

# PARTICLE ACCELERATORS TO MEET GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

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## Abstract

The observation of the Higgs boson by the LHC (2012), and the direct detection of gravitational waves from a coalescing binary system by LIGO (2015) marked the end of long-standing efforts, and the dawn of a new era where both Particle Accelerator (PA) and Gravitational Wave (GW) Physics, may further advance capitalizing on ideas and technologies developed by the other party.

## INTRODUCTION

The CERN SRGW2021 workshop [1], where storage-rings/colliders as GW sources/detectors were discussed, and the ICTP and CERN workshops [2, 3], focused on high frequency (HF) GWs, set the stage for future cooperations between PA and GW Physicists. Here is a minimal review of relevant ideas and references.

## GW SPECTRAL COVERAGE

The two US LIGOs [4] the EU Virgo [5] and the (cryogenic, underground) Japanese KAGRA [6] are the four legs of the LIGO-Virgo-Kagra (LVK) Observatory, featuring (albeit limited) direction-of-arrival and source-reconstruction capabilities. Addition of a LIGO-clone in India [7] is foreseen<sup>1</sup>. Seismic noise (at low frequencies) and laser shot noise (at high frequencies) limit the observational window of these instruments to (20 - 200 Hz) where the noise floor is dominated by thermal noise in the mirrors terminating the interferometer arms. Next-gen Earth-bound interferometric detectors, such as the Einstein Telescope (ET) [12], and the Cosmic Explorer [13], with lower noises and improved source-localization/reconstruction capabilities, will be similarly limited in terms of spectral coverage.

Observing lower frequency GWs will be possible with the advent of LISA [14], a large scale ( $2.5 \cdot 10^6$  km arm-length) space-borne interferometric detector, planned for launch in 2037, following the remarkable success of its pathfinder mission [15]. A comparable Chinese project [16], and a smaller-scale (three drag-free satellites in Earth orbit) Japanese project [17] are underway; and further developments are envisaged [18].

Pulsar-timing [19], eventually, will open a window on the extreme low-frequency segment of the GW spectrum; several international Teams are already gathering data [20–25], and early results may be expected in a few years.

Overall, the spectral coverage of running and planned GW detection experiment is shown in Fig. 1 [26].

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<sup>1</sup> Smaller scale interferometers are currently used as technology testbeds, including GEO-600 [8], TAMA-300 [9], CLIO [10], and the Caltech-40m [11].

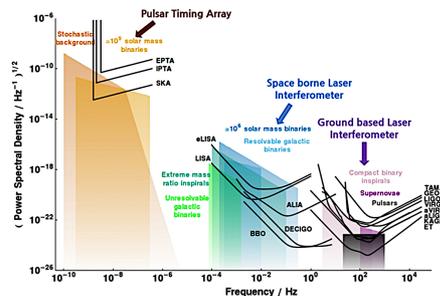


Figure 1: GW spectral coverage of mainstream GW detectors: expected source bands and strain spectral densities (credit L.H. Park).

## PA AS GW SOURCES/DETECTORS

Old and new ideas on particle accelerators as GW sources or detectors have been reviewed in a recent Meeting at CERN [27]. Betatron motion response to an incoming GW [28], its enhancement by proper lattice design, and possible tuning to a specific steady GW source (e.g., PSR B0531 + 21) have been discussed [29]. A preliminary analysis of the noise budget of a MHz-GW detector based on accurate longitudinal orbit-timing in a coasting-beam SR has been proposed [30]. The claim that relic GW may produce a continued, ring-size independent shrinkage in SR circumference [31], perhaps already observed [32], has been reconsidered.

Revised estimates of gravitational synchrotron radiation [33], both direct (at  $\omega_{circ}$ ), and indirect (by Gershtensteyn conversion of EM synchrotron radiation, at  $\gamma^3 \omega_{circ}$ ), have been presented [34, 35]; detectability has been discussed.

### Technology Cross-Breeding

GW detectors based on matter (e.g., ultracold Sr atom beams) rather than light interferometry may greatly benefit from PA technologies, and may target the 0.01 to 1 Hz range [36]. At least two such experiments are under active development [37, 38]. Housing of a prototype in an LHC access is being considered [39].

On the other hand, it has been suggested that GW detector technology achievements, notably in the fields of, extreme metrology [40] and noise control [41], may open new perspective in hadronic/nuclear cross-sections measurements [42].

## HF GW SOURCES/DETECTORS

Potential HF GW sources<sup>2</sup> are being actively investigated (Fig. 2). See Ref. [44] for a recent review. The related estimates, however, are still very speculative.

<sup>2</sup> It would be good, to avoid misunderstandings, to use the HF shorthand in compliance with std. usage in Electromagnetics, where the *ELF, SLF, ULF, VLF, LF, MF, HF, VHF, UHF, SHF, EHF, THF* spectral bands span a frequency decade each, and the HF band starts at 3 MHz [43].

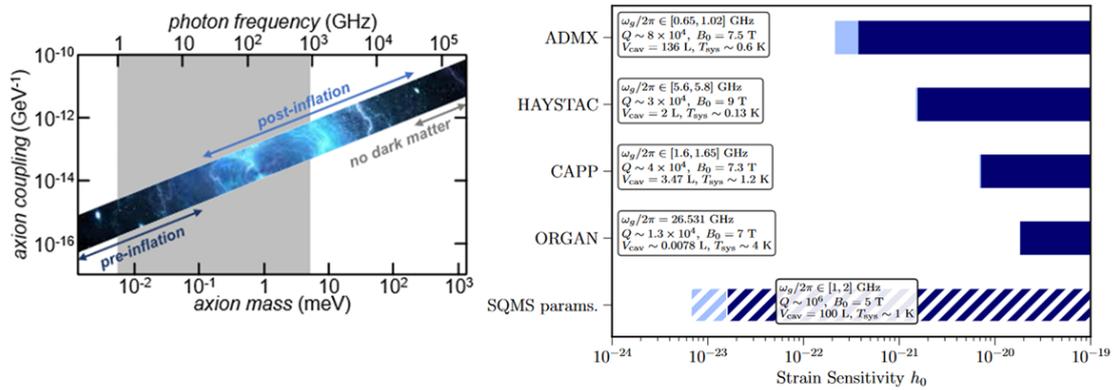


Figure 2: Left: Axion mass, coupling, and photon-frequency (Primakoff-conversion). The grey zone corresponds to active experiments; the diagonal band to possible QCD (Peccei-Quinn) generation mechanisms (credit: F. Paolucci & F. Giazotto). Right: extrapolated GW strain sensitivity of some axion experiments (credit: A. Berlin et al.).

Before the first bunch of coalescing-binary detections, we faced similar uncertainties about the relevant event rates and source parameter distributions. A pragmatic approach [45], aimed at operating/improving available HF GW detectors to set upper bounds on natural HF GW emission(s) seems advisable.

### HF GW Detectors: Optical Interferometers

Laser interferometers designed to work at 10-100 MHz, with typical fractional bandwidth  $10^{-3}$  were first proposed in [46], and built [47] around 2010.

Correlation between conceptually similar co-located instruments with 40 m arm-length, originally designed to probe quantum-geometrical fluctuations of spacetime [48], has been used to set an upper limit on the stochastic GW energy density in the 1-10 MHz band [49], and to rule out the existence of multi-harmonic sources (eccentric binaries and string loops) above a GW-strain level  $\sim 10^{-21}\text{Hz}^{-1/2}$  in the same band [50]. An improved apparatus is under development at Cardiff University [51].

### HF GW Detectors: RF Resonators

High frequency GW sources and detectors based on Gertshteyn effect [52] (photon  $\longleftrightarrow$  graviton conversion in a strong magnetic field) have been studied in depth by the Russian School [53, 54]. Different EM detectors of GWs have been proposed (see Ref. [55] for a recent review) exploiting the interaction of a GW with the cavity walls and/or the equivalent vacuum dielectric properties (depending on the GW frequency, different gauges may provide handier descriptions of these interactions [56]). In particular both HF-GW [57–59] and LF-GW detectors [60, 61] (Fig. 3) have been studied and prototyped [62–64], and are likely worth further work, in view of advances in key technologies.

### HF GW Detectors: ALP Experiments

Remarkably, experiments aimed at exploring the spectrum of Axion-like particles (ALP) are also based on high-Q EM resonators [65], in view of the analogy between Gertshteyn and Primakoff effect [66]. These experiments may



Figure 3: The 2005 MAGO detector cavities and coupling tuner (credit R. Ballantini et al.).

be used to place limits on natural GW radiation in various bands of the HF-GW spectrum, almost at no added cost [67, 68]. Upper limits on (stochastic) GWs in the frequency bands  $(2.7 \text{ to } 14) \cdot 10^{14}$  Hz and  $(5 \text{ to } 12) \cdot 10^{18}$  Hz, have been already obtained from data gathered by axion experiments [69].

### HF GW Detectors: Other

Two other promising (relatively) new ideas for HF-GW detectors, based respectively on optically levitated microspheres/disks, and on HF phonon trapping in bulk-acoustic resonators are being pursued. Such detectors are relatively narrowband, but can be tuned over wide frequency ranges, spanning respectively the LF [70] and HF to UHF band [71].

### HF GW Hertz Experiment?

The feasibility of a GW-based Hertz experiment based on Gertshteyn effect has been repeatedly discussed [72]. Back in 1991, in a mantic discussion about GW-based Communications, John D. Kraus (a father of Radioastronomy) suggested that a key to succeed in such a dream would be matching the extremely low GW vacuum impedance [73]. Twenty years later, Ray W. Chiao suggested that superconductors may act as GW mirrors, as an effect of WEP violation by Cooper-pairs [74]. Albeit still controversial – see Ref. [75] for a discussion and an alternative derivation – Chiao’s claim, if experimentally confirmed, could be a game-changer [76].

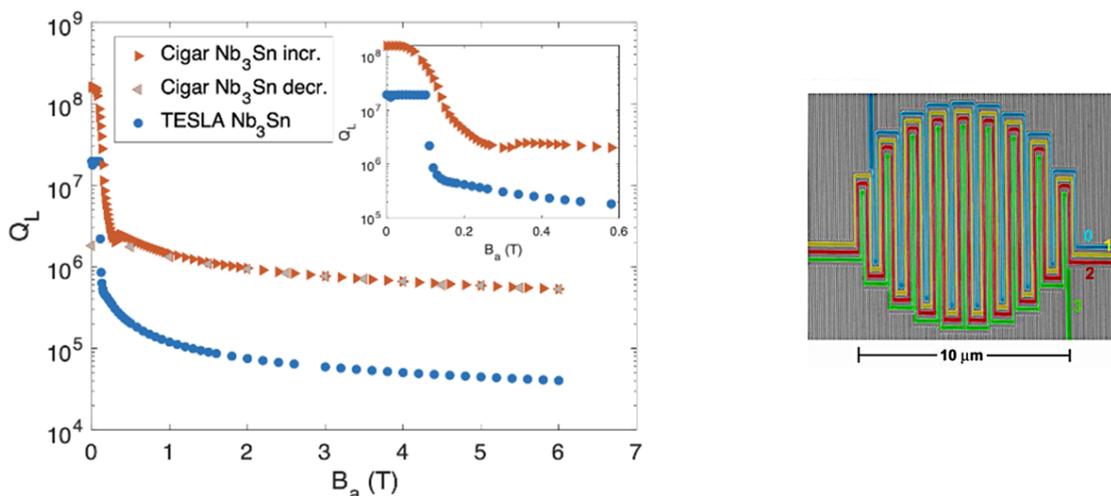


Figure 4: Left: Loaded  $Q$  of different SC RF cavities vs applied magnetic field w. increasing/decreasing amplitude (credit S. Posen et al.). Right: SEM image of superconducting-nanowire single-photon detector (credit K. Ilin).

## CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES

Advances in the following areas, at the intersection between the PA and GW realms, will be of special value :

- SC RF Technologies - These have been crucial for colliders [77], and will be also for future GW/ALP detectors [65]. GHz-SC resonators with  $Q > 10^{10}$  are currently manufactured [78]; Nb<sub>3</sub>Sn or NbTi cavities (in a vortex state) may host large magnetic fields ( $B \sim 10$  T) with  $Q > 10^5$  (Fig. 4) [79].
- Single Photon Detectors (SPD) - They are developing along several directions (SNSPD, SPAD, TES). SPDs for THz [80] and GHz [81] operation are now available.
- Large Magnetic Fields – steady operation of hybrid (SC/resistive) DC magnets at  $B \sim 45$  T has been achieved [82]; pulsed (15 msec fields  $\sim 100$  T are now routinely generated [83]. Localized giant ( $\sim 10^3$  T) pulsed fields (via magnetically-driven implosion) have been demonstrated [84].

## CONCLUSIONS

We believe that enhanced interaction between PA and GW Scientists would trigger important developments for Astroparticle Physics, and should be actively pursued.

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