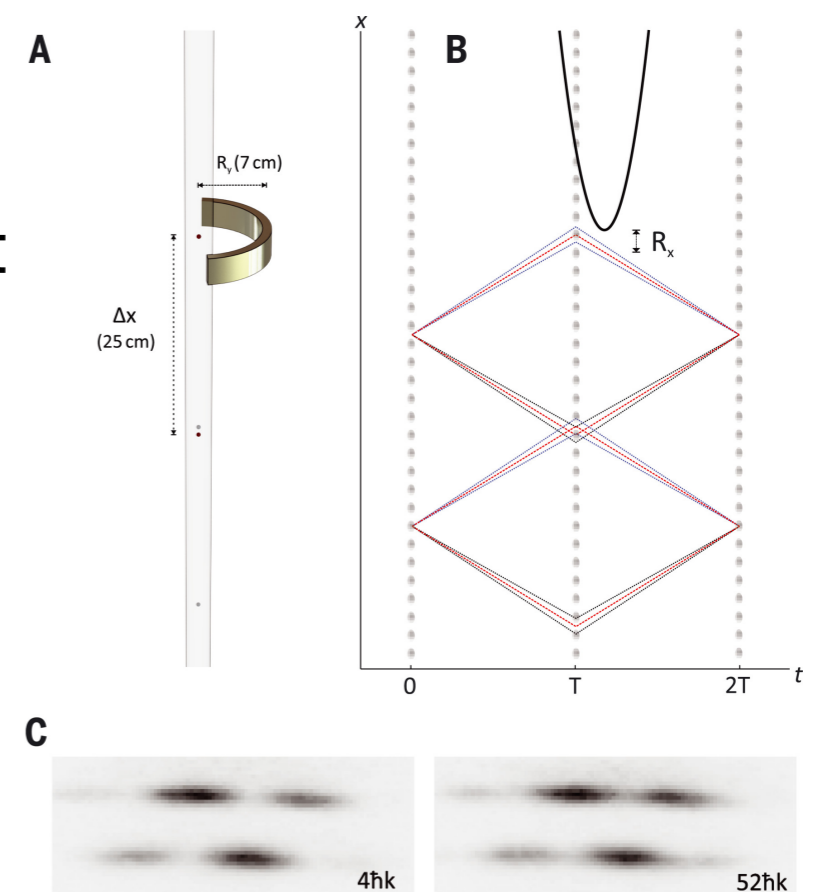
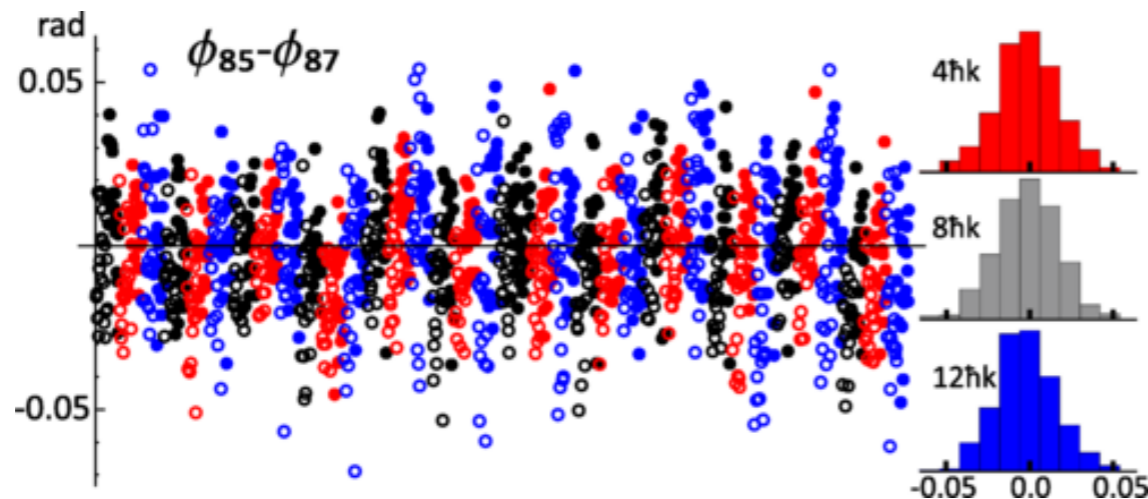
vertical very-long light pulse atom interferometry (AI)

Stanford tower

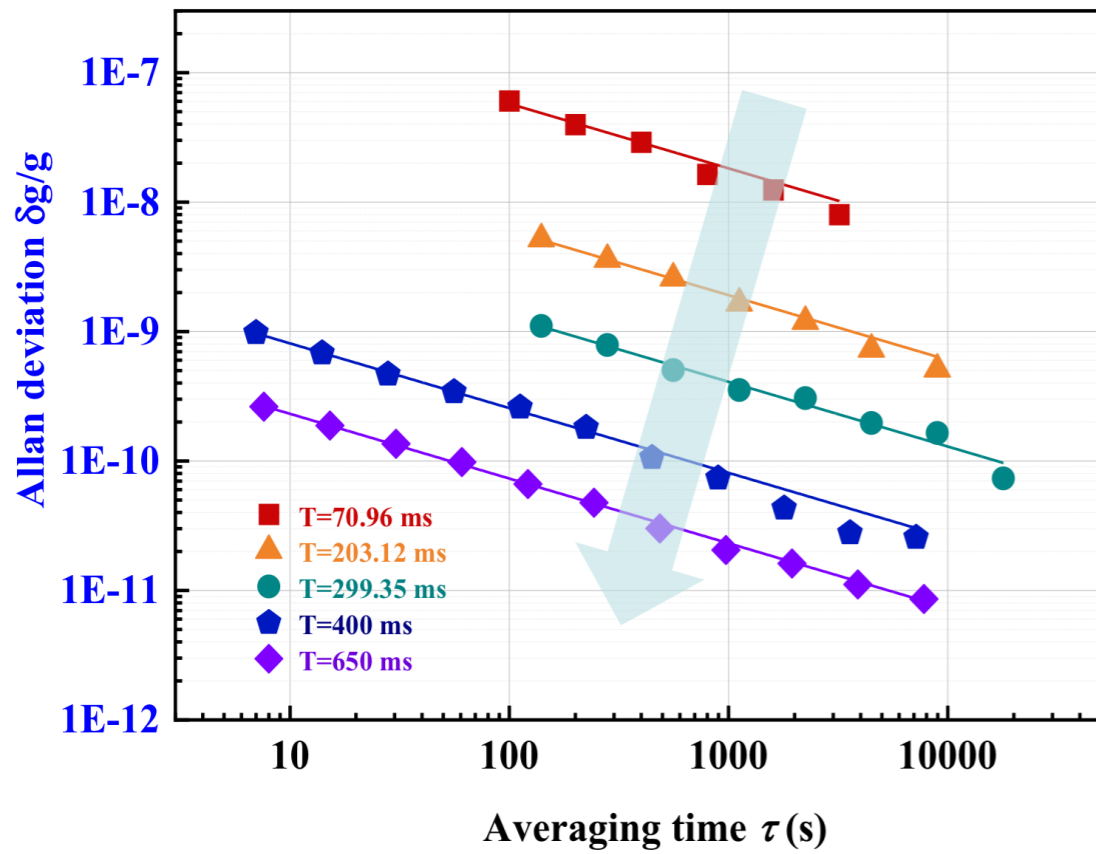
Wuhan tower

Stanford Tower

- Started in early 2000s
- Recent results
 - differential acceleration of Rb-85/Rb-87 EP test:
 $\eta = [1.6 \pm 1.8(\text{stat}) \pm 3.4(\text{syst})] \times 10^{-12}$
 - Measurement of gravitational Aharonov-Bohm effect
 - Gradiometer sensitivity: $5 \times 10^{-10}/\text{s}^2$ per shot (differential acceleration resolution 1.1×10^{-11} g per shot, 1.4×10^{-12} g after 70 shots)



Wuhan Tower



2015

4WDR method

8E-9

L. Zhou, S.T. Long et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **115**, 013004 (2015)

2018

Coriolis effect compensation

5.1E-10

W. T. Duan, C. He et al. *Chin. Phys. B* **29**, 070305(2020)

2020

AC Stark shift Optimization

7.3E-11

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2022

Shear phase readout

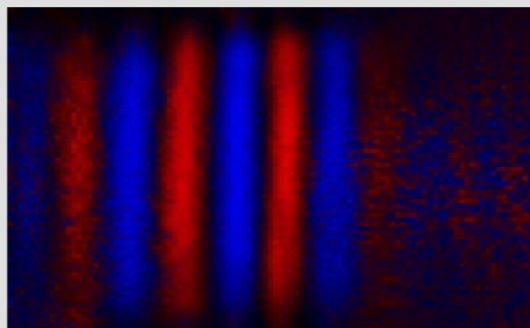
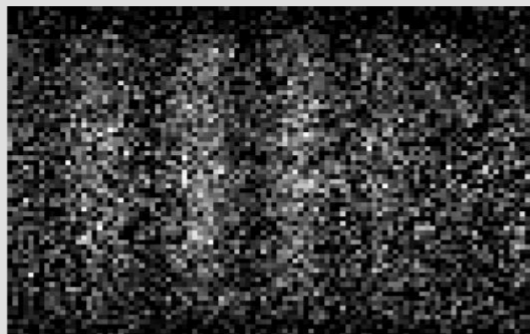
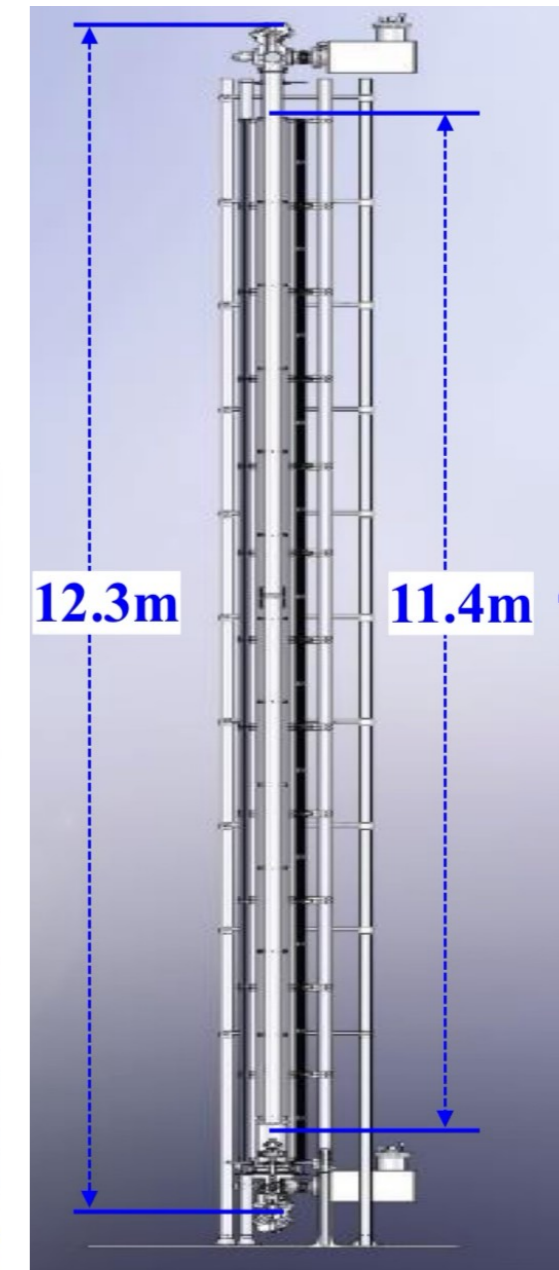
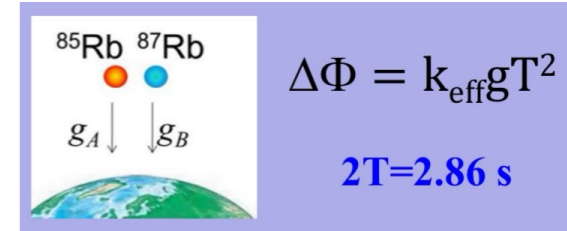
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L. Zhou, S. T. Yan et al. *Frot. Phys.* **10**, (2022)

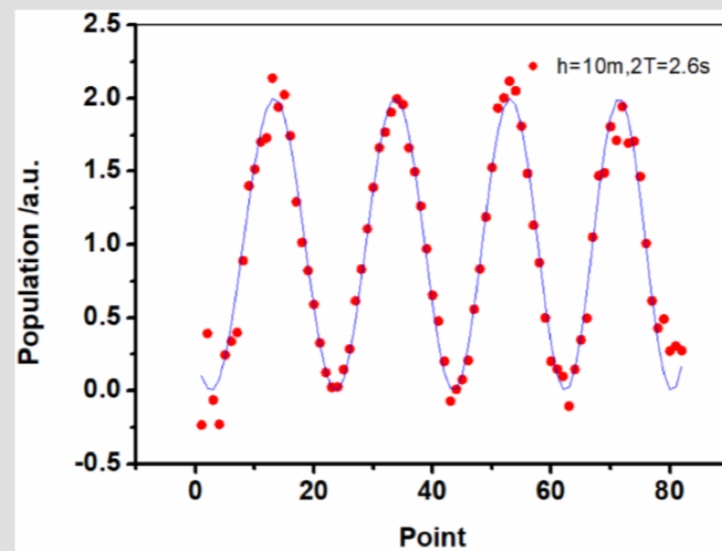
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Gravity gradient compensation

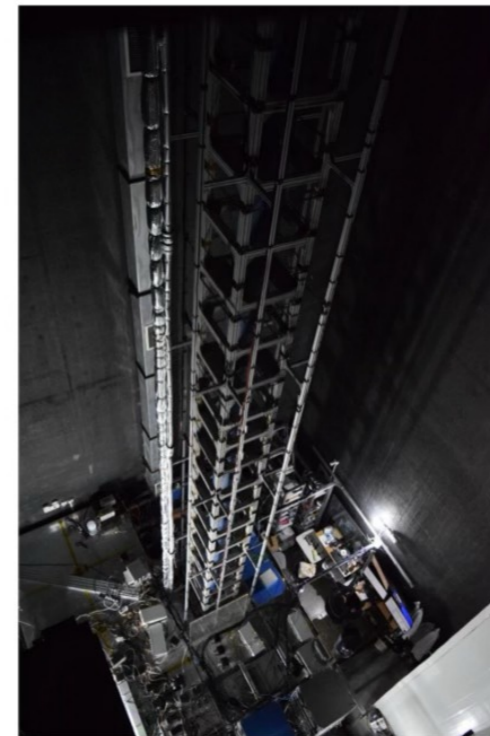
8.6E-12



Principal component analysis



$\delta g/g = 4.5 \times 10^{-11} / \text{shot}$



Magnetic shield

pioneering

vertical light pulse atom interferometry (AI)

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Wuhan tower

nearly 20 years of operation demonstrated state-of-the-art resolution in differential acceleration measurements $\delta g/g \sim 10^{-11}$ single shot

Benefiting from upgrades, in the next five years, we can expect two order of improvement and may see 10^{-14} after integration of 100 experiments

pioneering

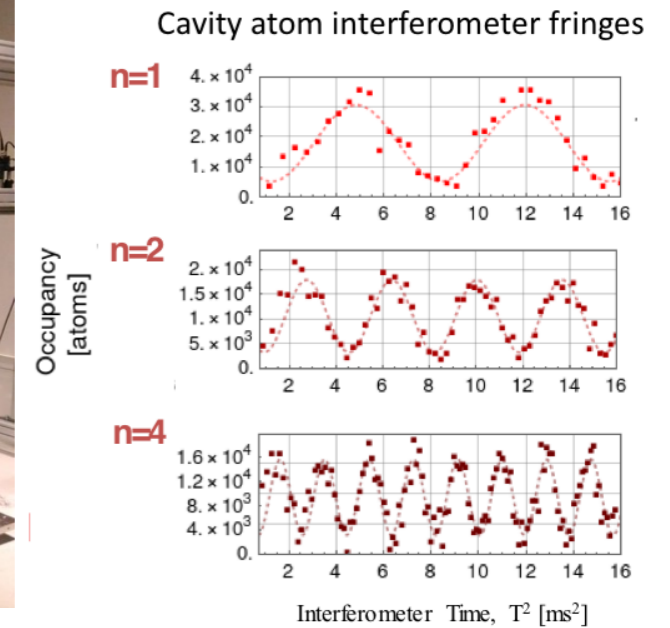
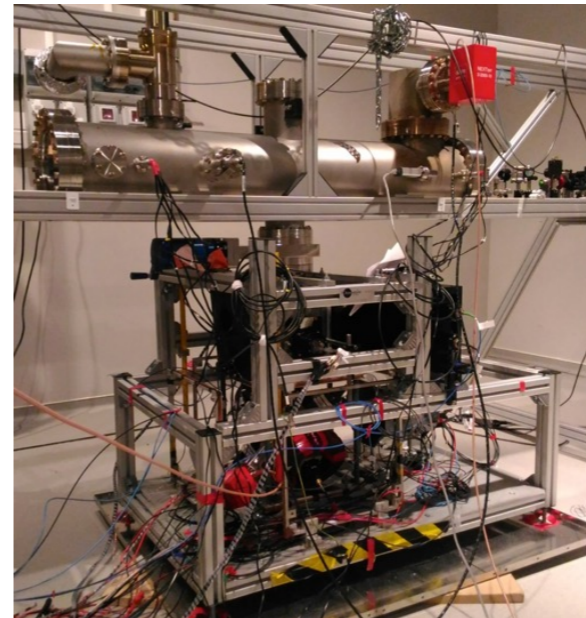
horizontal very-long light pulse atom interferometry

Bordeaux prototypes

horizontal light pulse atom interferometry (AI)

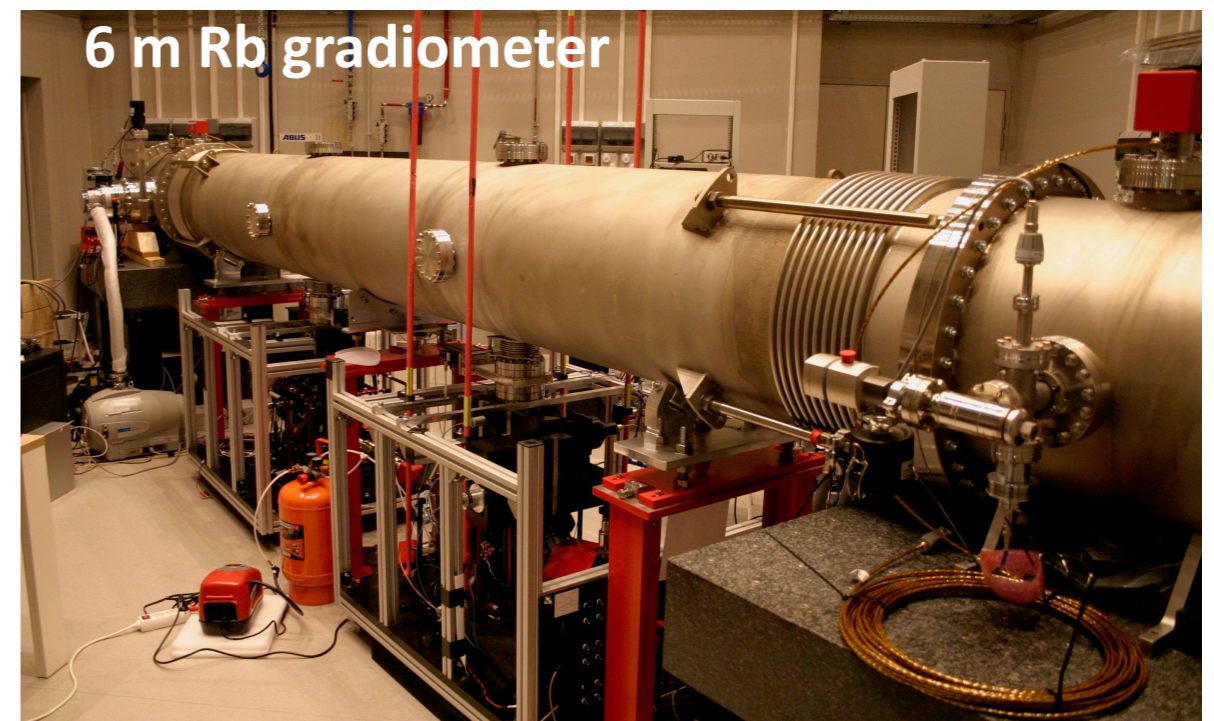
MIGA prototypes: from 1 to 6 m

- Demonstration a horizontal multi-photon cavity atom interferometer driven via Bragg diffraction ($8\hbar k$ momentum transfer)
- Development of enhanced cavity interrogation pulse exploiting the ring mode structure of a marginally stable resonator.



Studies now being extended on an atom gradiometer, short size version of the MIGA antenna with the scope to:

- Develop new LMT methods based on composite cavity pulses to reach hundreds of $\hbar k$ momentum transfer.
- Elaborate of new schemes for GW detection and dark Matters studies based on cavity gradiometry.



novel

vertical very-long light pulse atom interferometry

Hannover VLBAI

in realisation

Stanford MAGIS-10

Cambridge AION-10

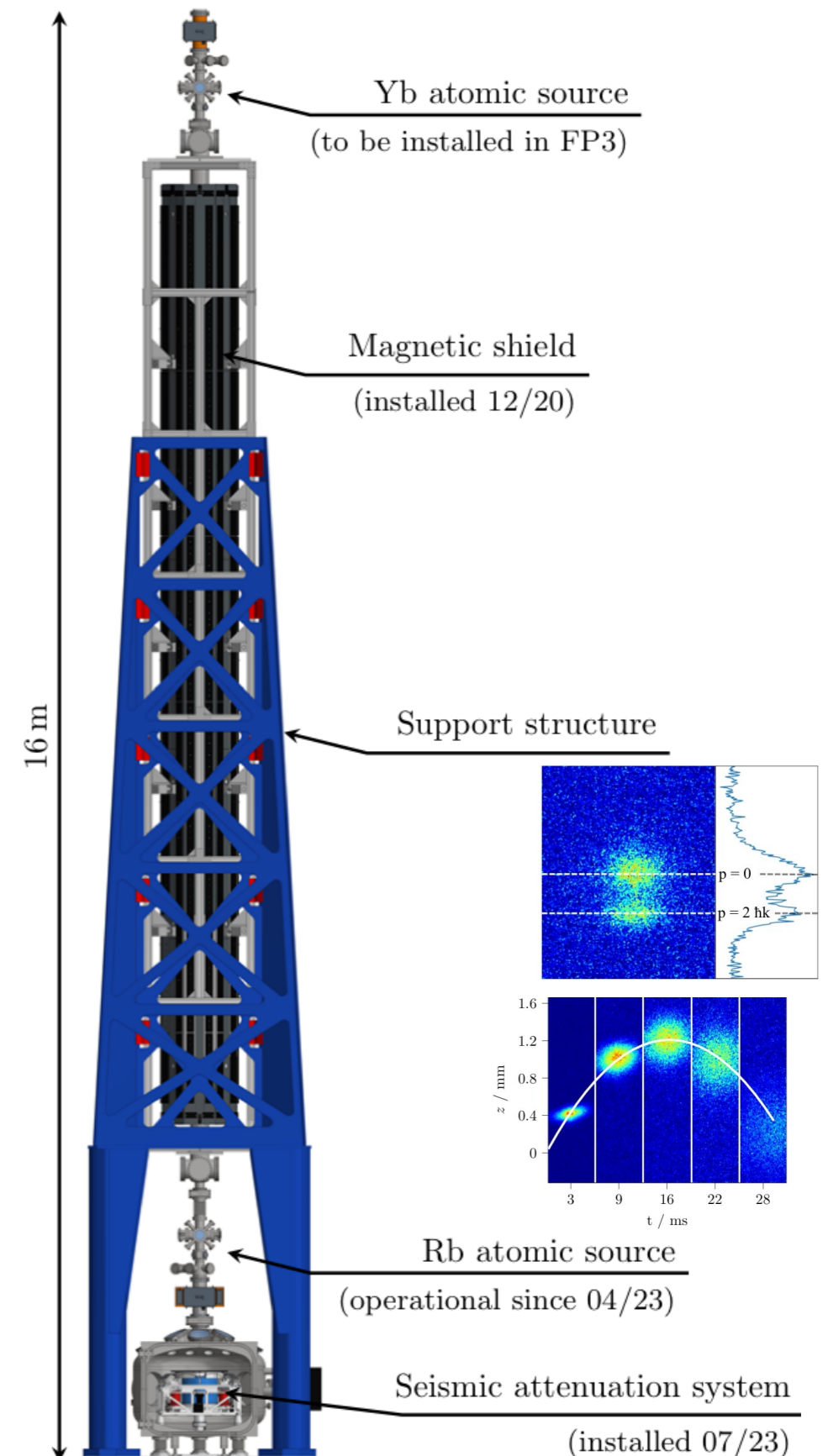
novel vertical light pulse atom interferometry (VLBAI)

quantum-gravity interface for matter
waves (EP tests / quantum clock
experiments, ...)

methods for gravitational wave detection

features

- fast source of ultra-cold atoms (Bose-Einstein condensates)
- scalable magnetic shield
- vibration isolation
- alkaline and alkaline earth atoms (Rb/Yb)

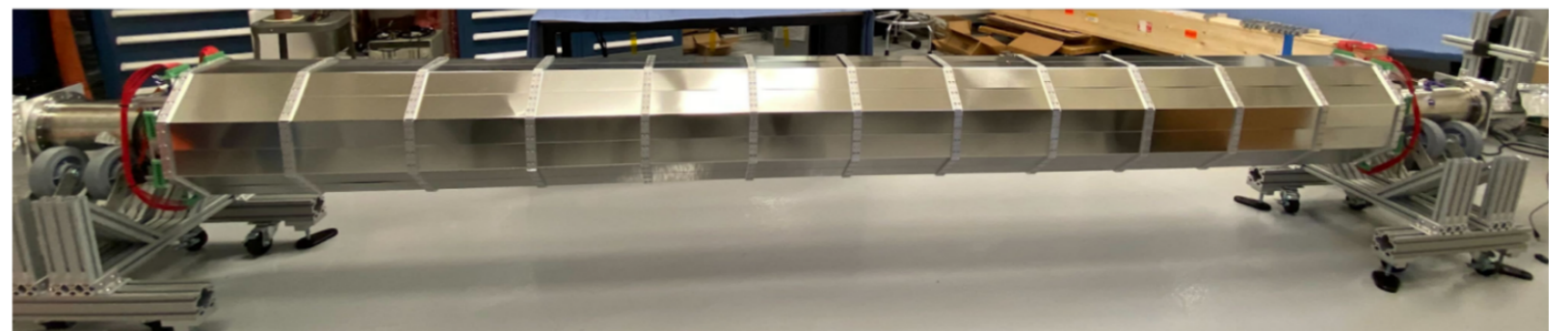
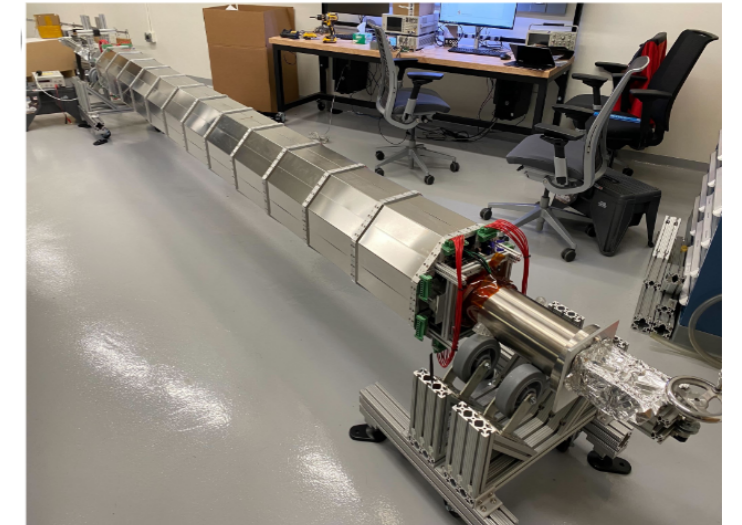
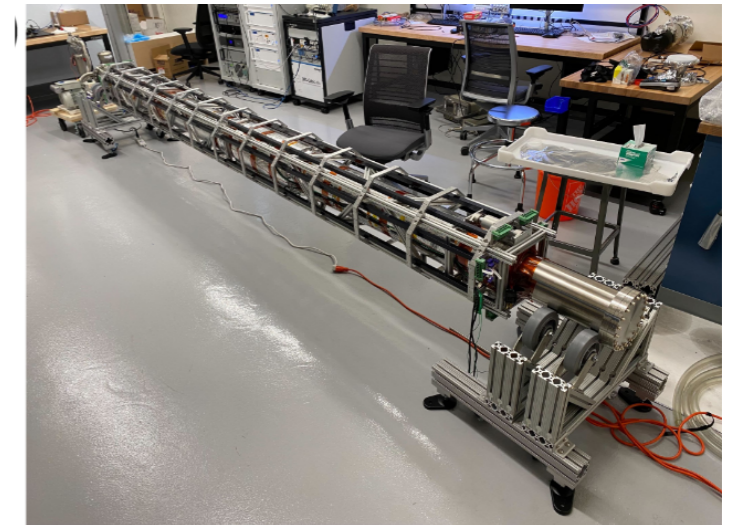
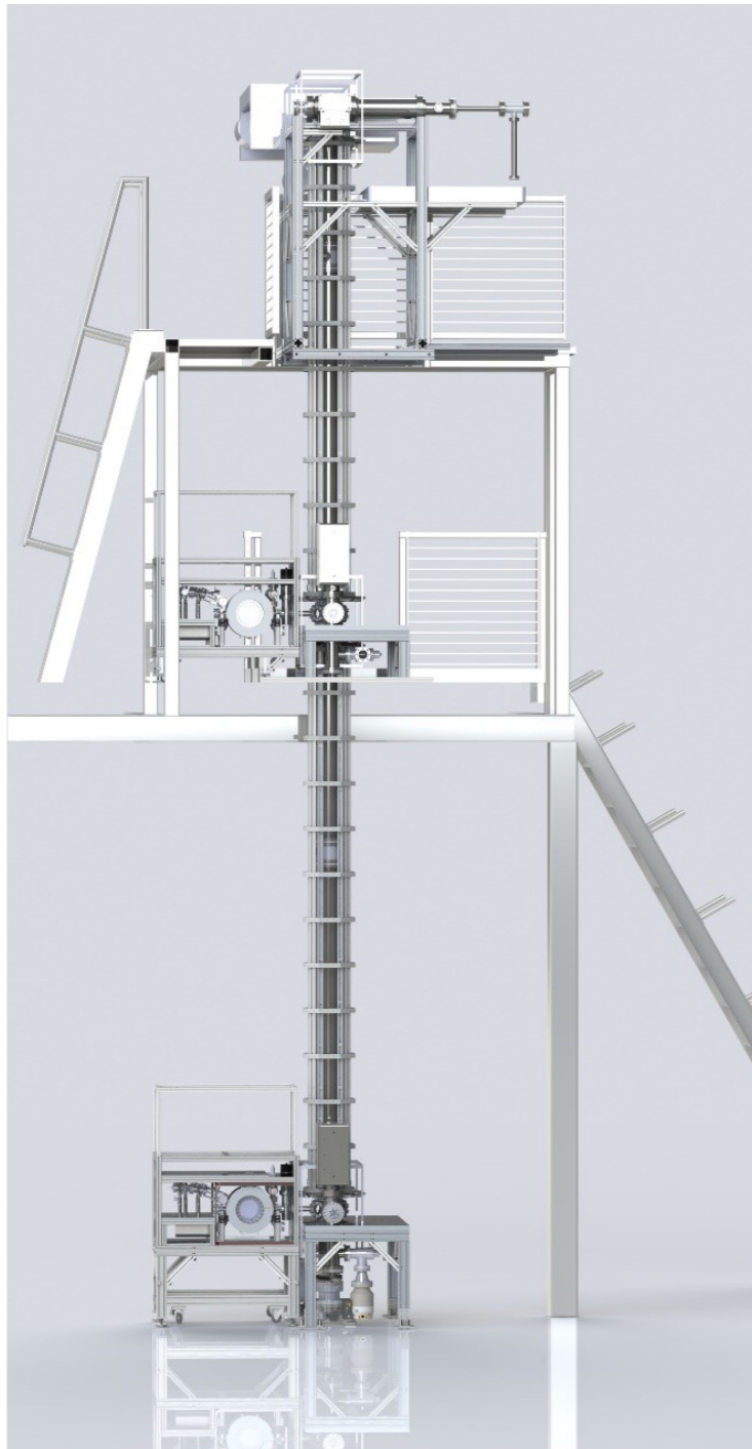


Stanford 10 m Sr Prototype

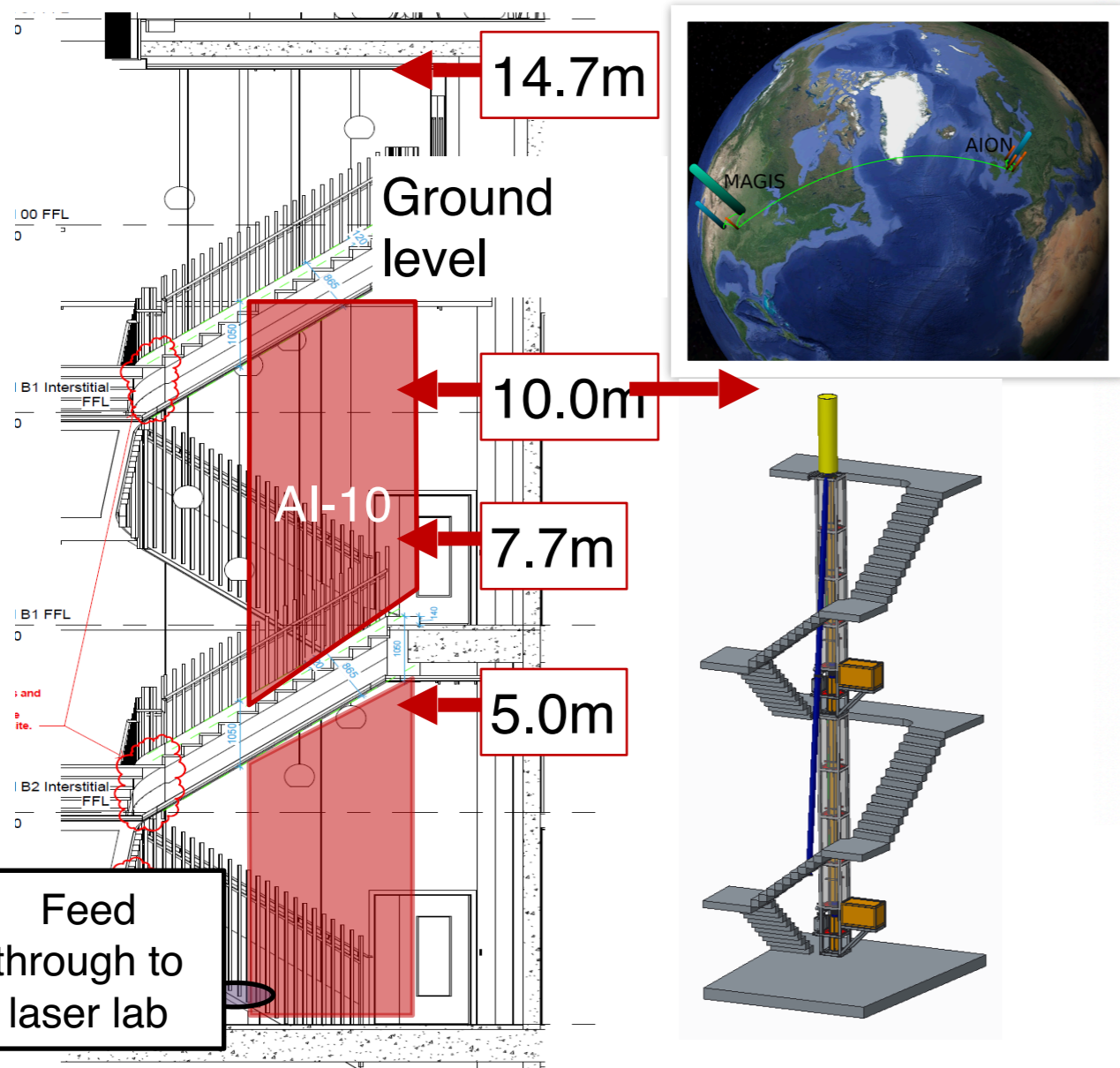
- Leverage Stanford 10 m Sr prototype and MAGIS-100 as development platforms
- Improved large momentum transfer (LMT) atom optics
 - Higher power laser systems
 - Robust quantum control techniques (for example: Floquet atom optics, quantum optimal control approaches)
 - Resonant operation mode
 - 3-photon atom optics to enable use of bosonic Sr-88
- Improved phase resolution
 - Higher cold atom flux
 - Spin squeezing
 - Advanced atom lensing techniques
- Multiplexed interferometers
- Background noise suppression strategies (for example: gravity gradient noise)

Experiment	(Proposed) site	Baseline L (m)	LMT atom optics n	Atom sources	Phase noise $\delta\phi$ (rad/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$)
Sr prototype tower	Stanford	10	10^2	2	10^{-3}

Stanford 10 m Sr Prototype



novel vertical light pulse atom interferometry (AION)



Project executed in national partnership with **UK National Quantum Technology Hub in Sensors and Timing, Birmingham, UK**, and international partnership with **The MAGIS Collaboration and The Fermi National Laboratory, US**

L. Badurina et al., *AION: An Atom Interferometer Observatory and Network*, *JCAP* **05** (2020) 011, [arXiv:1911.11755]

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 fully operational in summer 2023.

AION-10 - apart of a 4 stage road map

- ❑ **Stage 1:** to build and commission the 10 m detector, develop existing technology and the infrastructure for the 100 m.
- ❑ **Stage 2:** to build, commission and exploit the 100 m detector and carry out a design study for the km-scale detector.
 - AION was selected in 2018 by STFC as a high-priority medium-scale project.
 - AION will work in equal partnership with MAGIS in the US to form a “LIGO/Virgo-style” network & collaboration, providing a pathway for UK leadership.

Stage 1 is now funded with about £10M by the QTFP Programme and other sources and Stage 2 could be placed at national facility in Boulby or Daresbury (UK), possibly also at CERN (France/Switzerland).

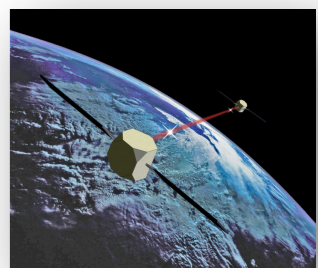
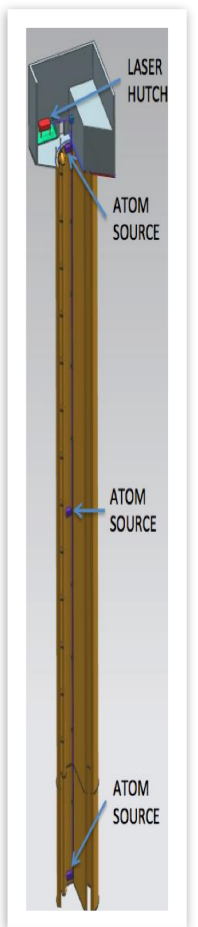
- ❑ **Stage 3:** to build a kilometre-scale terrestrial detector.
- ❑ **Stage 4:** long-term objective a pair of satellite detectors (thousands of kilometres scale) [AEDGE proposal to ESA Voyage2050 call]
 - AION has established science leadership in AEDGE, bringing together collaborators from European and Chinese groups (e.g. MIGA, MAGIA, ELGAR, ZAIGA).

Stage 3 and 4 will likely require funding on international level (ESA, EU, etc) and AION has already started to build the foundation for it.

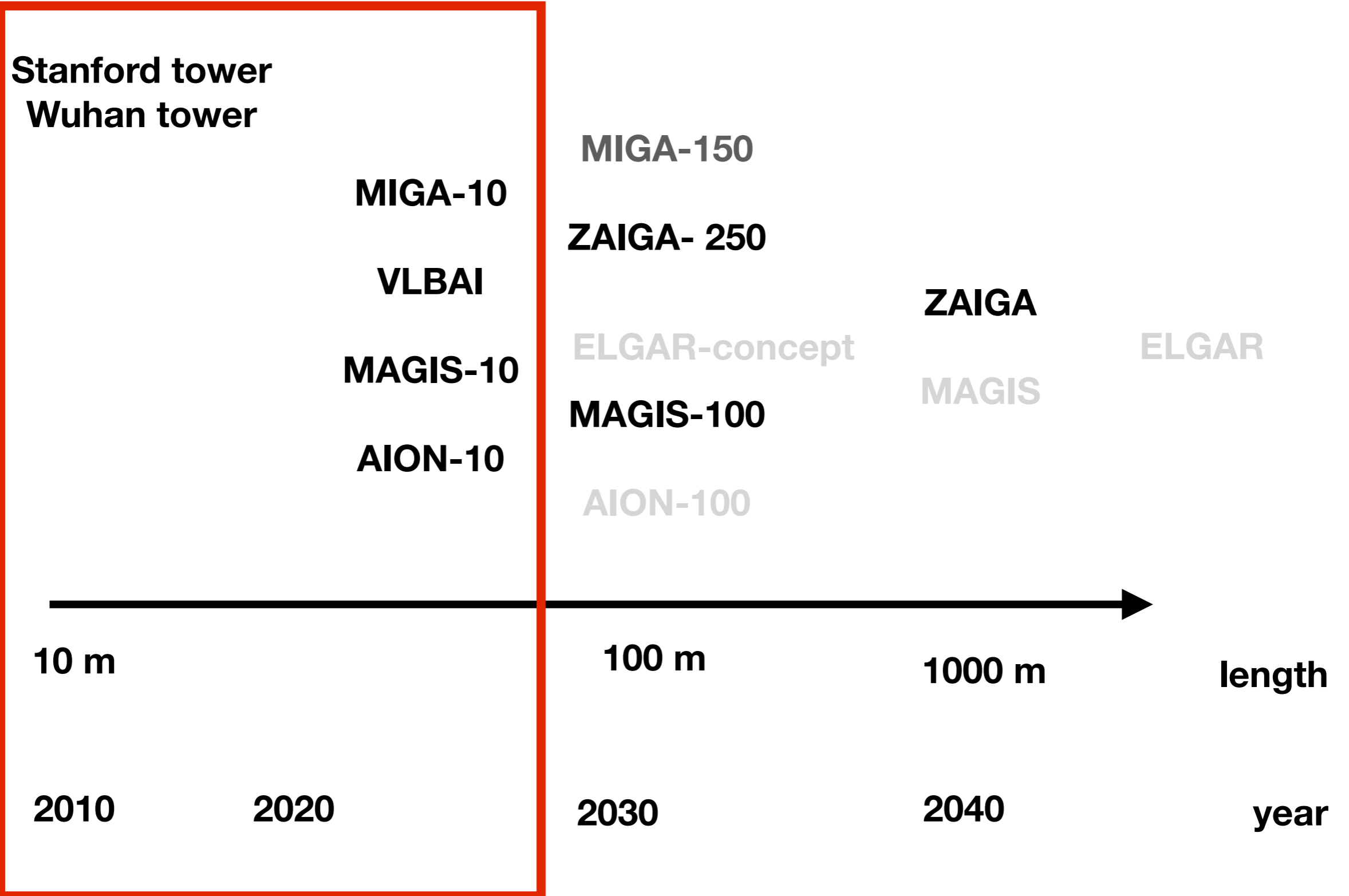
L ~ 10m

L ~ 100m

L ~ 1km



terrestrial very long baseline atom interferometers activities, length and implementation period



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Stanford tower
Wuhan tower

MIGA-10

MIGA-150

ZAIGA- 250

VLBAI

ZAIGA

MAGIS-10

ELGAR-concept

ELGAR

MAGIS

MAGIS-100

AION-10

AION-100

10 m

100 m

1000 m

length

2000

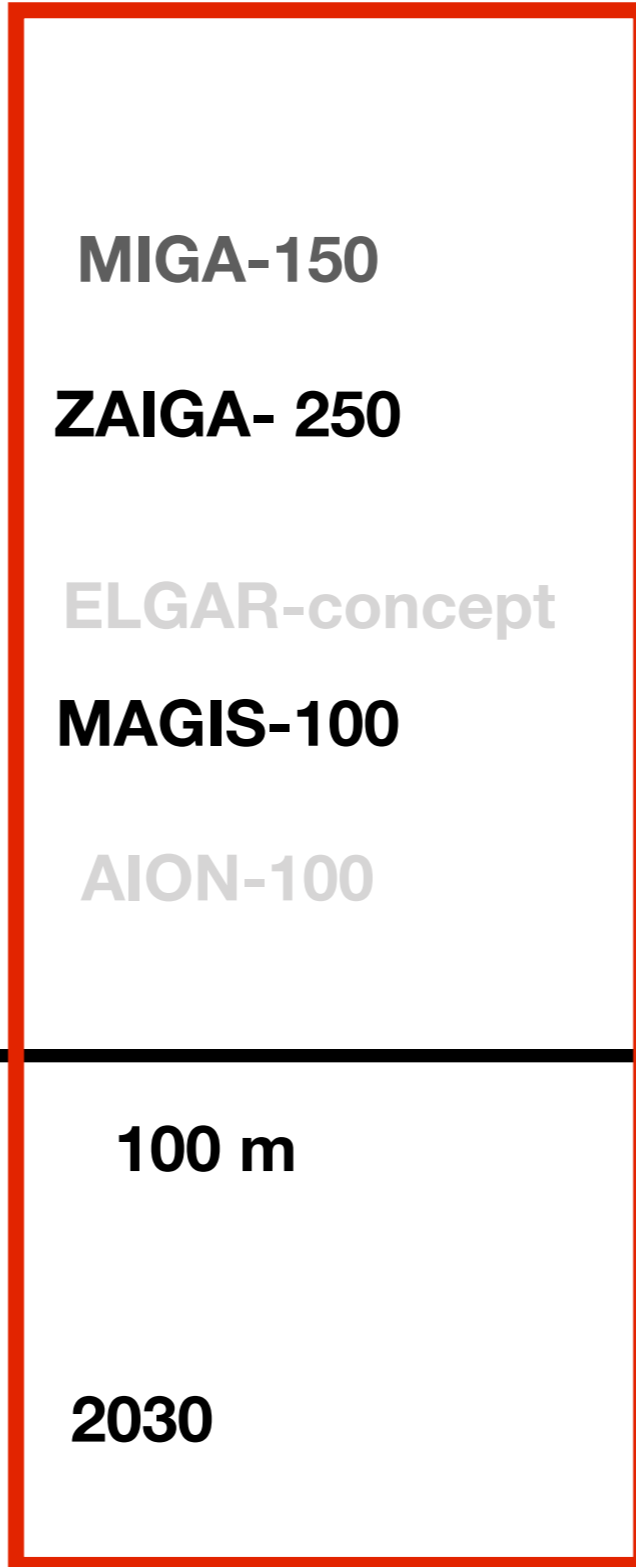
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2030

2040

year



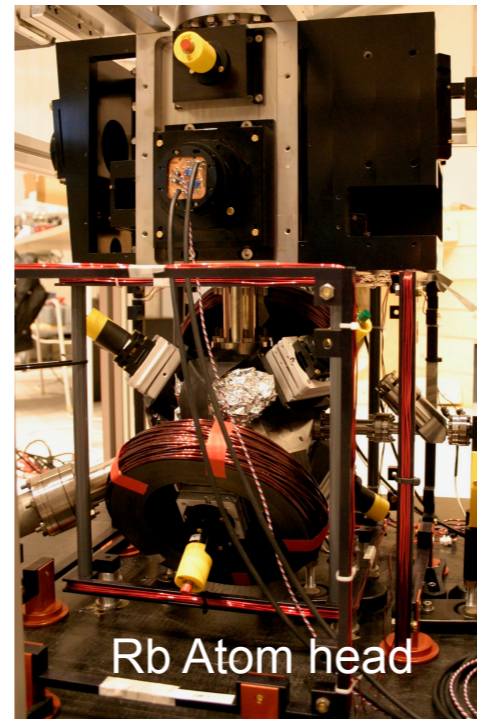
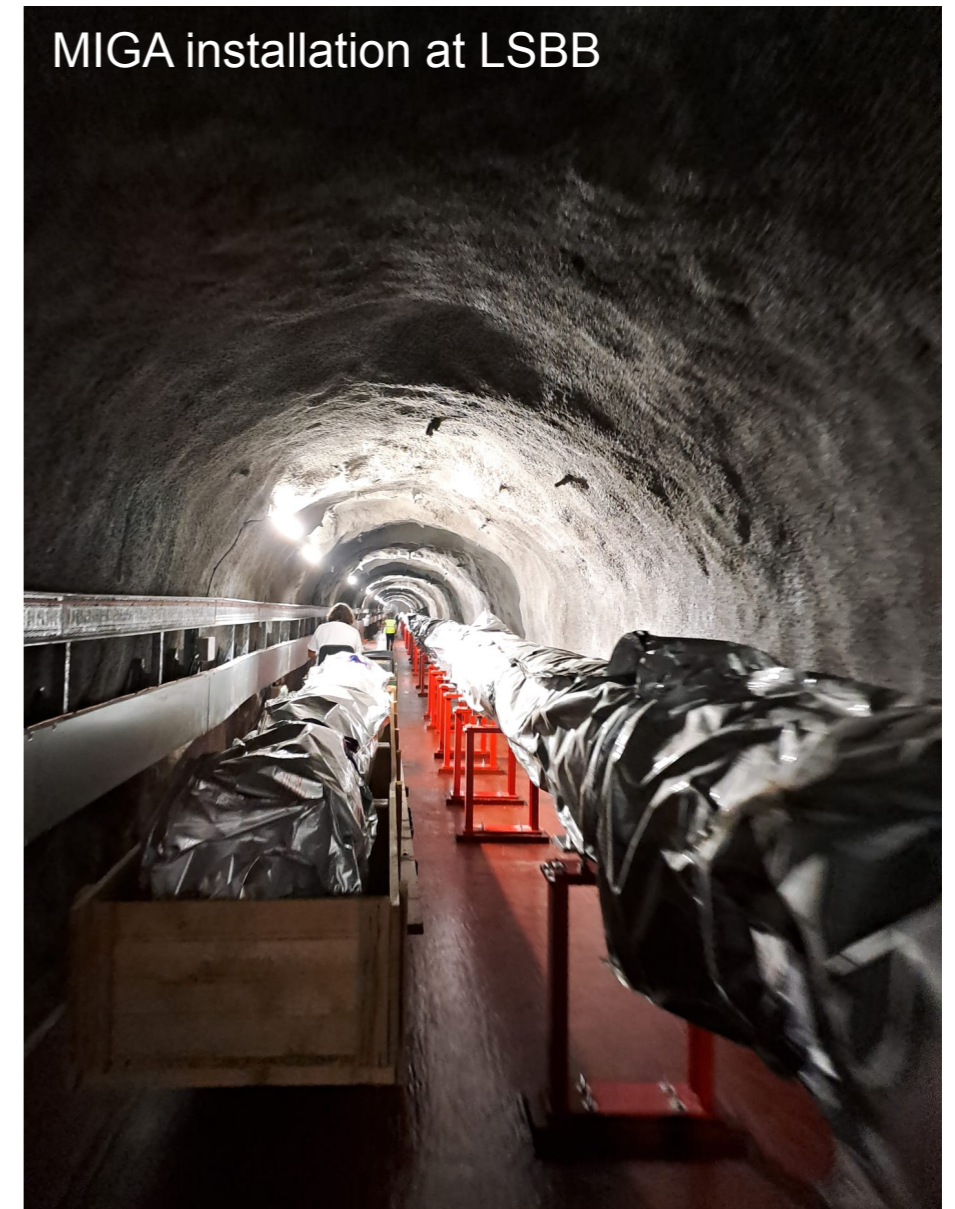
very-long light pulse atom interferometry beyond 10m
length

MIGA-150 (horizontal)

MAGIS-100 (AION -100)

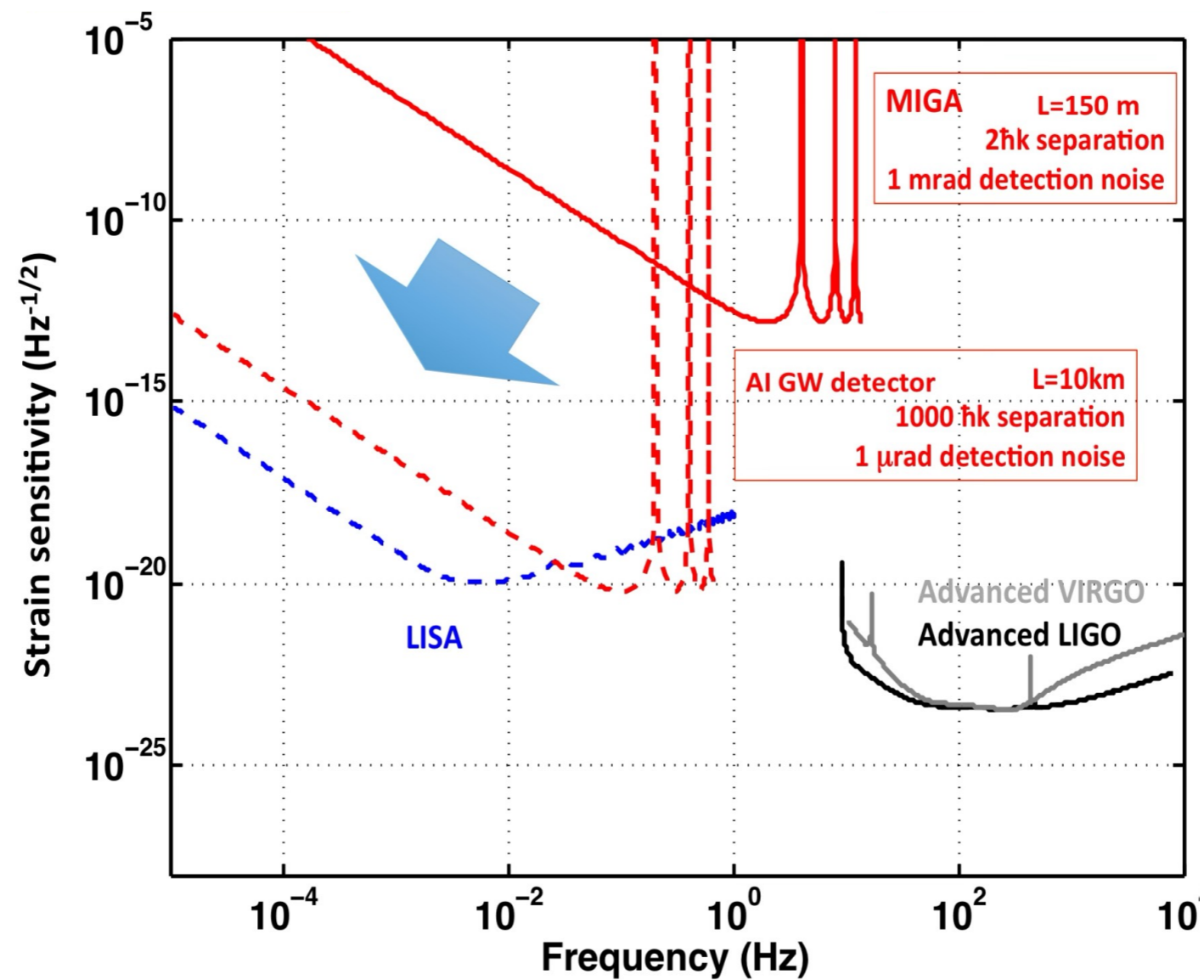
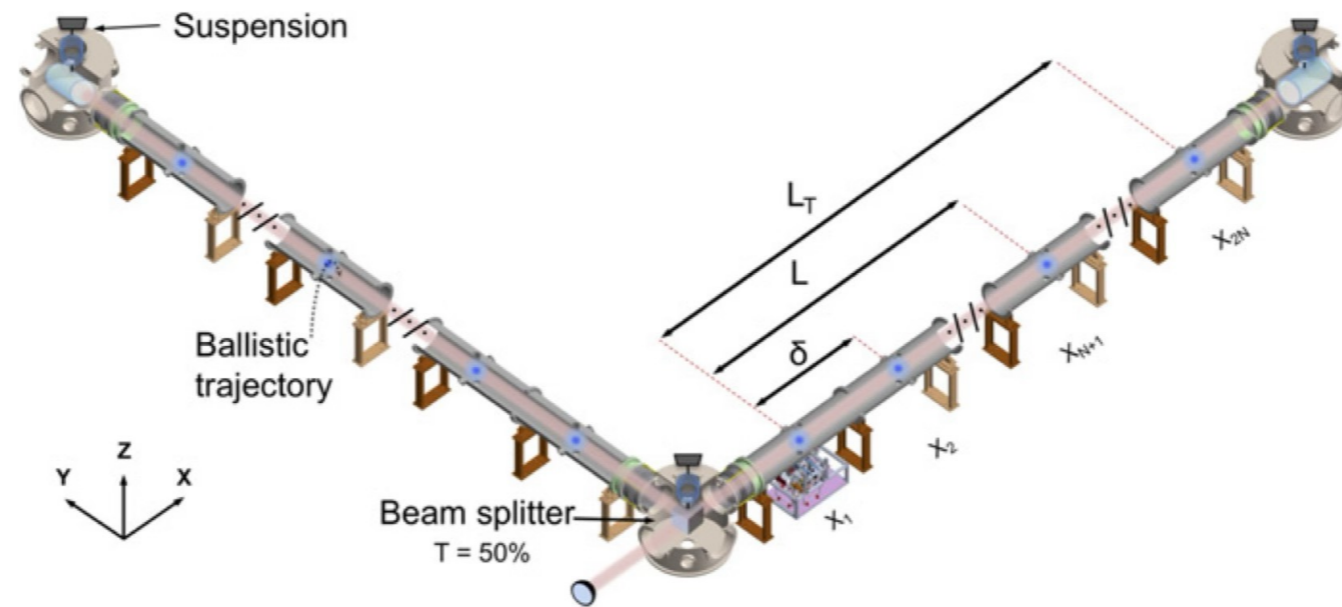
ZAIGA -250

MIGA - 250 Status



- Two 150 m dedicated galleries were bored at LSBB
- All parts (vacuum, atom head&lasers) produced and tested.
- Vacuum system now being assembled, 75 % achieved. Antenna operational by 2025.

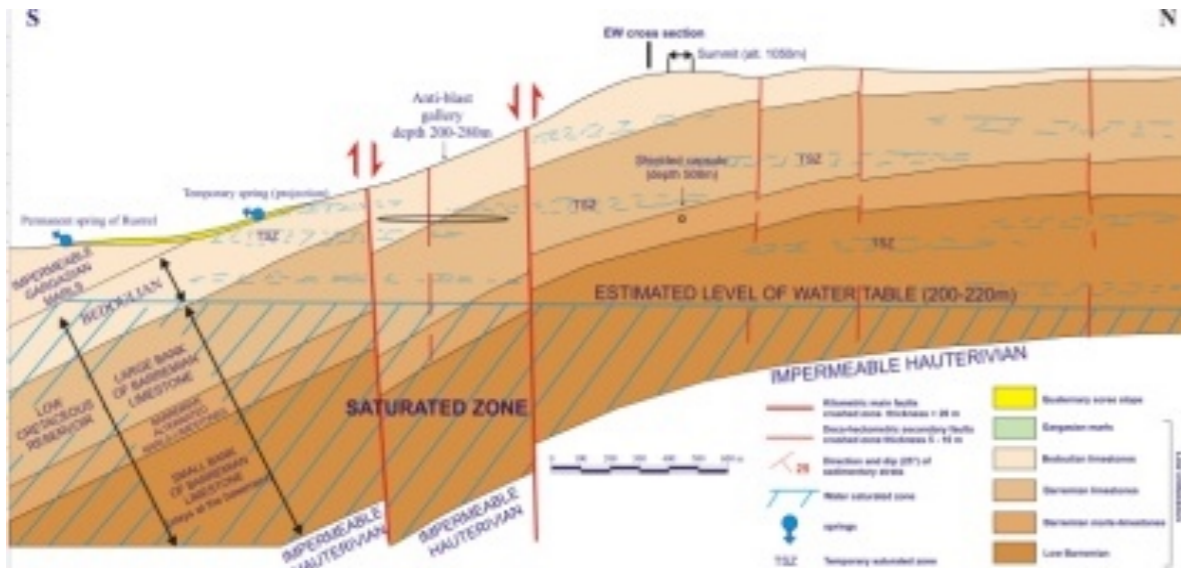
MIGA - 150 plan



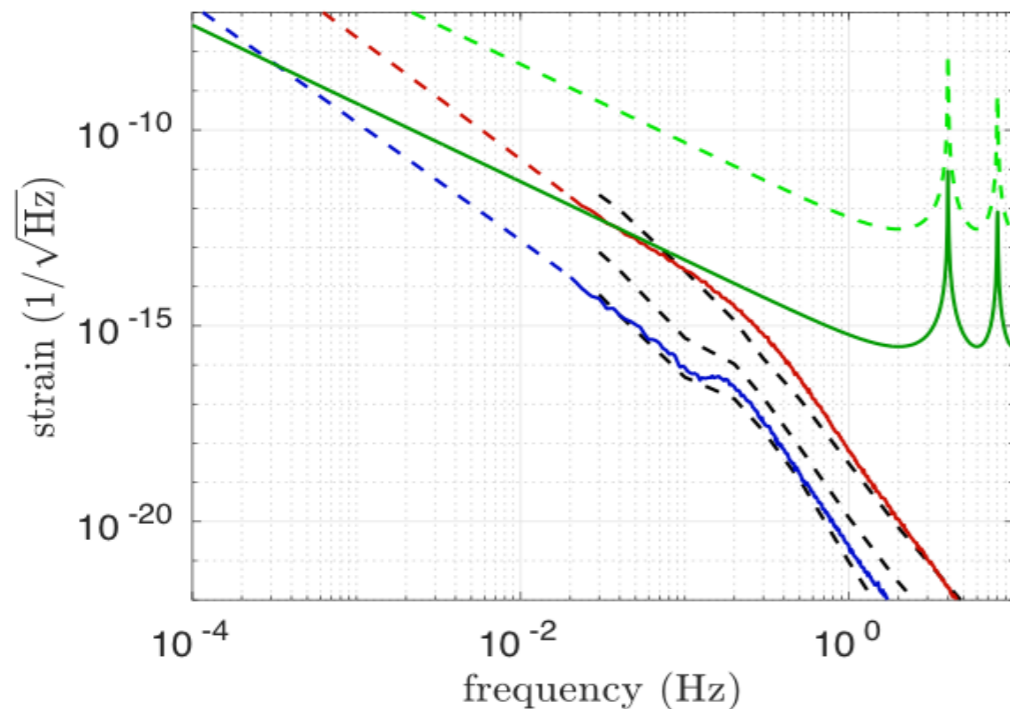
Science with MIGA

Short term :

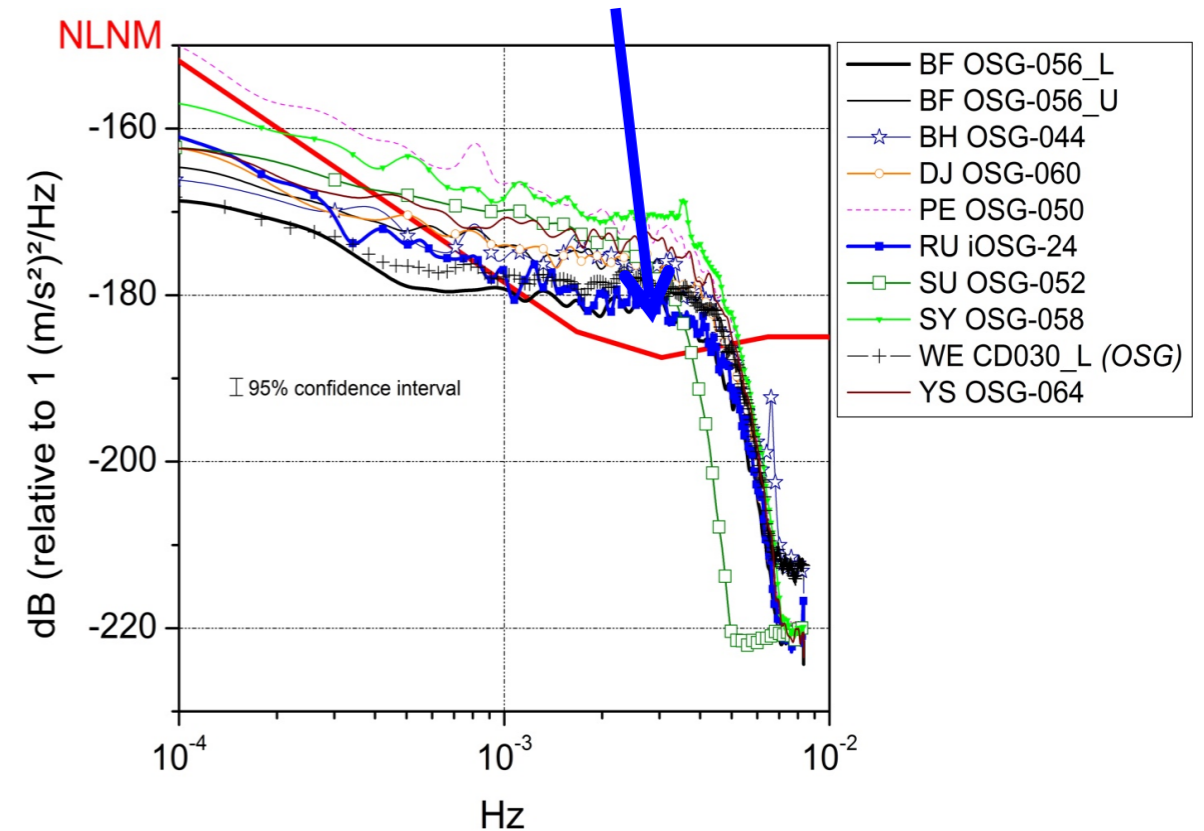
- Gravity cartography/Mass transfer in 2D
- Newtonian noise modelisation
- Correlation with a vertical 500 m superconducting gradiometer
- Hydrogeology



Medium term with improved sensitivity:



IOSG-24@LSBB: one of the quietest site in the world



Statistical Noise levels: iOSG-24 vs. worldwide SGs and NLNM

Fundamental Physics:

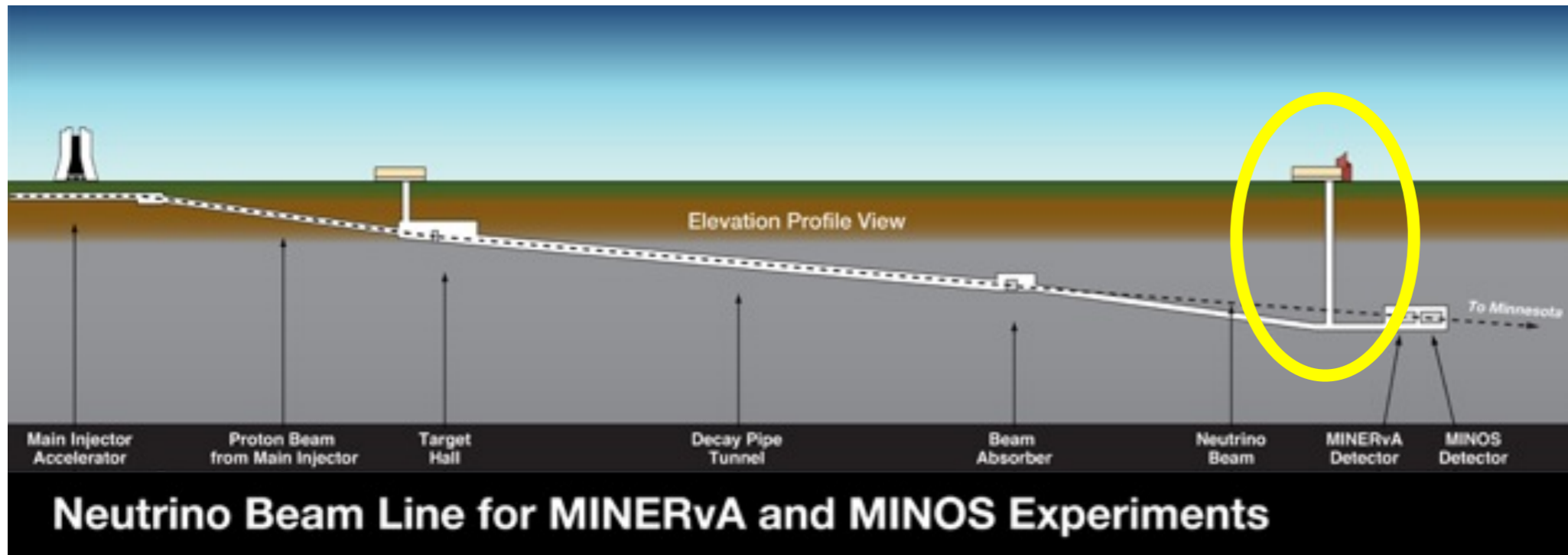
- Newtonian Noise direct measurement
- Test of general relativity
- Dark matter studies

Geophysics:

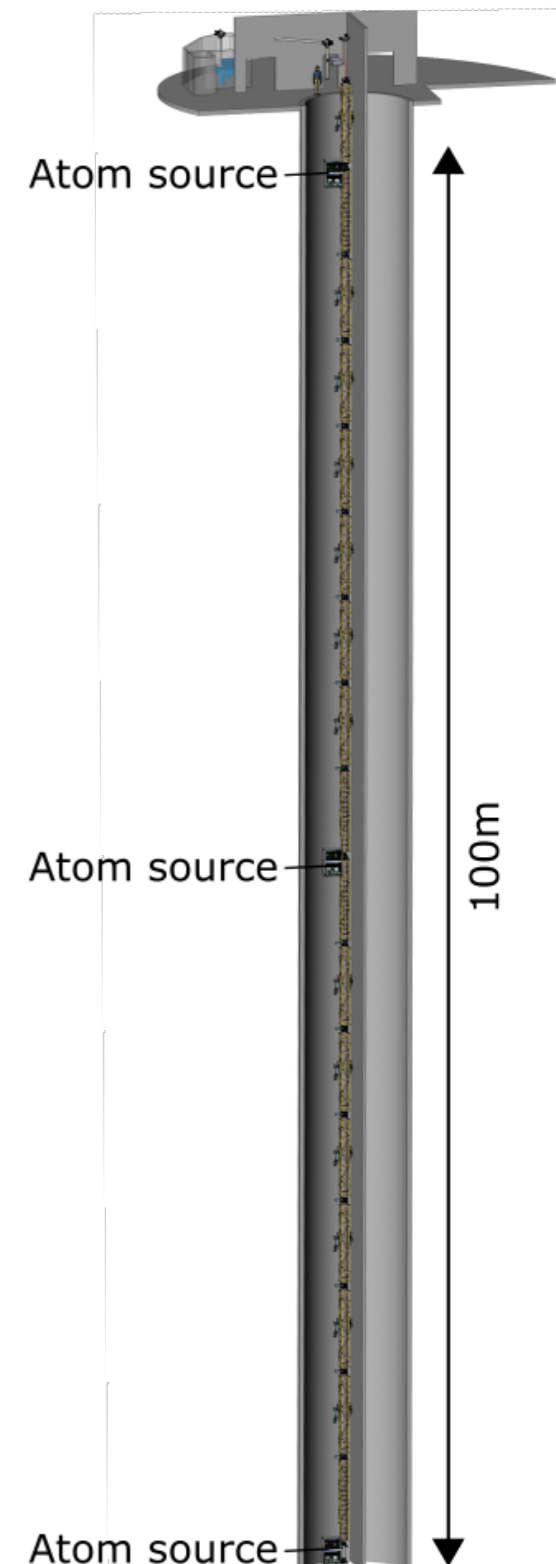
- Study of seismic gravity precursors
- Rotational seismology

MAGIS-100 detector at Fermilab

Matter wave Atomic Gradiometer Interferometric Sensor



MINOS
access shaft



- 100-meter-tall atom interferometry apparatus
- Quantum mechanics at very large scales
- Search for wavelike dark matter
- Prototype for mid-band gravitational wave detection



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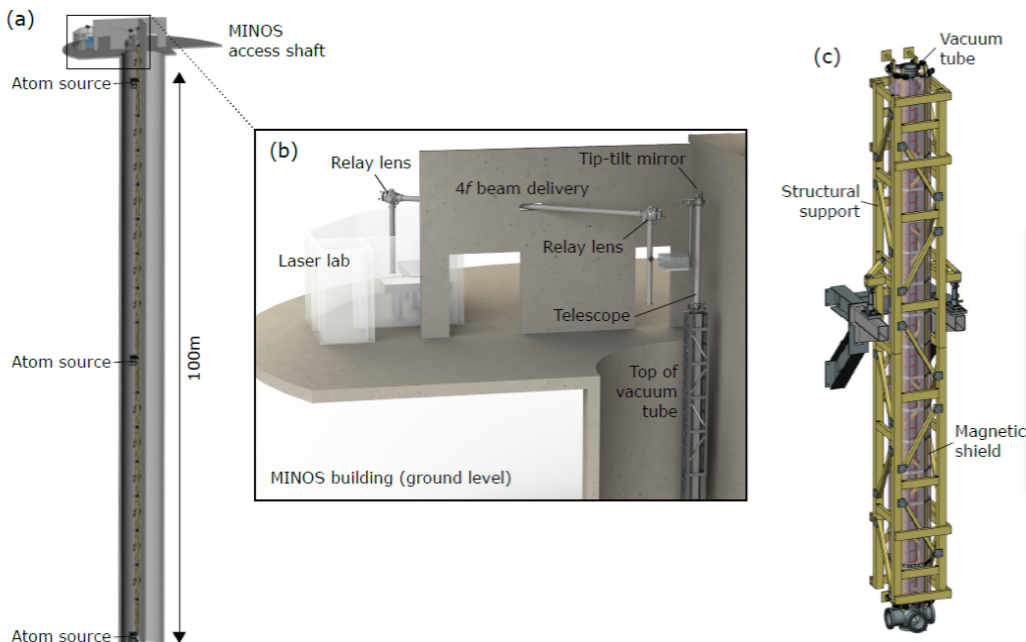
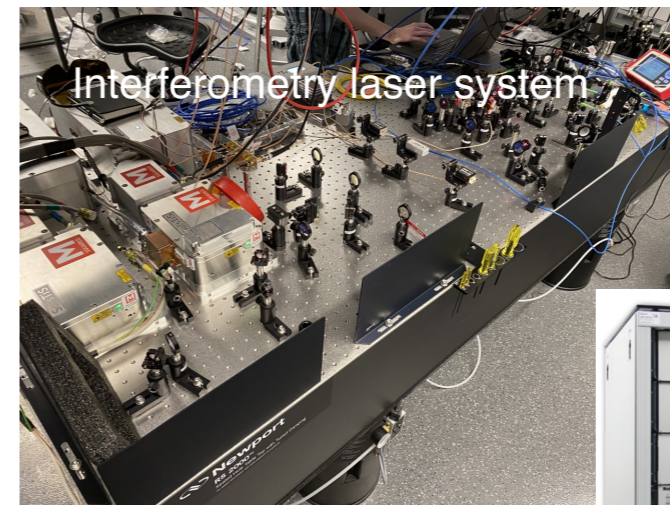
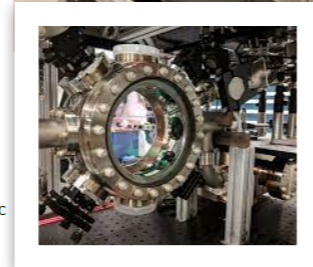
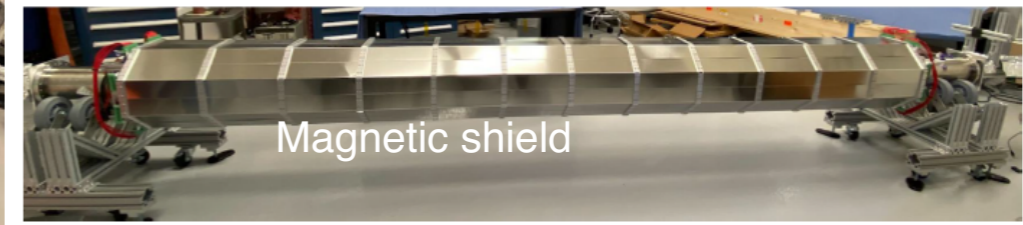
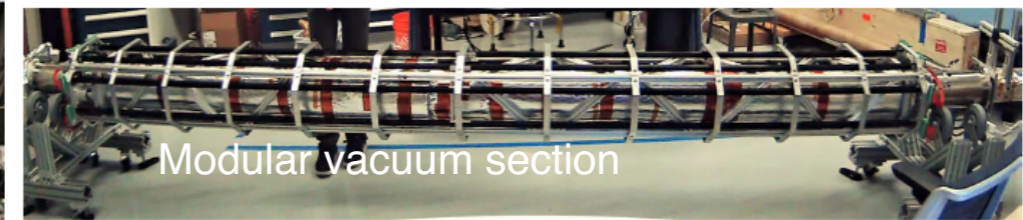
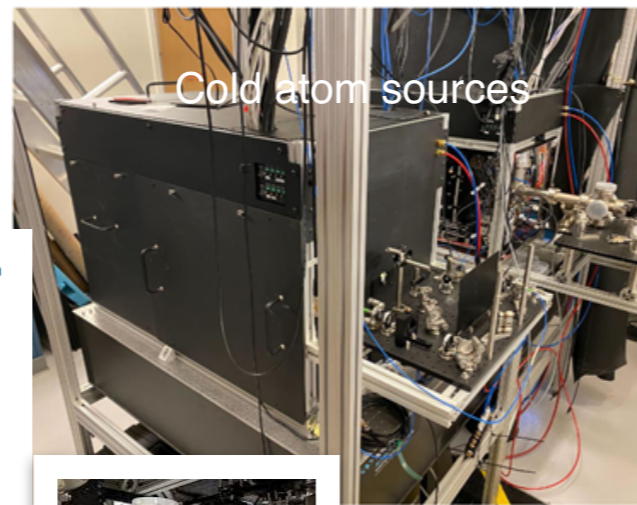


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Atom source

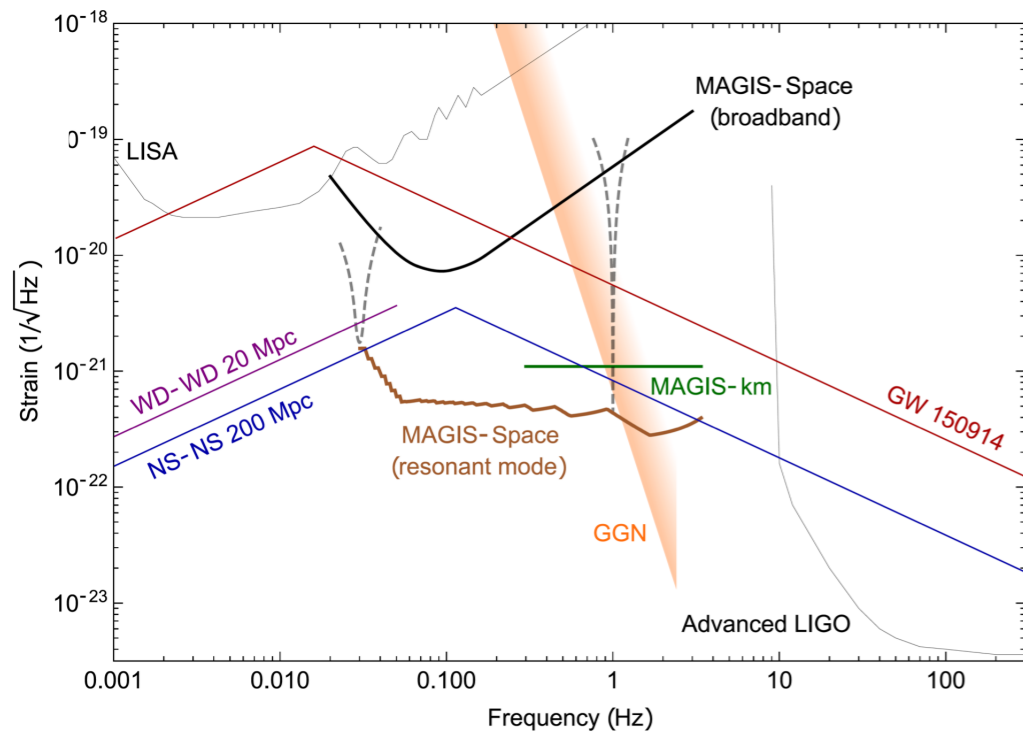
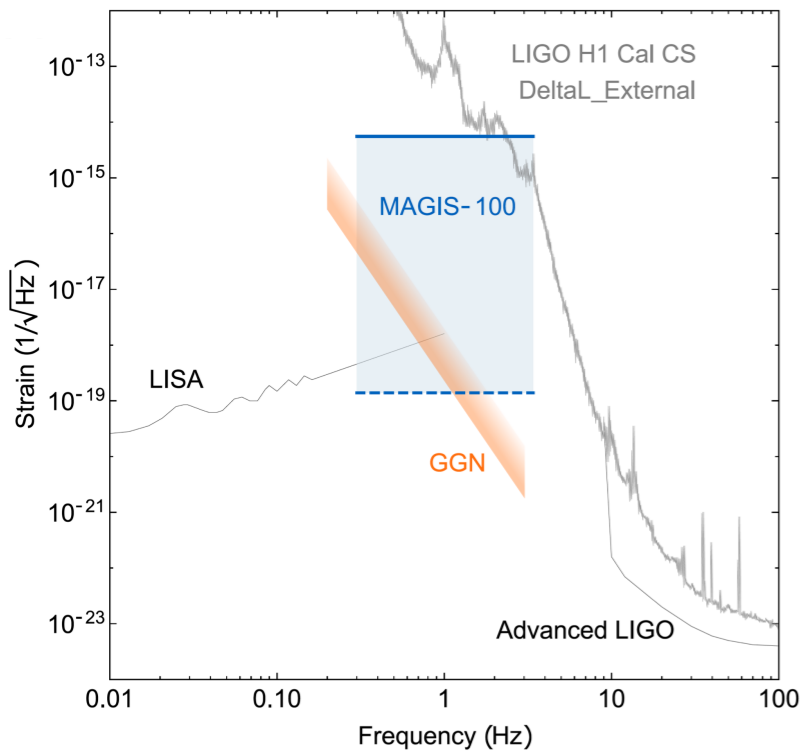
MAGIS-100 Experiment



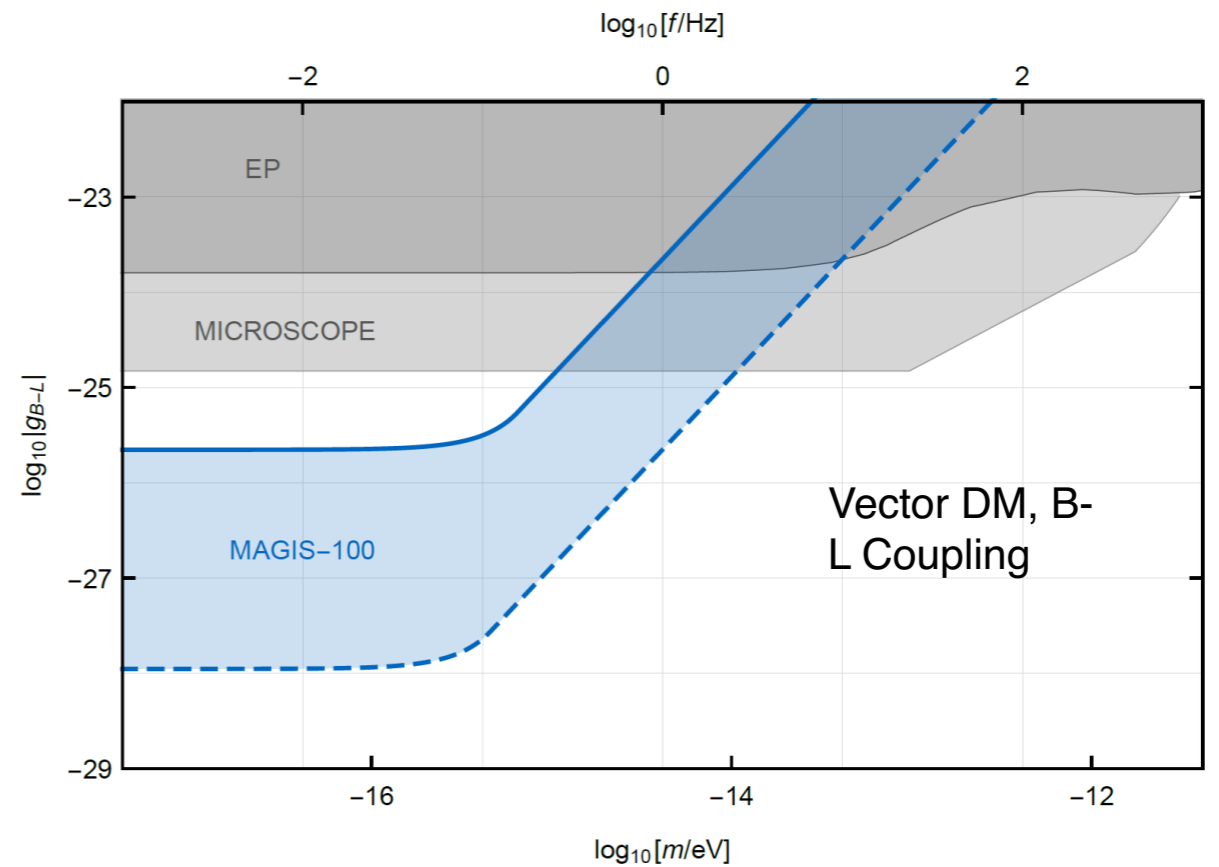
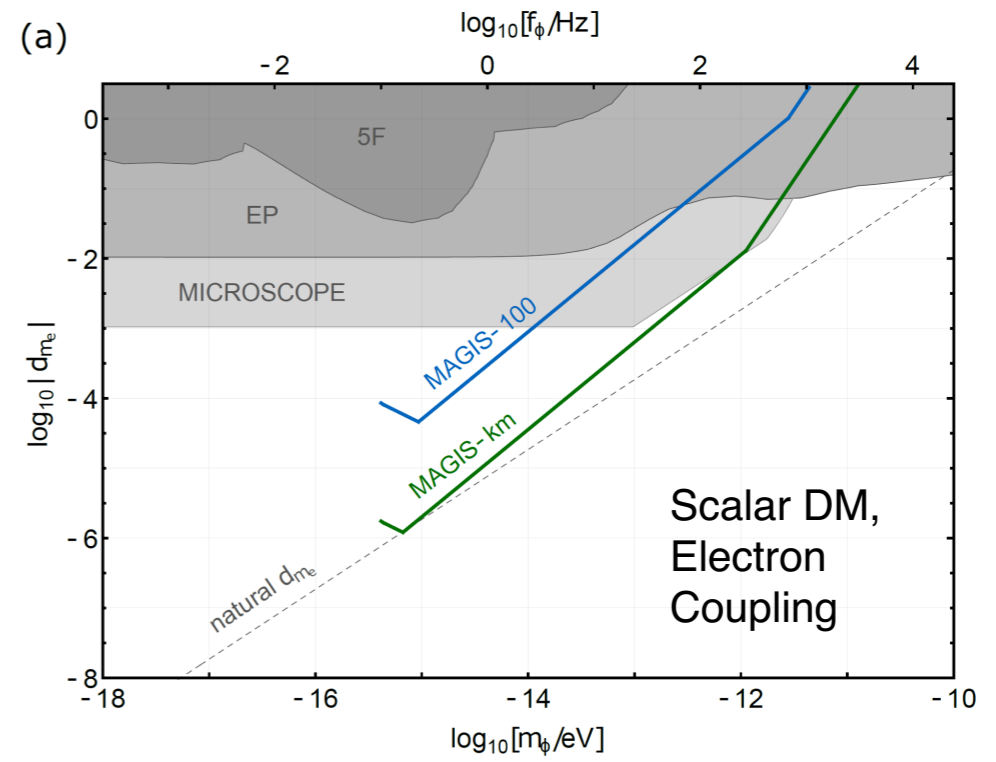
- 17 modules, each with magnetic shielding, vacuum pipe, current-carrying wires for generating bias magnetic field
- Laser lab at top of shaft (currently undergoing construction)
- Three Sr atom sources over 100 m baseline, local optical lattices can launch atoms from each source
- High-power laser system with agile frequency control, spatially filtered beam mode, and precisely controlled pointing via tip-tilt mirrors
- Construction and testing of subsystems underway

Sensitivity Goals

Gravitational Waves



Dark Matter



Plan and Design



A platform to test gravity theory with large scale atomic interferometers, gyros and optical clocks

- Equivalence Principle test
 - 10-m AIs, 240-m AI
- Clock Experiments
 - Sr clocks
- Rotation Measurement
 - 20-m gyros
- Gravitational Wave detection
 - AI array (\perp , \parallel), clocks
- Dark Matter detection
 - AI array (\perp , \parallel), clocks
- Geological and Geophysical measurement
 - gravimeters, seismometers

Currently, Phase I (240 m shaft + 1.4 km tunnel) is funded, and preliminary design is under way.

Research Roadmap

Building abilities

Item	Goal
AI baseline (Falling time)	240 m ($T \geq 6$ s)
Atom species for AI	^{85}Rb ^{87}Rb ^{87}Sr ^{88}Sr
Gravity measurement	1×10^{-12} g
Rotation measurement	8×10^{-12} rad/s
Stability of Sr/Yb clock	2×10^{-18}
Local gravity monitoring	1 μGal

Scientific Tests

Item	Goal
WEP test	$\eta \sim 10^{-13}$
Redshift test	$\alpha \sim 10^{-5}$
Lense-Thirring effect	$\sim 10^{-14}$ rad/s
Dark matter probe	$d \sim 10^{-4}$ @ 1 Hz
GW detection	$s \sim 10^{-19}$ @ 1 Hz

DM & GW

Item	Goal
Dark matter probe	$d \sim 10^{-6}$ @ 1 Hz
GW detection	$s \sim 10^{-21}$ @ 1 Hz



Phase I
2022 - 2027

Phase II:
2027 - 2035

Phase III
2035 -

ZAIGA

240 m Vertical AI
20 m Gyros
10 m Dual Rb/Sr AI
2E-18 Optical Clocks

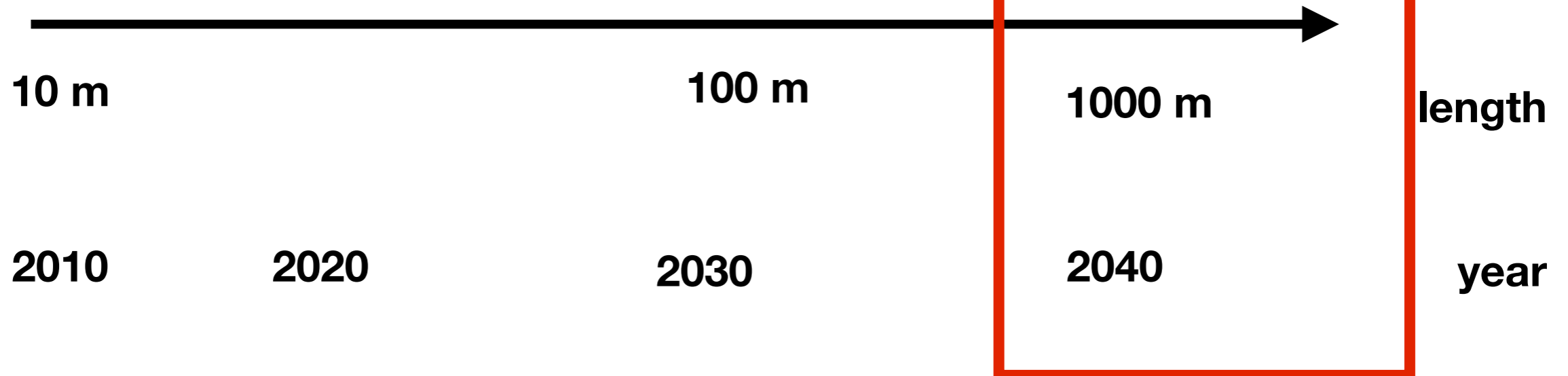
240 m Vertical AI array
 Δ 1000 m Horizontal AI array

\geq 3000 m Horizontal AI

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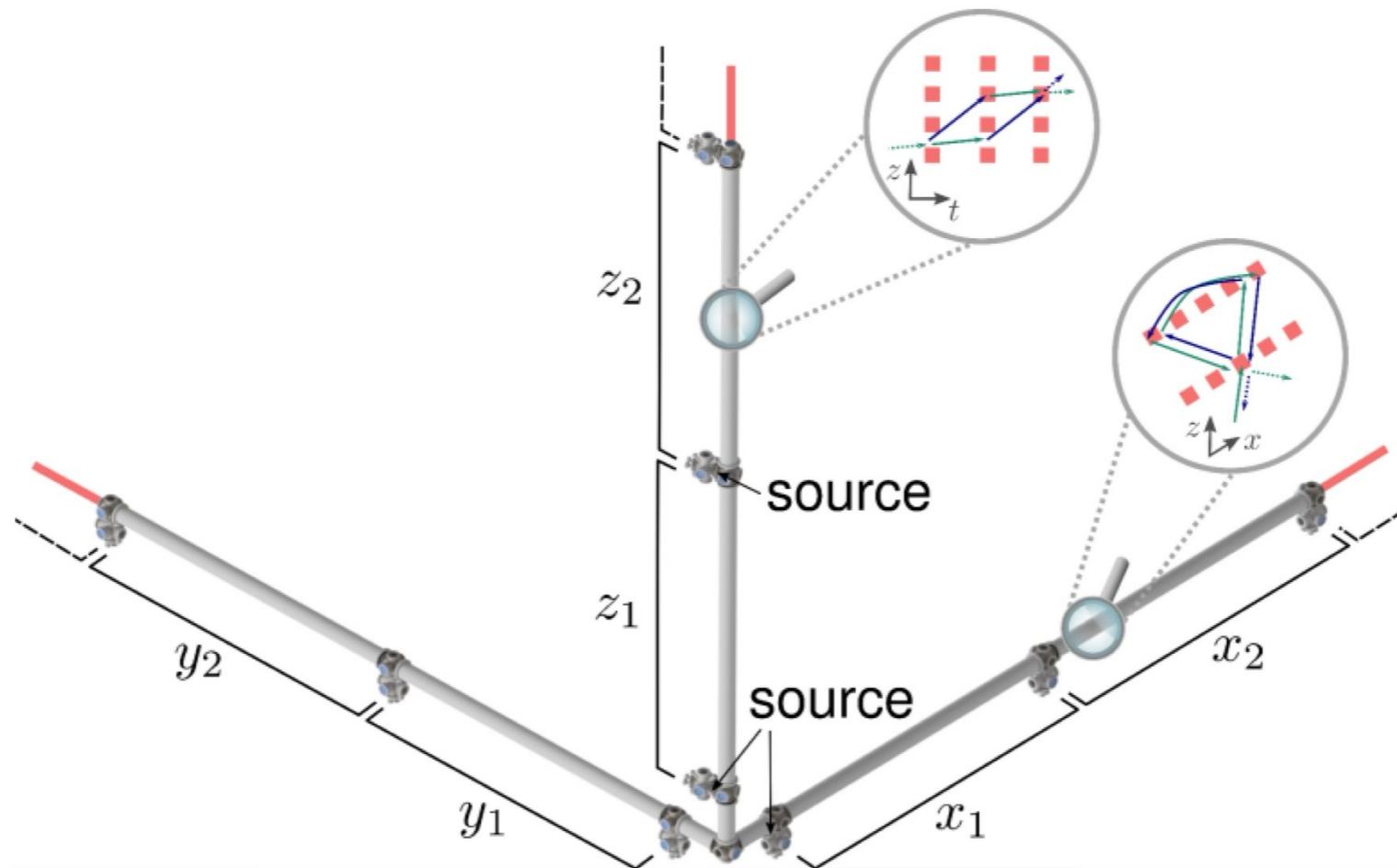
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European Laboratory for Gravitation and Atom-interferometric Research (ELGAR): concept study

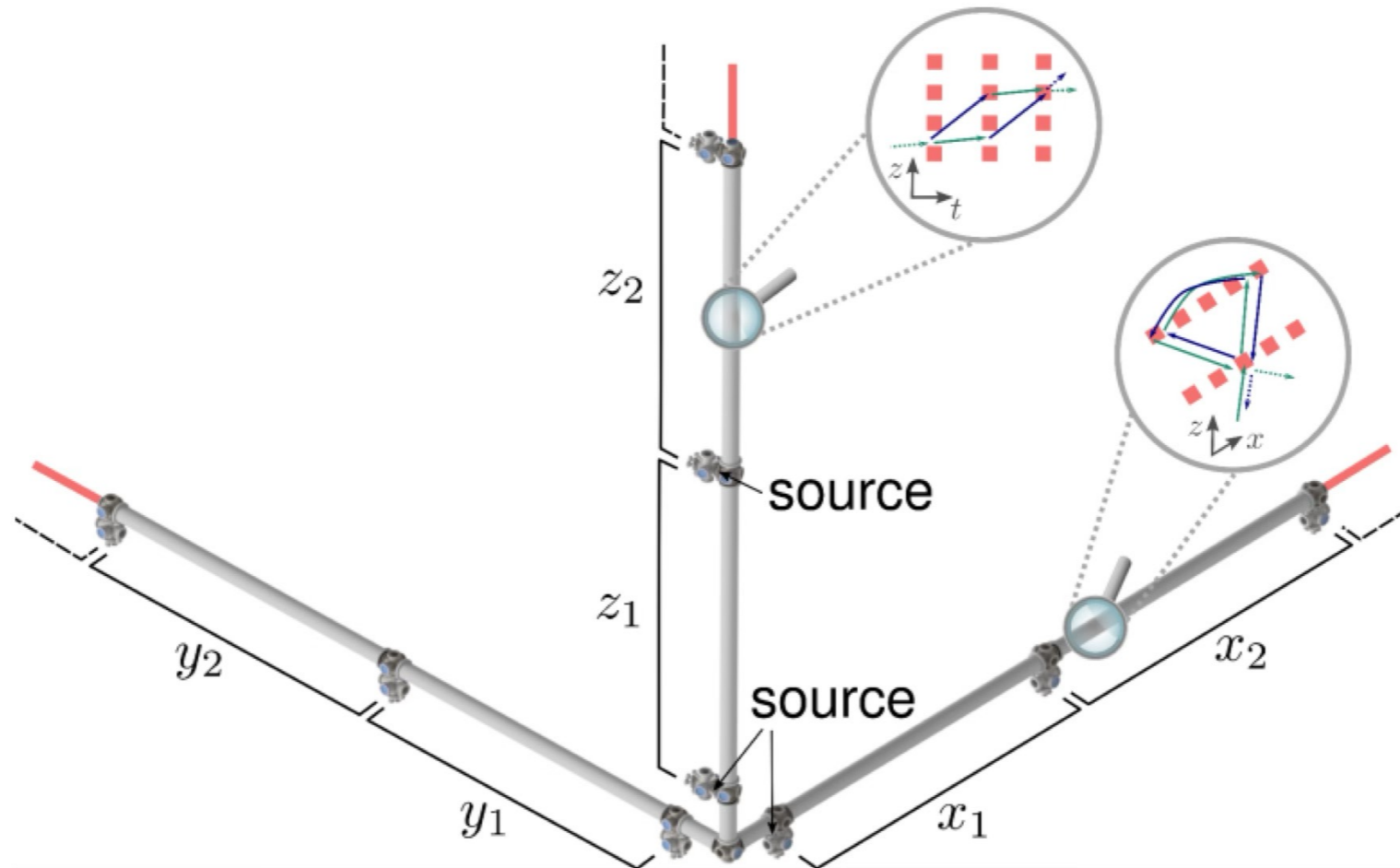
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7	Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V.	DLR	DE
8	Imperial College	ICL	UK
9	Universität Ulm	UULM	DE
10	Technische Universität Darmstadt	TUDa	DE
11	University of Southampton	SOTON	UK
12	European Gravitational Observatory	EGO	IT
13	Universiteit van Amsterdam	UVA	NL
14	Université de Toulouse	UT3	FR
15	Humboldt Universität zu Berlin	UBER	DE
16	King's College London	KCL	UK
17	University of Oxford	UOXF	UK
18	University of Cambridge	UCAM	UK
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The coordination of European research in the field to optimise efficiency, results and impacts. A plan to ensure the sustainability of the infrastructure at the crossing between fundamental physics, GW physics and geophysics.

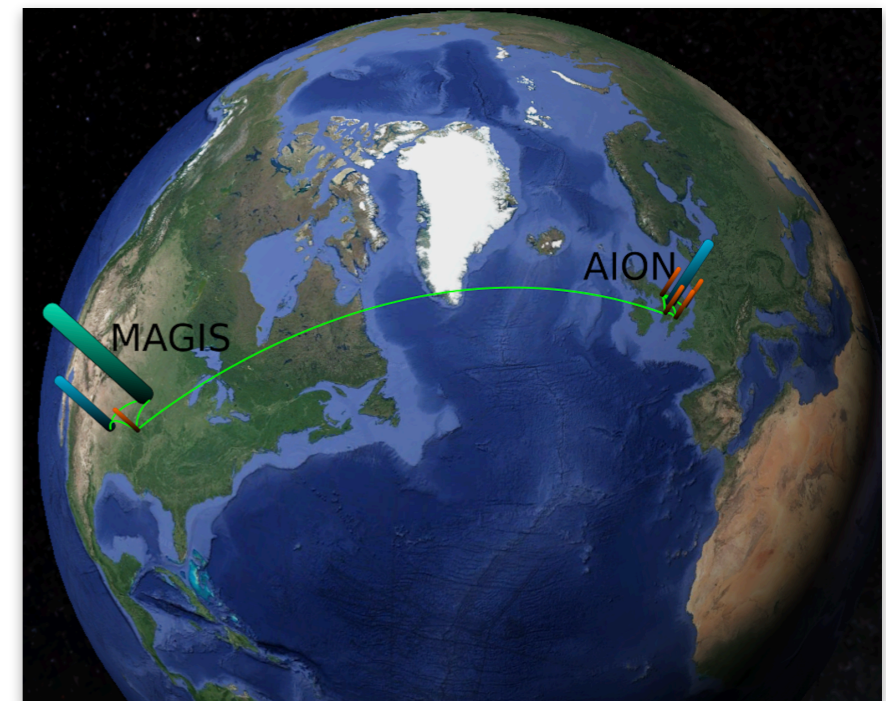
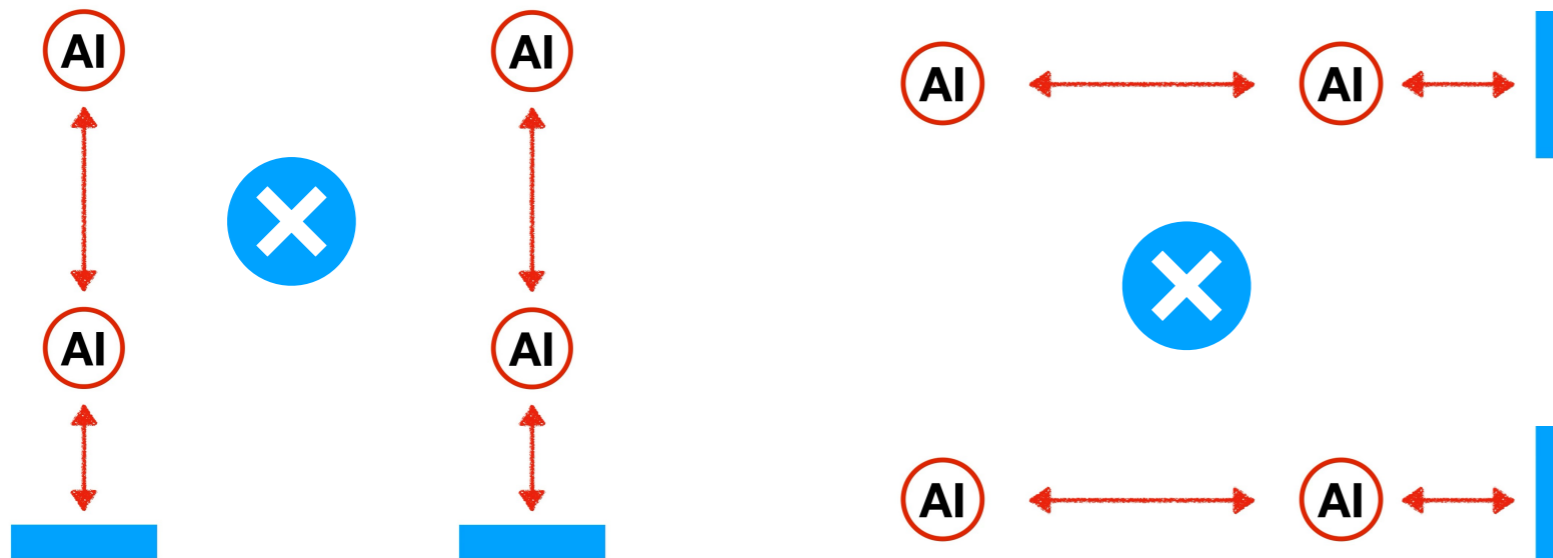
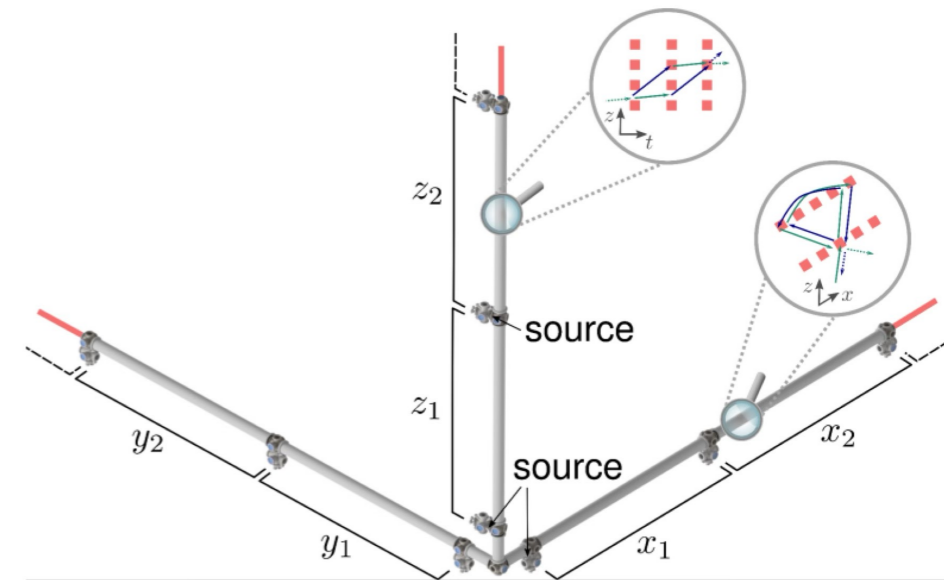
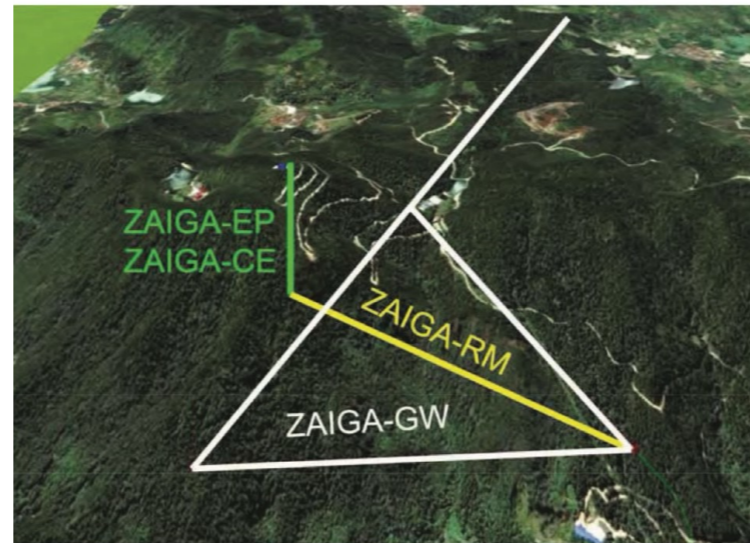
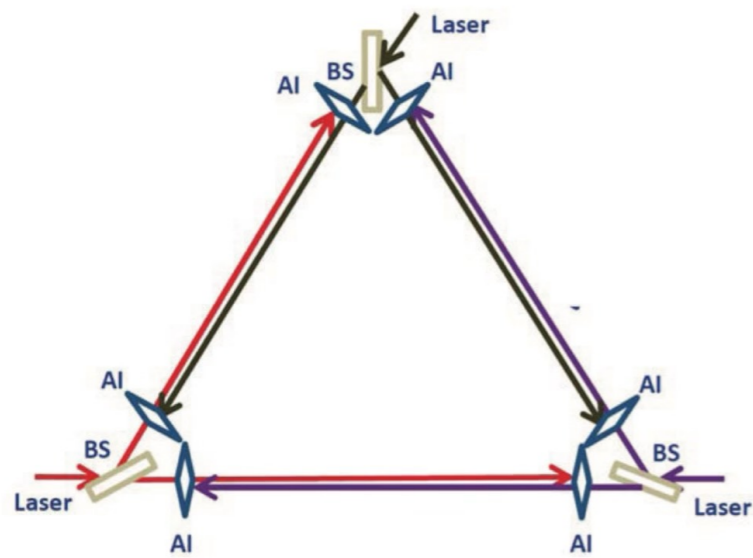
Exploitation of ELGAR's capacity to probe new models of DM and test fundamental physics.

A contribution to long-range plans and roadmaps for such infrastructure with decision-makers at the national level (e.g., RI funding and policy bodies), at European level (e.g., ESFRI, EU framework programmes) and internationally.

Correlation of VLBAIs

correlation of arms of one detector

correlation of several detectors (on one site / several sites)



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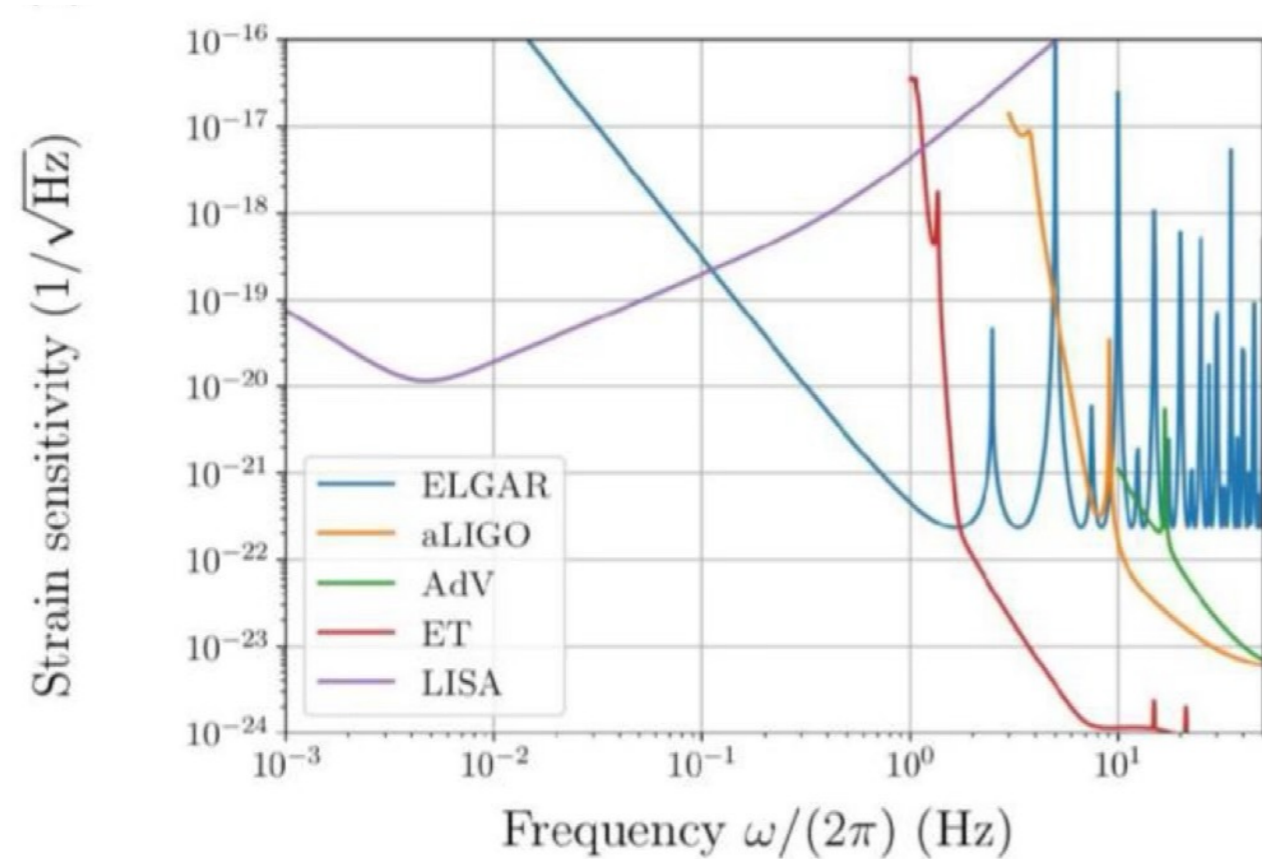


Table 1. Parameters of the ELGAR detector to reach a strain sensitivity of $10^{-22} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$ at the peak frequency of 1.7 Hz limited by atom shot noise.

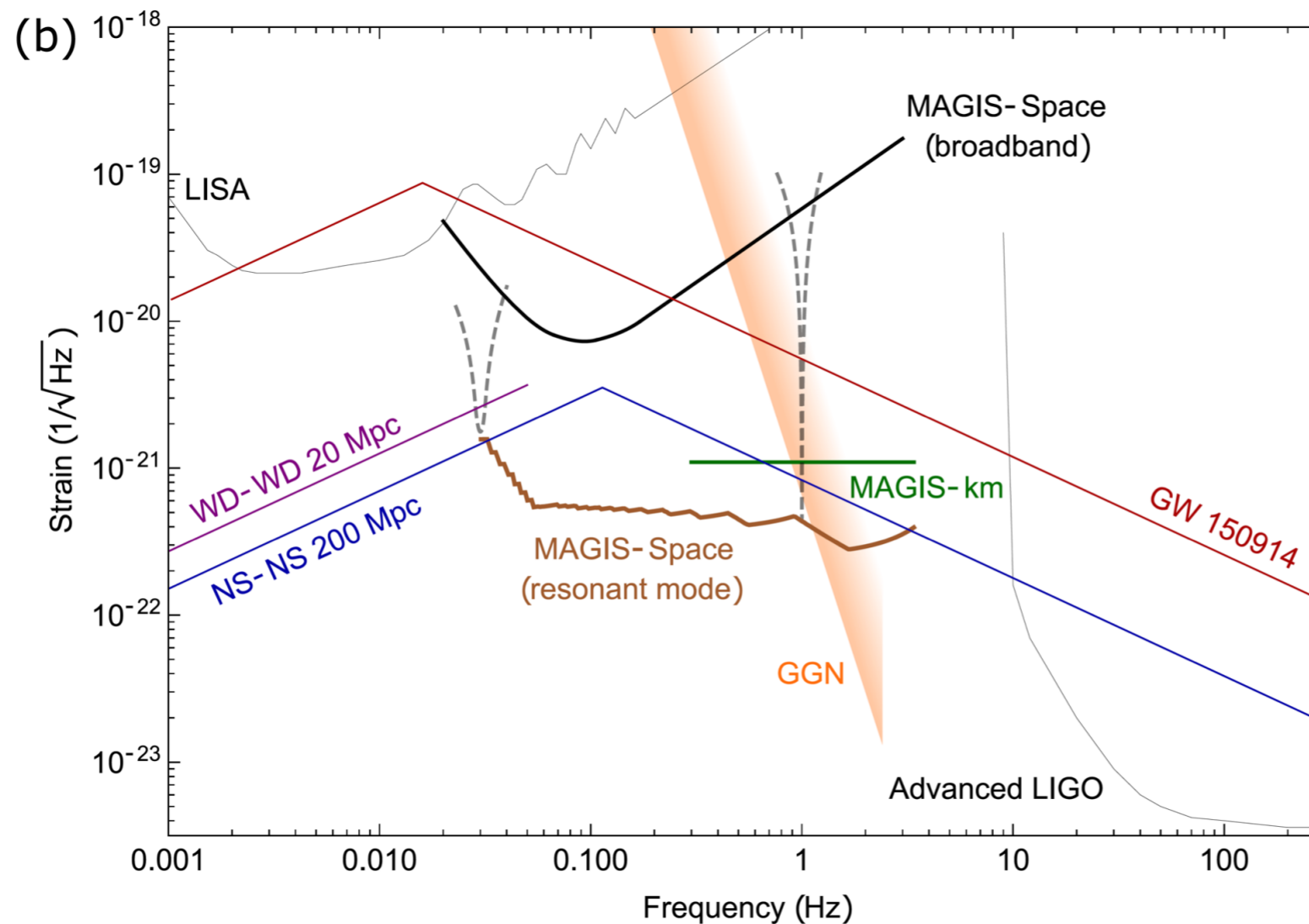
Atomic source	
Species	^{87}Rb
Loading source	2D + MOT
Equivalent atomic flux ^a	$1 \times 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1}$
Ensemble type	Ultracold source
Expansion velocity ($T_{\text{eff}} \approx 100 \text{ pK}$)	$100 \mu\text{m s}^{-1}$
Vertical launching velocity	4 m s^{-1}
Cloud size ^b	16 mm
Detector	
Single gradiometer	
Configuration	Double loop, four pulses
Interrogation time	$4T = 800 \text{ ms}$
Atom optics	Sequential Bragg
Momentum transfer	$2n = 1000 \hbar k$
Baseline	$L = 16.3 \text{ km}$
Peak strain sensitivity (at 1.7 Hz)	$4.1 \times 10^{-21} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$
Full detector	
Number of gradiometers per arm	$N = 80$
Gradiometer separation	$\delta = 200 \text{ m}$
Total baseline	$L_T = 32.1 \text{ km}$
Peak strain sensitivity (at 1.7 Hz)	$3.3 \times 10^{-22} \text{ Hz}^{-1/2}$

^a $1 \times 10^{10} \text{ s}^{-1} + 20 \text{ dB}$ squeezing (in variance) or $1 \times 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

^bAssuming 10 interleaved interferometers, 1×10^9 atoms and 20 dB squeezing.

Scaling of vertical VLBAIs (MAGIS/AION, ELGAR?)

Experiment	(Proposed) site	Baseline L (m)	LMT atom optics n	Atom sources	Phase noise $\delta\phi$ (rad/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$)
Sr prototype tower	Stanford	10	10^2	2	10^{-3}
MAGIS-100 (initial)	Fermilab (MINOS shaft)	100	10^2	3	10^{-3}
MAGIS-100 (final)	Fermilab (MINOS shaft)	100	4×10^4	3	10^{-5}
MAGIS-km	Homestake mine (SURF)	2000	4×10^4	40	10^{-5}
MAGIS-space	Medium earth orbit (MEO)	4×10^7	10^3	2	10^{-4}



Science applications of TVLBAI

Atom interferometry: Large momentum transfer techniques

Atom sources: Scaling atom number and temperature

Squeezing for atom interferometry

Atom interferometry: Metrology & Systematics

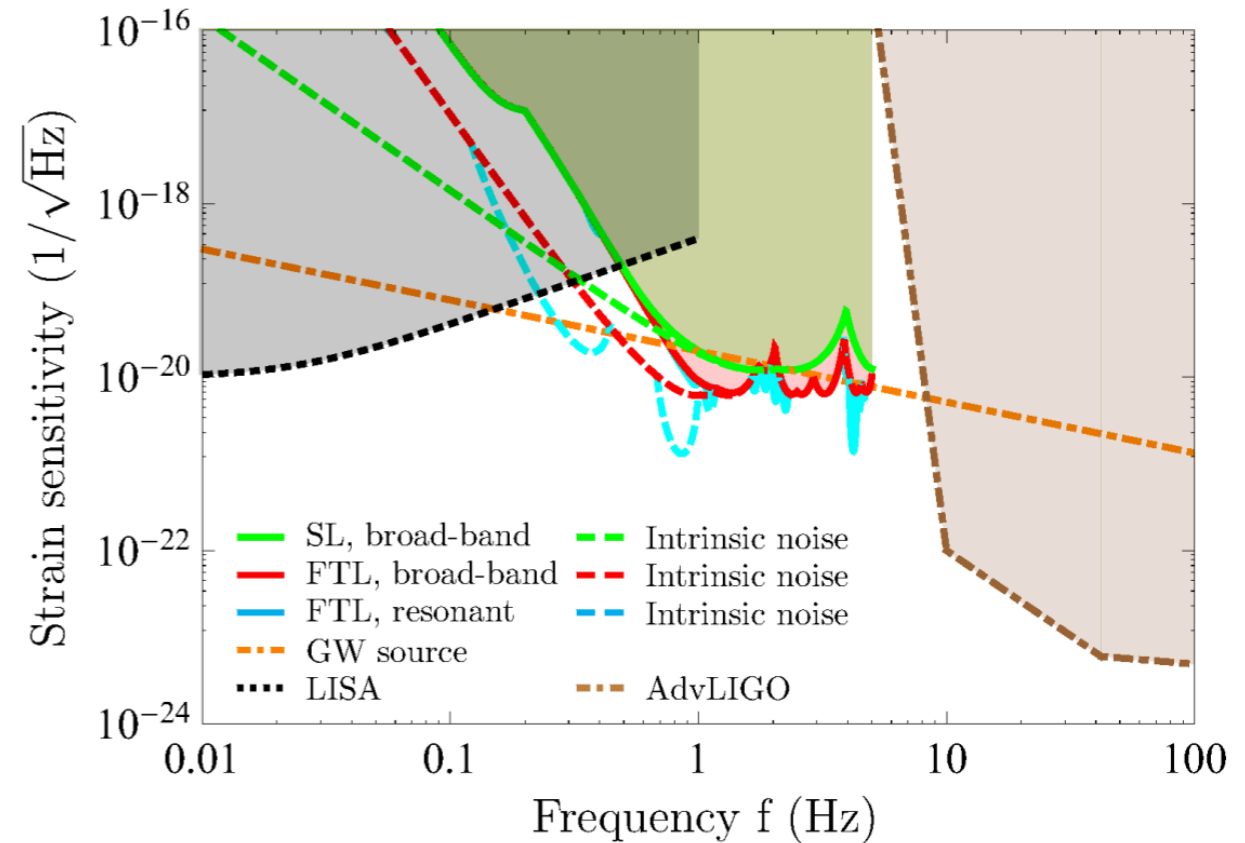
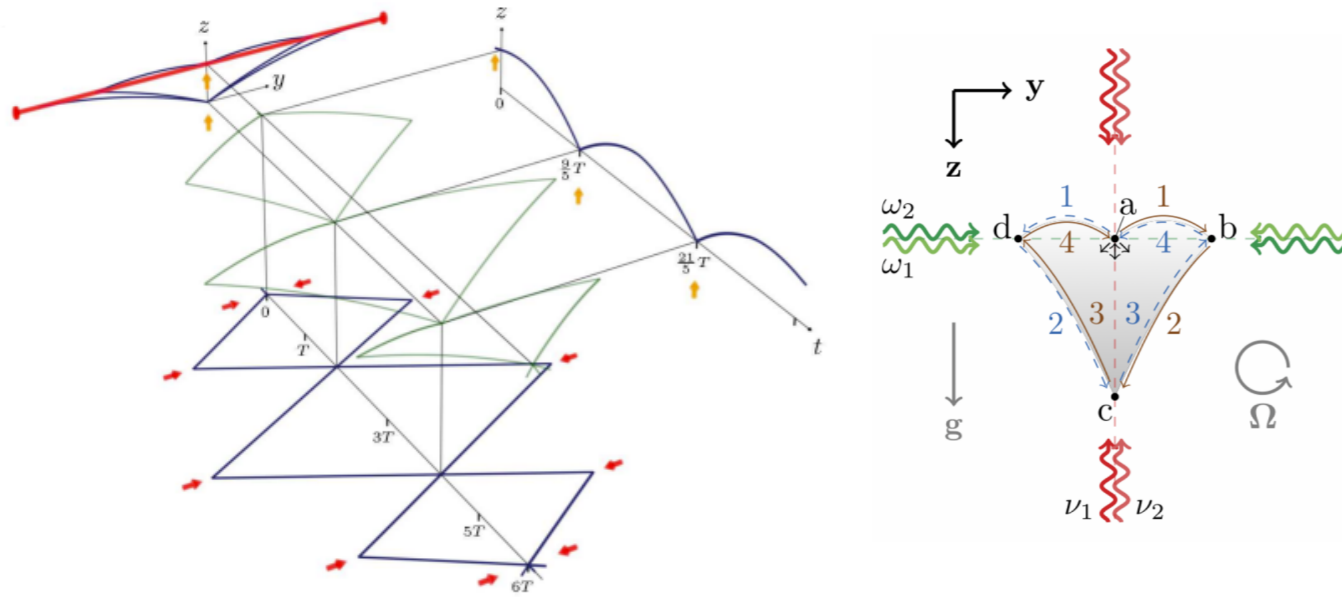
Engineering Challenges for a large-scale AI

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Large momentum transfer techniques

Multi-loop geometry proposed for GWD/ELGAR



Anticipated parameters:

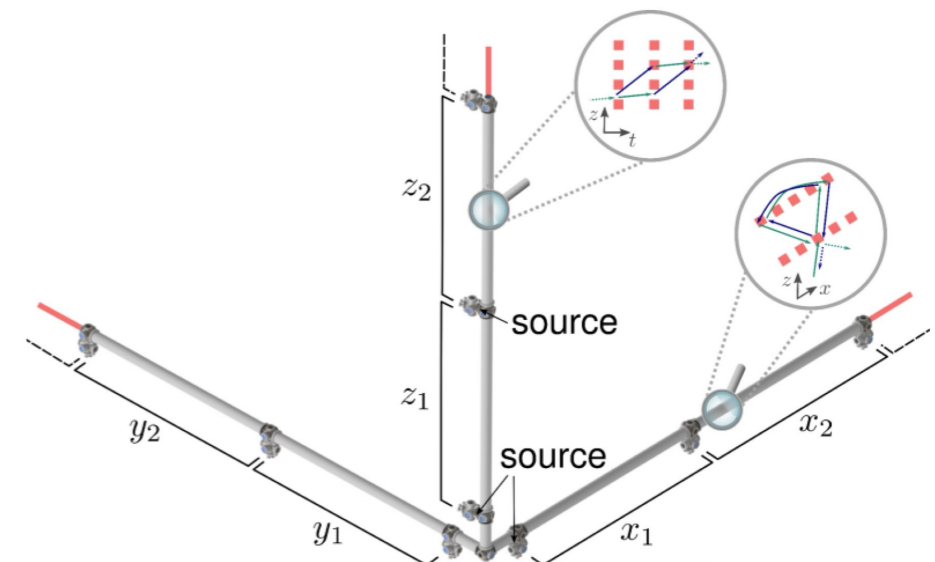
- Effective wave vector: $K \sim 2000 \cdot 2\pi / (780 \text{ nm})$ for Rb87
- Free evolution time: $T = [0.21 \text{ s}, 0.27 \text{ s}, 0.3 \text{ s}]$
- Cycle rate: 10 Hz
- Phase noise: $\sigma_\phi = 1 \mu\text{rad Hz}^{-1/2}$
- Baseline: $L = 10 \text{ km}$

Ground based

[C. Schubert, D. Schlippert, S. Abend, E. Giese, A. Roura, W. P. Schleich, W. Ertmer, and E. M. Rasel, Scalable, symmetric atom interferometer for infrasound gravitational wave detection, arXiv:1909.01951]

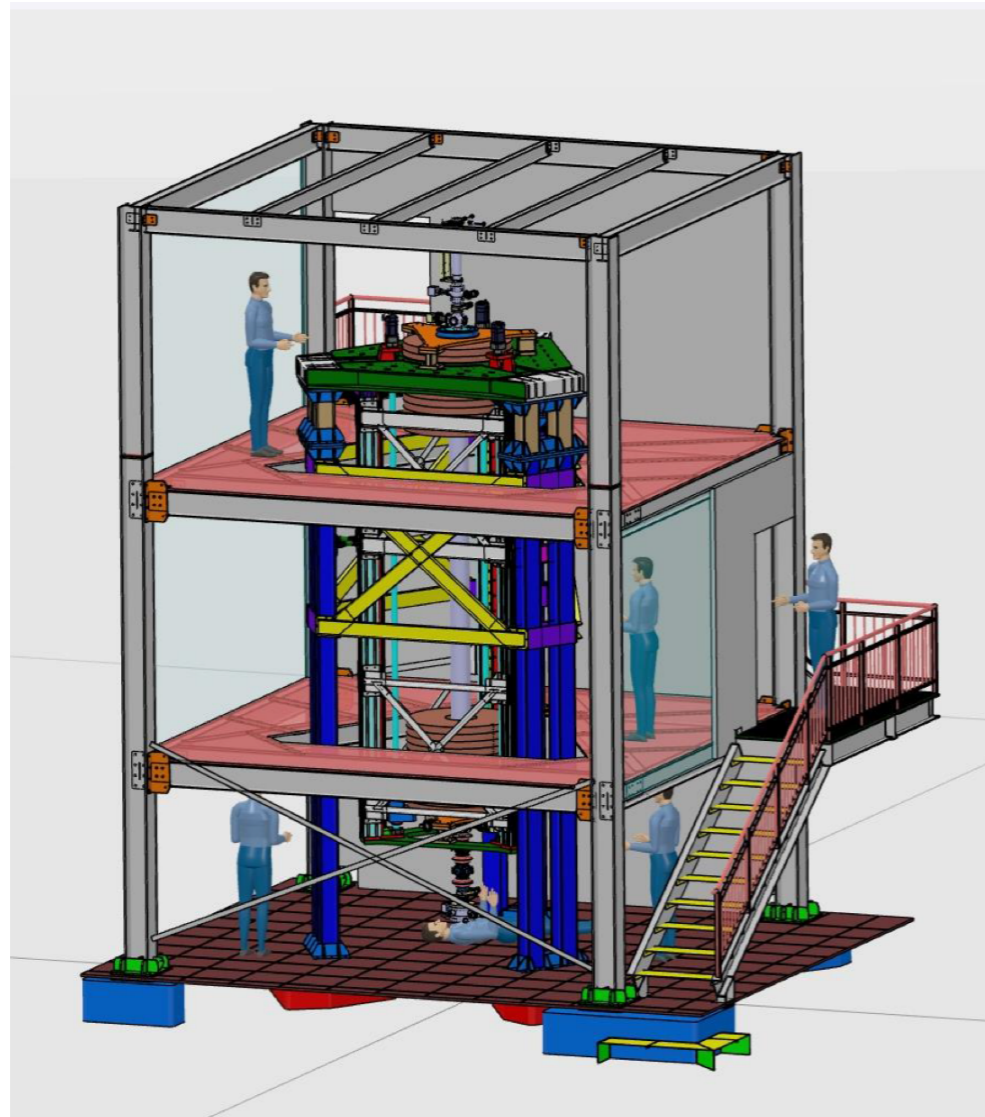
Space based

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Atom interferometry: Metrology & Systematics

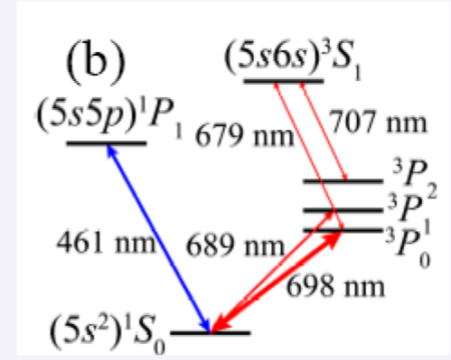
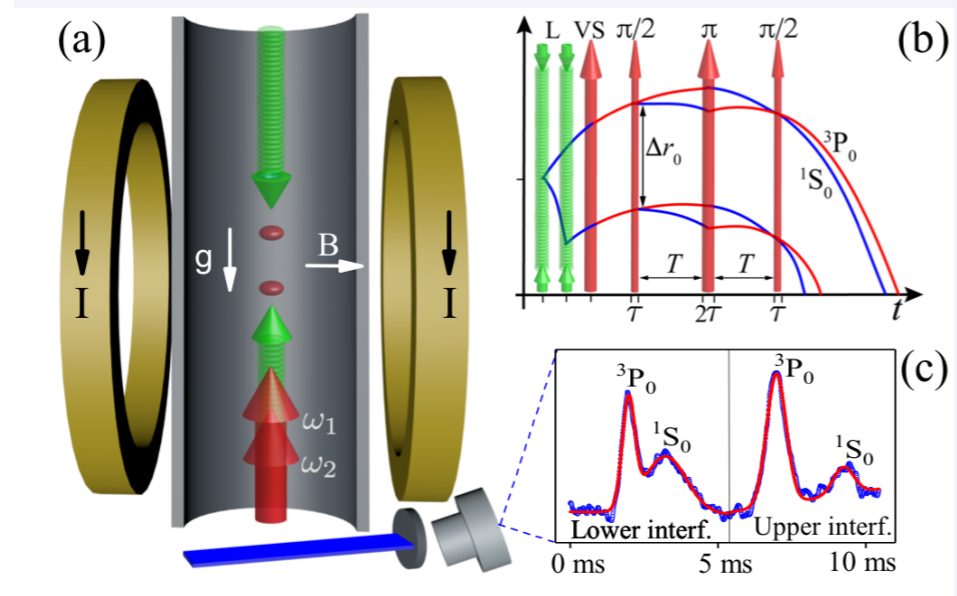
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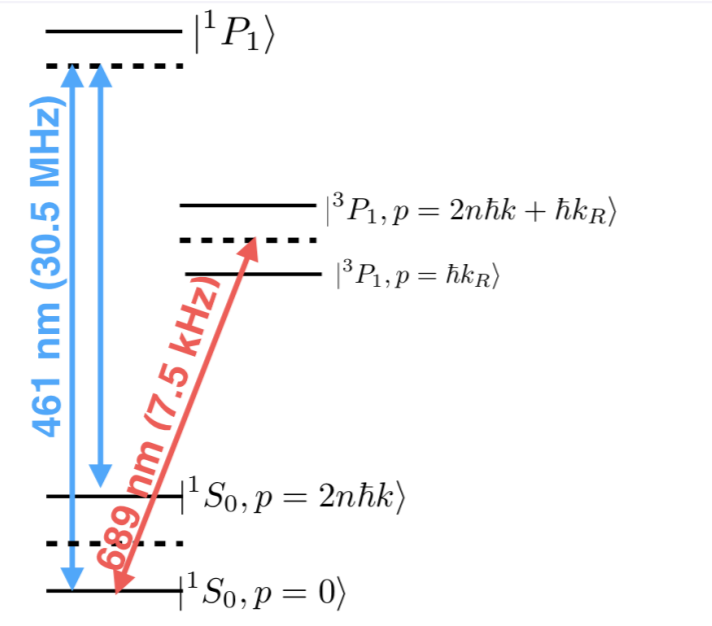
(MEASuring the Gravitational constant with Atom interferometry for Novel fundamental physics TEsts)

- Height 8 m, basement 5x4 m²
- Independent foundations (reduced vibration noise)
- Interferometer region length: 4.5 m

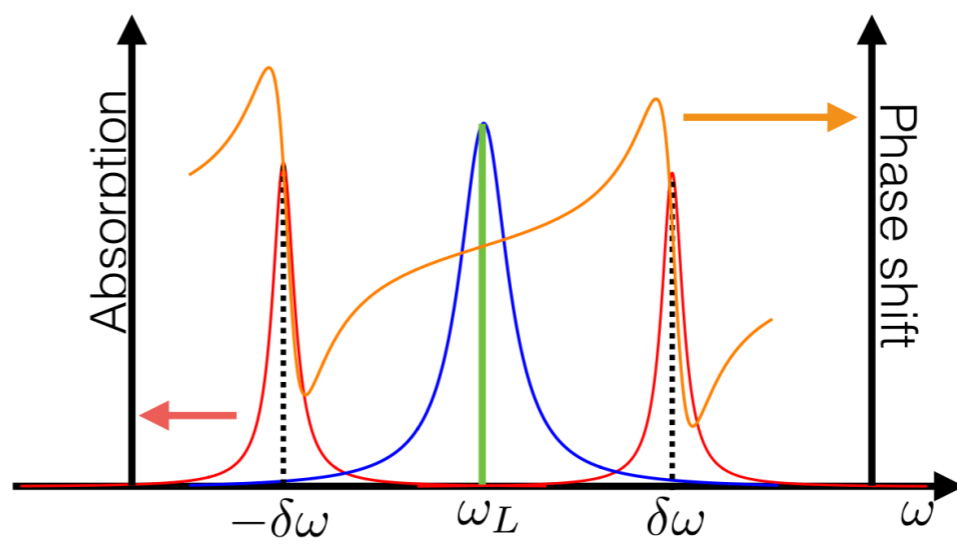
Squeezed momentum states generated from Sr clock states



- ⁸⁸Sr isotope
- B=300 G → Δν=20 μHz
- Rabi frequency Ω ~ 1kHz



Frequency splitting from Doppler effect
 $\delta\omega = 2\pi n \times 28.6 \text{ kHz}$



Condition for dispersive regime:
 $\delta\omega \gg \Gamma$

terrestrial very long baseline atom interferometers activities, length and implementation period

Stanford tower

Wuhan tower

MIGA-10

MIGA-150

ZAIGA- 250

VLBAI

ZAIGA

MAGIS-10

ELGAR-concept

ELGAR

MAGIS

MAGIS-100

AION-10

AION-100



10 m

100 m

1000 m

length

2000

2010

2020

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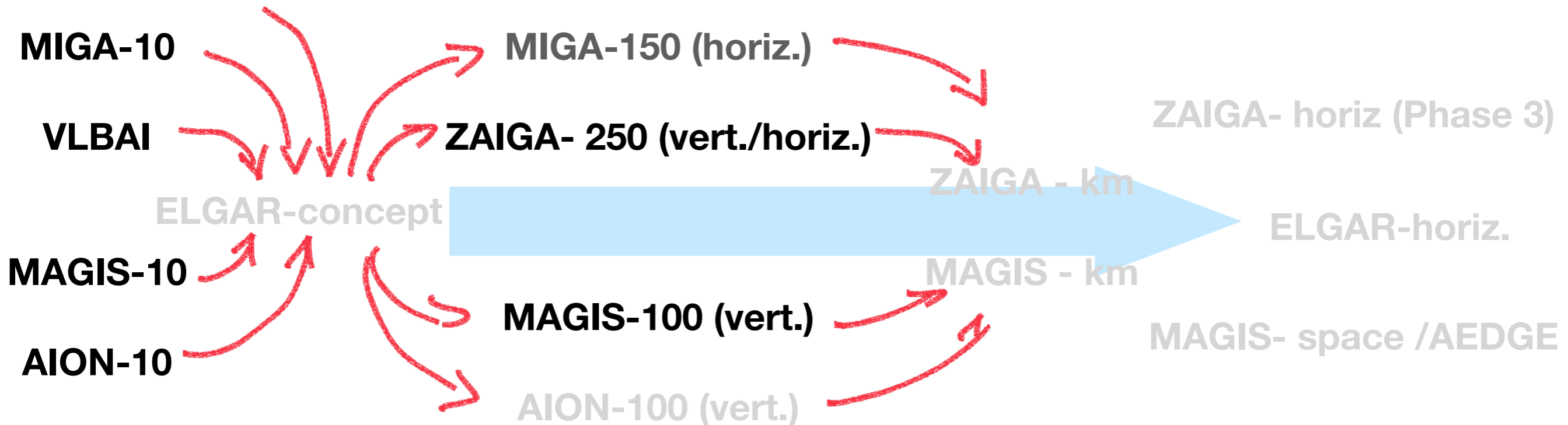
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year

long term strategy for road map

for a new infrastructure, to complement and enlarge the detection bandwidth of planned and existing laser-based GW antennae on Earth and in space

Stanford tower
Wuhan tower



How could a roadmap for bridging the sensitivity gap look-like ?

How long vertical detectors can be ?

How many photon recoils be transferred in horizontal detectors ?

technically and strategic questions

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Is the development of MIGA-150 and AION-100 assured ?

Relation between MIGA-150, AION-100 and ELGAR ?

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