

# Dark Matter Searches in Gravitational Wave Detectors

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C.-H. Lee, C. S. Nugroho [arXiv:2007.07908] and  
C.-H. Lee, R. Primulando [arXiv:2208.06232]



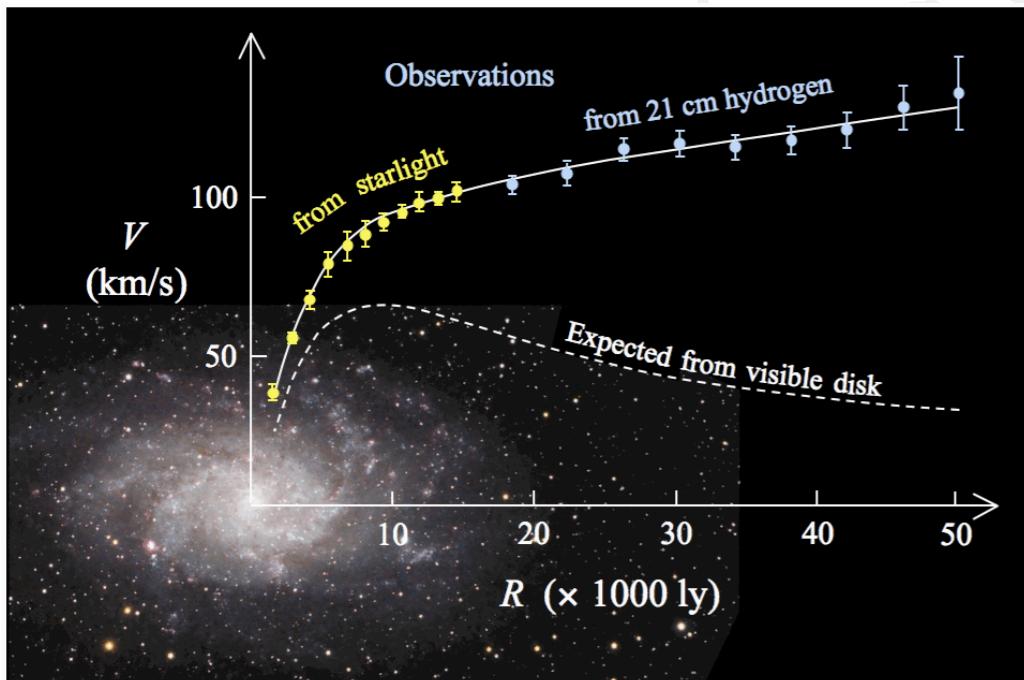
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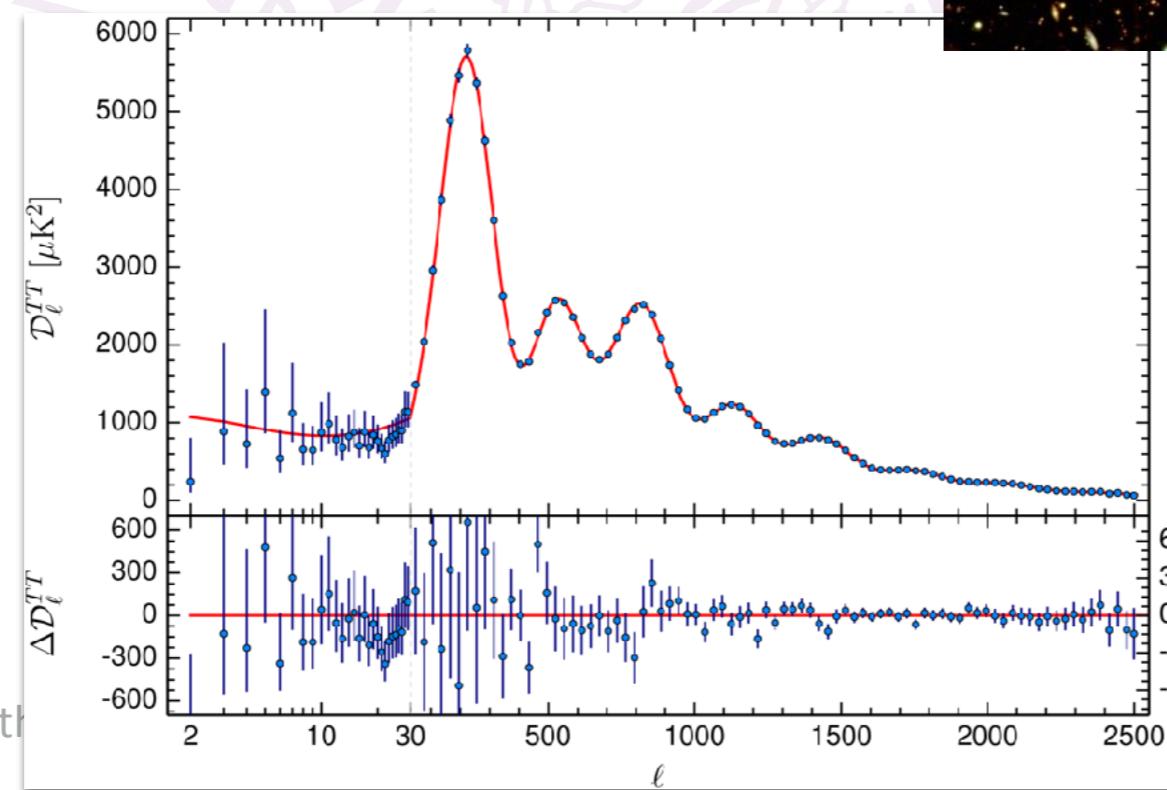
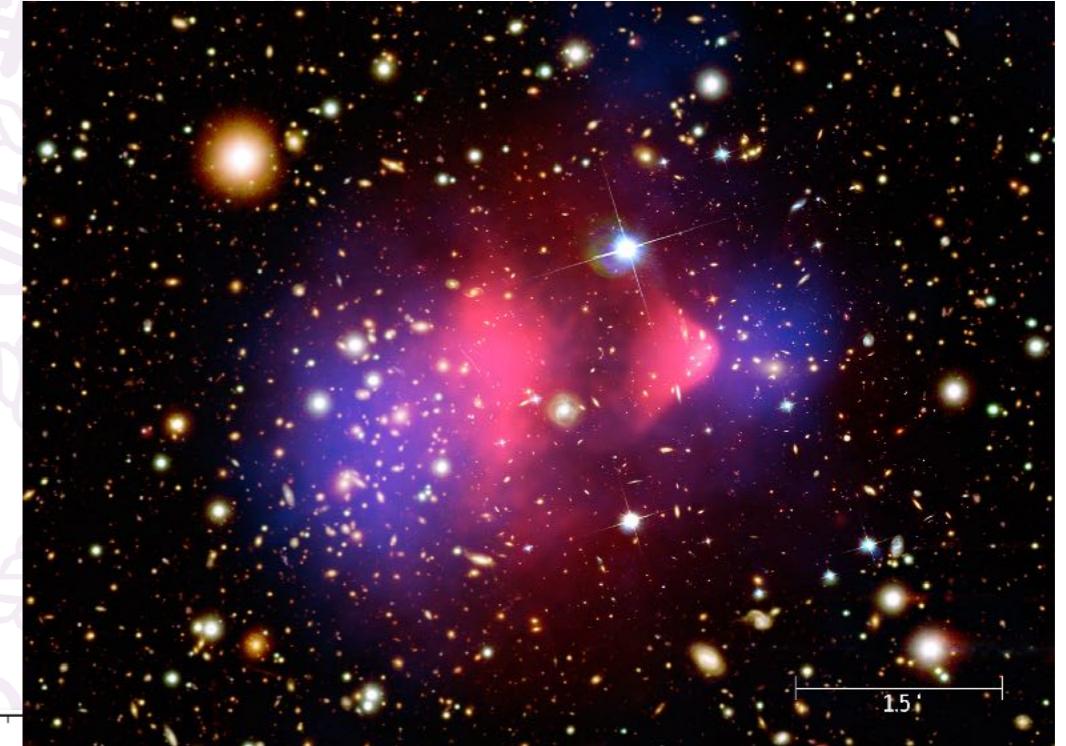
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# Dark Matter Evidences



[M33 rot. curve, Source: Wikipedia]

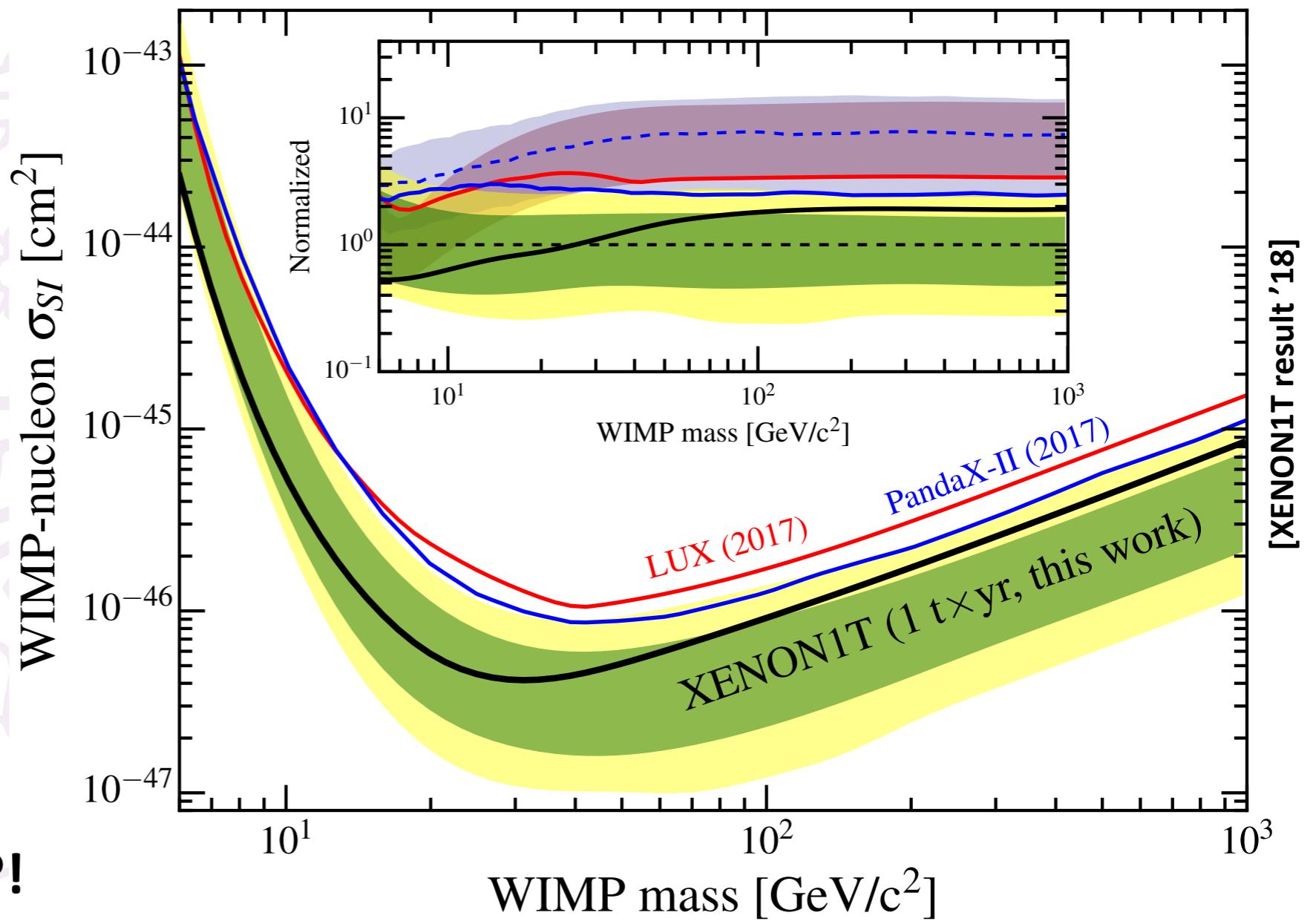
[Chandra picture of the bullet cluster]



[[https://wiki.cosmos.esa.int/plankpla2015/images/2/2f/A15\\_TT.png](https://wiki.cosmos.esa.int/plankpla2015/images/2/2f/A15_TT.png)]



# WIMP Searches

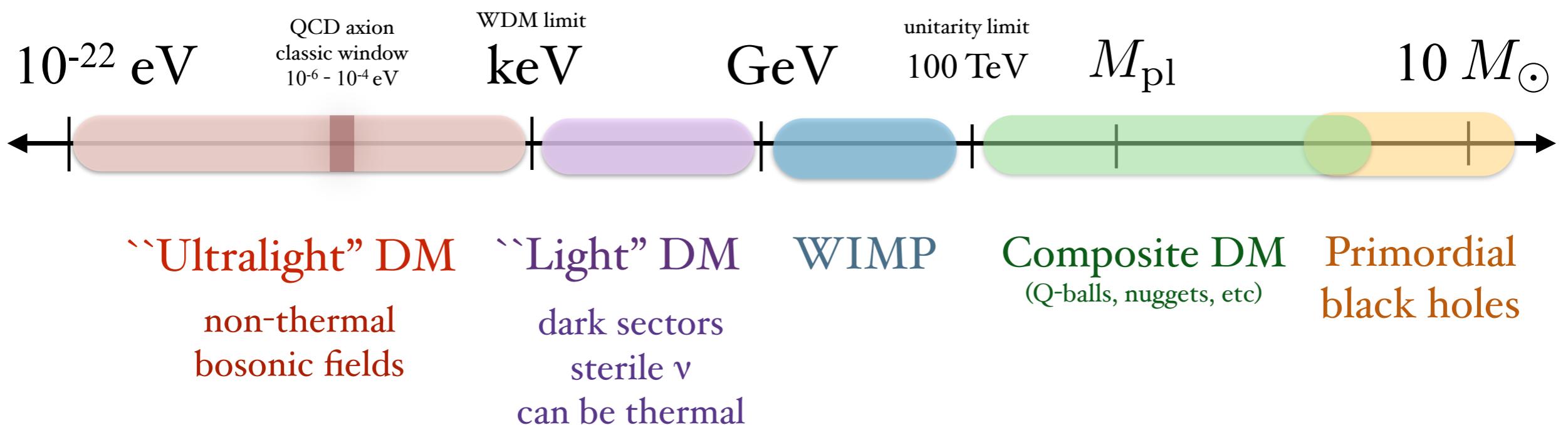


Time to think again?!  
Light DM? Heavy DM?



# Dark Matter: The Challenge

## Mass scale of dark matter (not to scale)

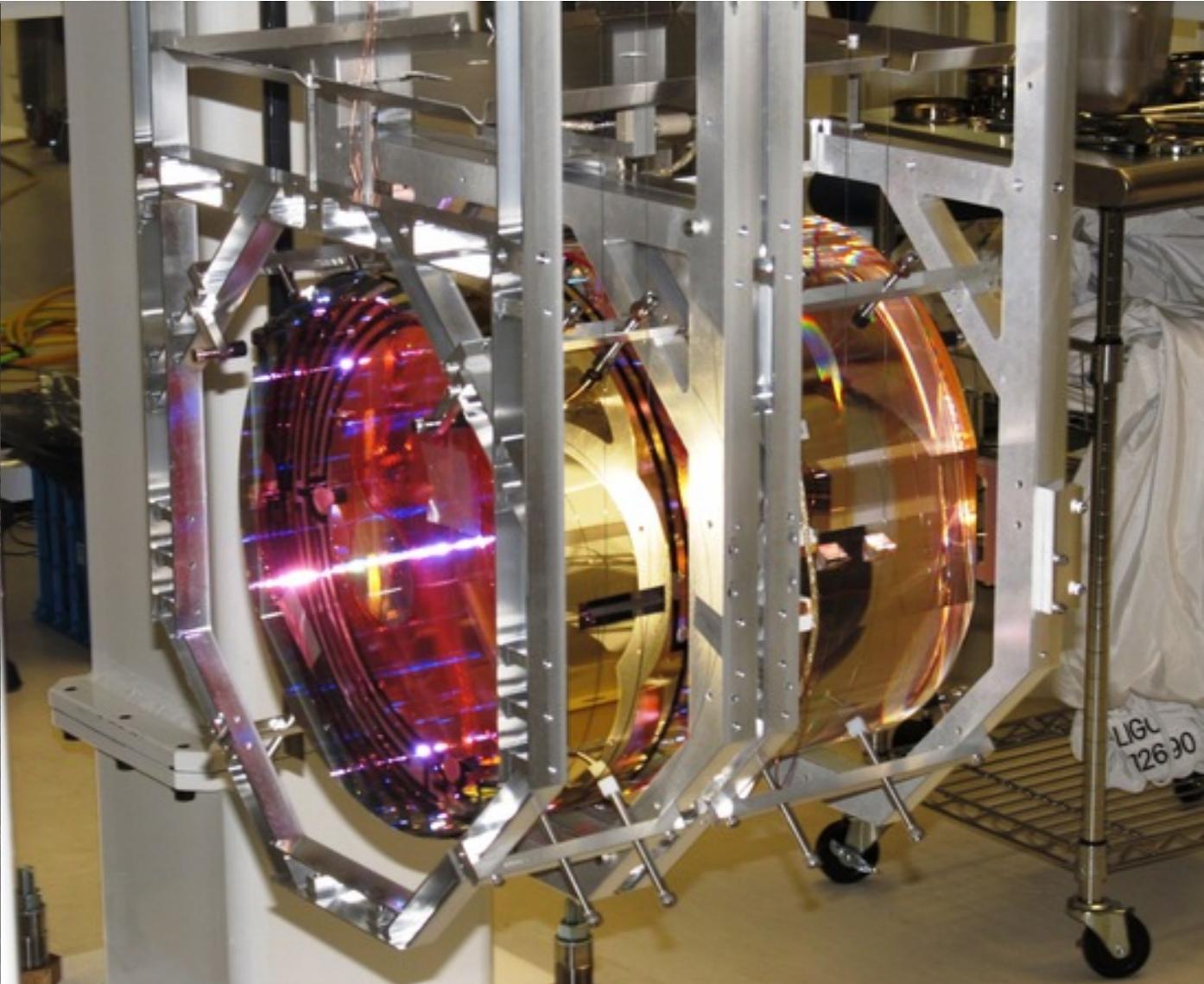


[Taken from Lin 2019 TASI lecture]

**One common effect: gravitational force**

# Gravitational Wave Detectors

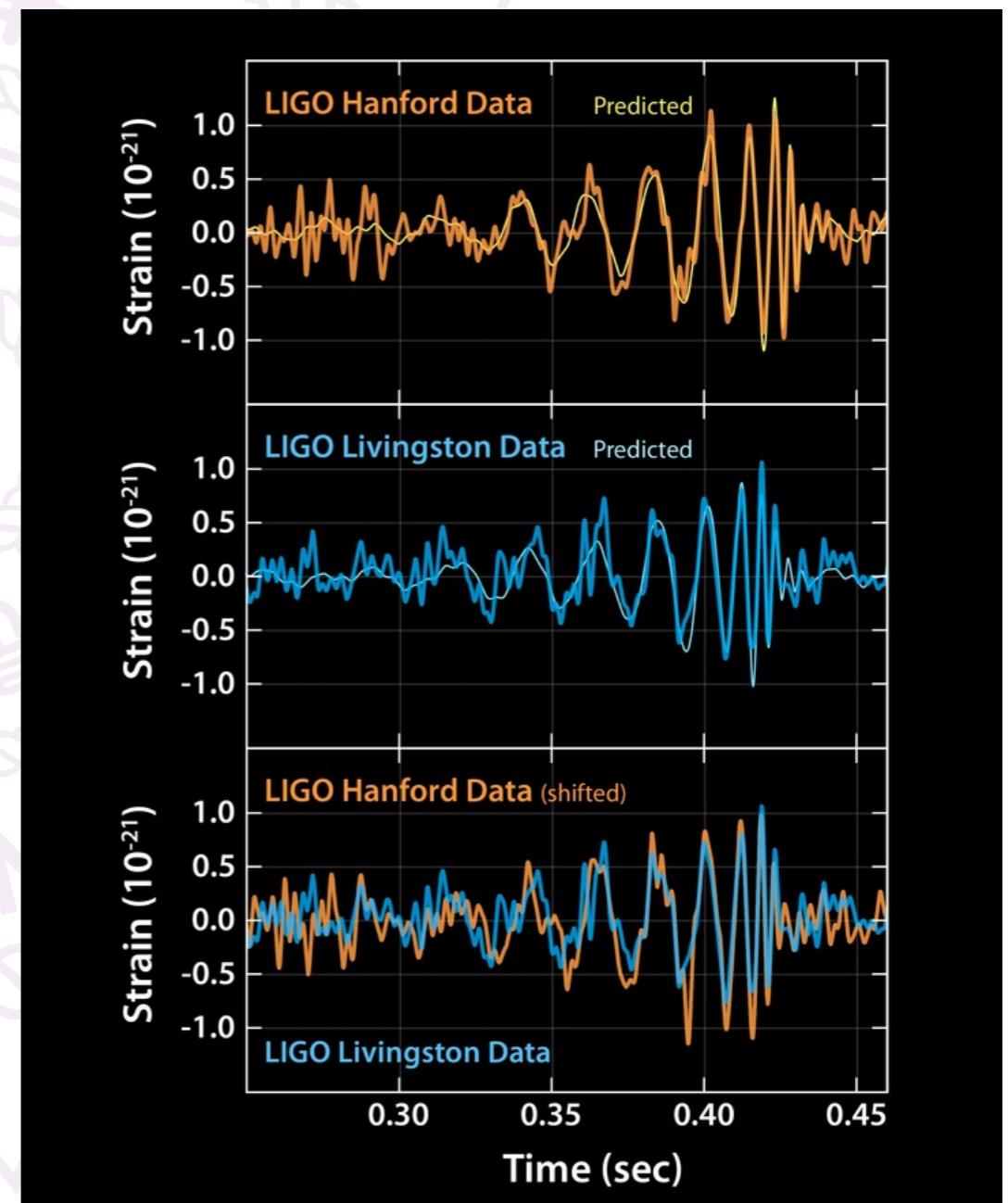
[LIGO Livingston, Courtesy Caltech/MIT/LIGO Laboratory 2016]



[LIGO test mass, Courtesy Caltech/MIT/LIGO Laboratory 2016]

# Gravitational Wave Detectors

- Decade long R&D efforts
- Impressive sensitivities
- Impressive results
- Nobelprize 2017
- Other uses for this technology?



[Courtesy Caltech/MIT/LIGO Laboratory 2016]



# Similar Talks in this Workshop

- Xing-Yu Yang "Sources for Pulsar Timing Array Observations" on Monday
- Asuka Ito "Gravitational Wave Search through Electromagnetic Telescopes"
- Yong Tang "Probing Ultralight Dark Matter with Space-based Gravitational-Wave Interferometers" earlier today
- Huaike Go "Some Recent Developments on BSM Probes with Gravitational Waves" on Friday
- ...?



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# Damped Harmonic Oscillator

[Lee, Nugroho, MS '20]

- KAGRA uses complex spring constants

$$m \ddot{x}_c + k_c (1 + i\phi) x_c = \frac{F_{\text{ext},c}}{L}$$
$$\omega_c^2 \equiv k_c/m$$

- The experimental output

[Moore, Cole, Berry '14]

$$x_{\text{tot},c}(t) = x_{\text{th},c}(t) + x_{\text{qu},c}(t) + x_{\text{DM},c}(t)$$

Suspension Thermal Noise      Quantum Noise      DM Signal

(we neglected some noise components here)

# Noise

[Saulson '90; Gonzales, Saulson '94;  
Thorne '87]

- Thermal noise from fluctuation-dissipation theorem

[Callen, Welton '51;  
Callen, Greene '55]

$$S_{\text{th}}(\omega) = \frac{4 k_B T}{L^2} \frac{\phi \omega_c^2 / (m \omega)}{(\omega^2 - \omega_c^2)^2 + \omega_c^4 \phi^2}$$

- Standard Quantum Limit

$$S_{\text{qu}} = \frac{8 \hbar}{m \omega^2 L^2}$$

- The noise strain amplitude is

$$h_n = \sqrt{h_{\text{th}}^2 + h_{\text{qu}}^2} = \sqrt{S_{\text{th}} + S_{\text{qu}}}$$

# Two DM Forces (we considered)

- Short-range force, instantaneous scattering

$$\vec{F}_{\text{DM}} = \vec{q}_R \delta(t - t_0)$$

[Lee, Nugroho, MS '20]

- Long-range force, continuous scattering

$$\vec{F}_{\text{DM}} = \vec{\nabla} \left( M_T M_{\text{DM}} \frac{G_N}{|\vec{x}_T - \vec{x}_{\text{DM}}|} (1 + (-1)^s \delta_{\text{SM}} \delta_{\text{DM}} \exp(-|\vec{x}_T - \vec{x}_{\text{DM}}|/\lambda)) \right)$$

[Hall, Callister, Frolov, Müller, Pospelov, Adhikari '16;  
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# DM Signal (Short-Range Force)

[Lee, Nugroho, MS '20; Tsuchida *et al.* '19]

- Assuming DM instantaneous scattering

$$|\tilde{x}_{\text{DM}}(\omega)|^2 = \frac{q_R^2}{m^2 L^2} \frac{1}{(\omega^2 - \omega_c^2)^2 + \omega_c^4 \phi^2}$$

- which enters the DM strain amplitude

[Moore, Cole, Berry '14]

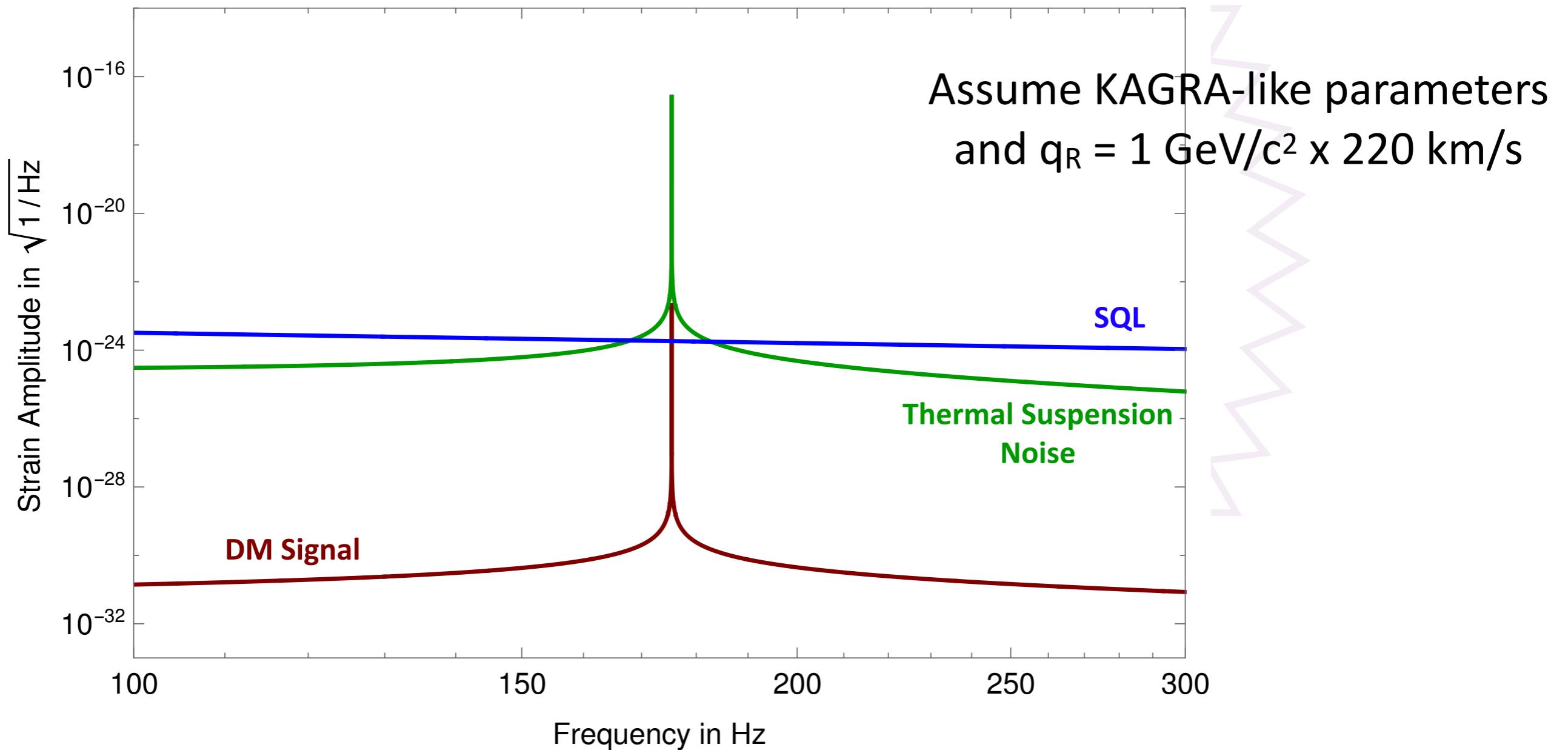
$$h_{\text{DM}}(\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{2\omega}{\pi}} |\tilde{x}_{\text{DM}}(\omega)|$$

# Strain Amplitudes

Noise and DM Hit for the Toy Model

[Lee, Nugroho, MS '20]

Assume KAGRA-like parameters  
and  $q_R = 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \times 220 \text{ km/s}$



# Signal-to-Noise Ratio

[Lee, Nugroho, MS '20; Moore, Cole, Berry '14]

- The optimal SNR is given by

$$\varrho^2 = \int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} df \frac{4 |\tilde{x}_{\text{DM}}(2\pi f)|^2}{S_n(2\pi f)}$$

- Near the peak (FWHM) neglect quantum noise

$$\varrho_{\text{th}}^2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{q_R^2}{m k_B T} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{E_R}{E_{\text{th}}} = 4.09 \times 10^{-24}$$

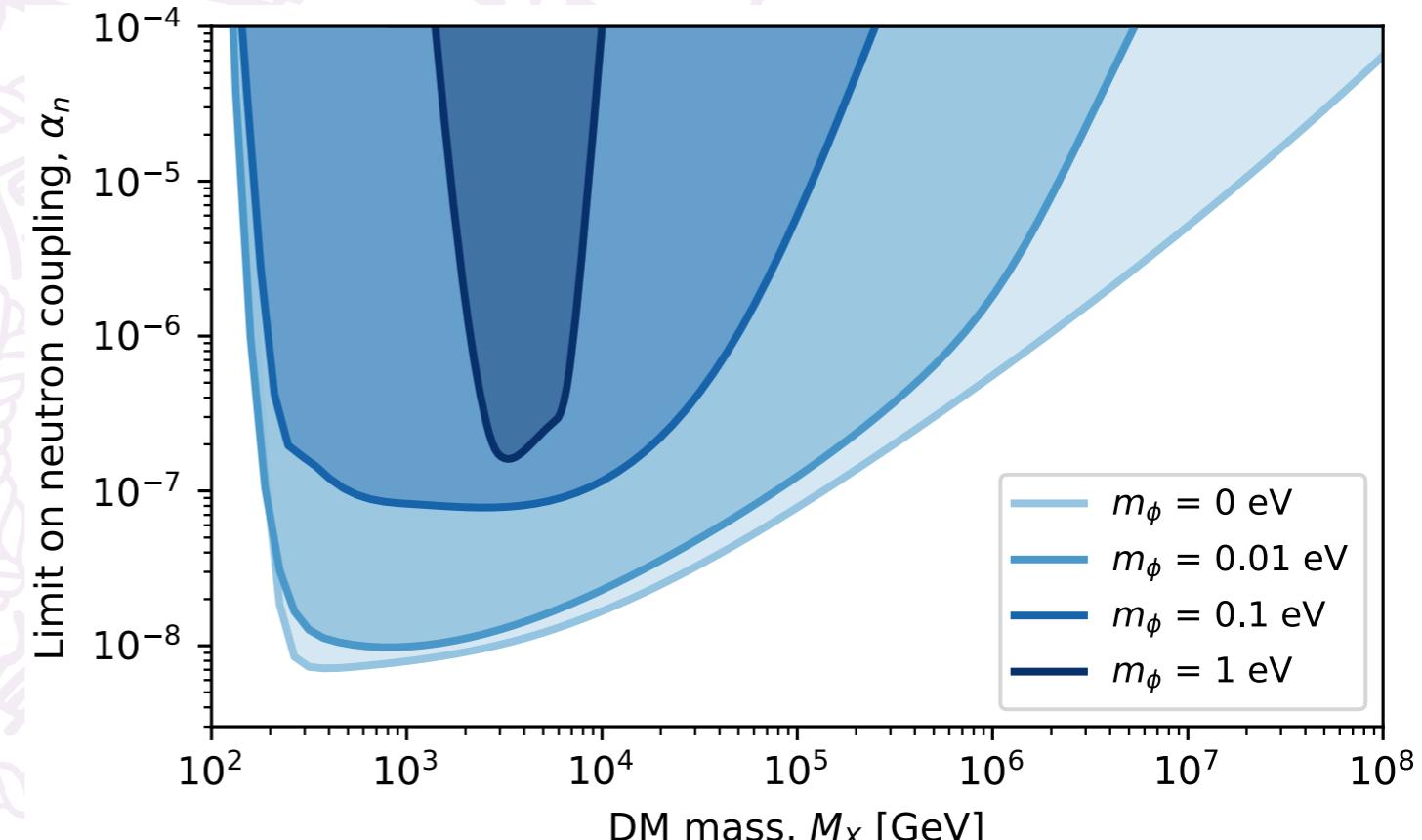
↑  
Numbers as in previous figure

- Need light, cold targets!



# The Future?!

- Optically levitated mass
- Target mass 1 ng
- Temperature 200  $\mu\text{K}$
- Several days exposure
- Experimental threshold 0.15 GeV



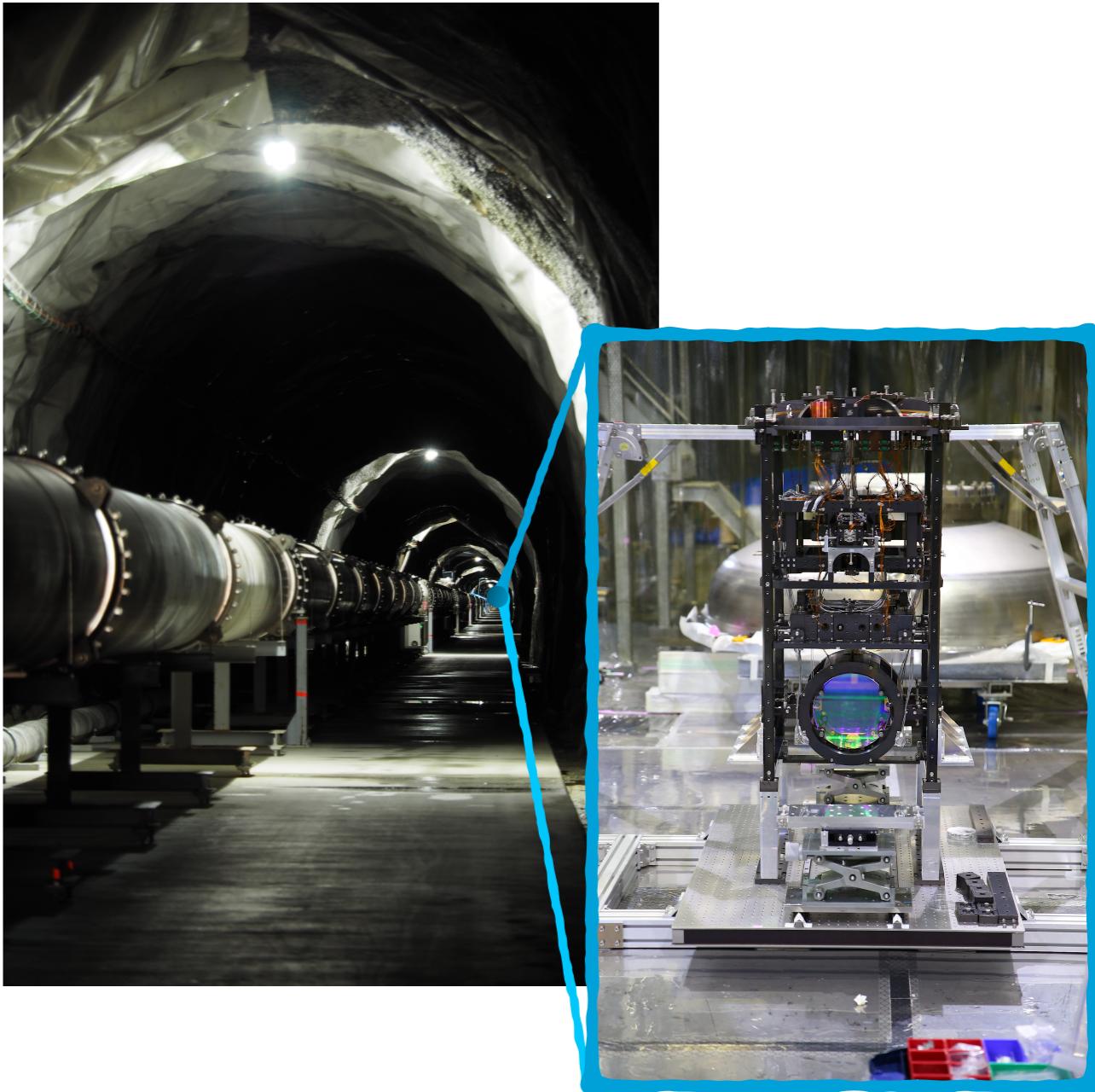
[Monteiro *et al.* '20]

[for an overview DM searches using Mechanical Quantum Sensing, see, e.g., arXiv:2008.06074]



# KAGRA

- A cryogenic ( $T \sim 20$  K) interferometer located in Kamioka, Japan
- A new GW detector with two 3 km baseline arms arranged in an “L” shape
- Started running on 25th February 2020



[KAGRA , Courtesy KAGRA Observatory, ICRR, The University of Tokyo]

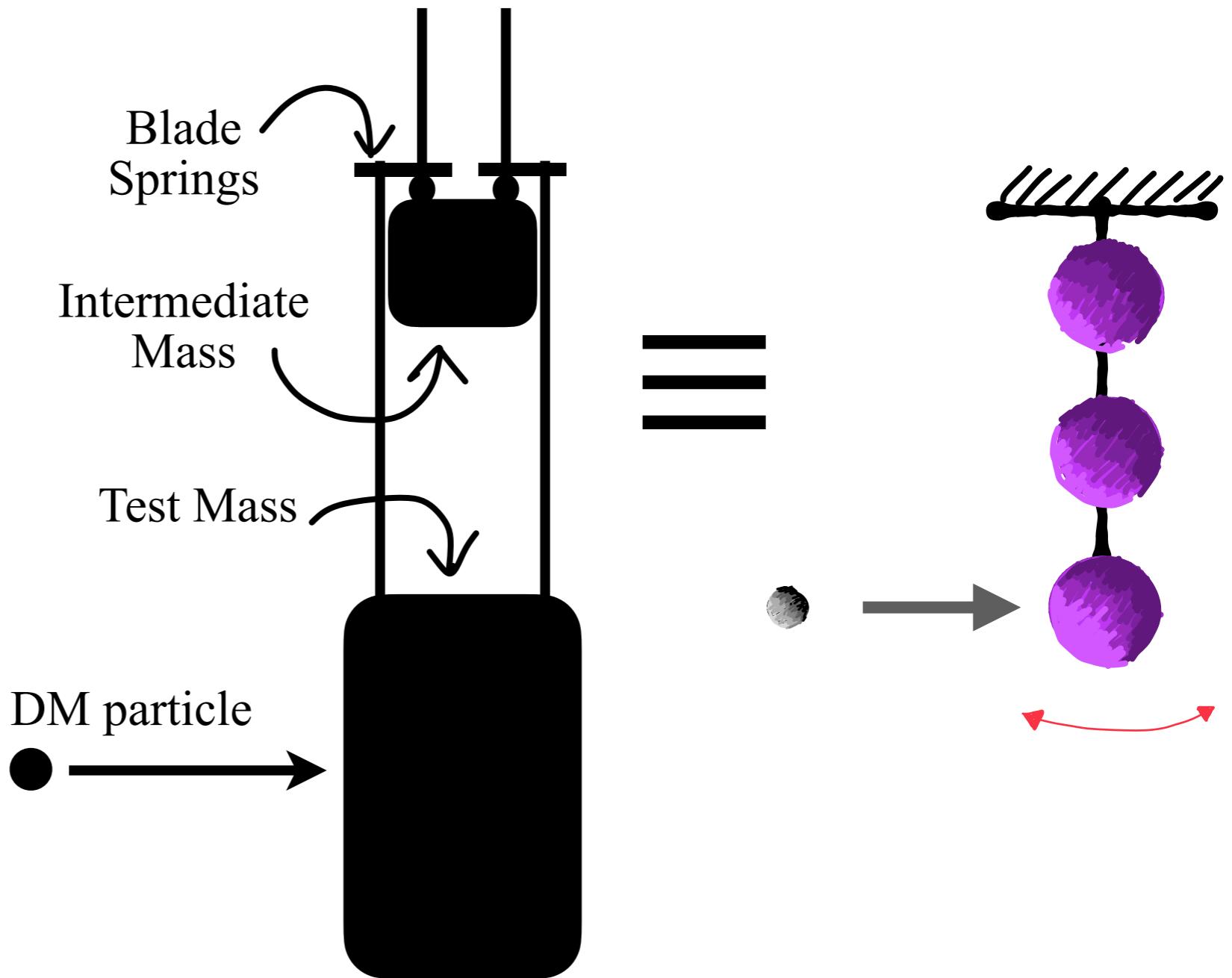
# KAGRA

- An equation of motion in matrix form

$$M_T \ddot{\vec{x}} + K \vec{x} = \frac{\vec{F}_{\text{DM}}}{L}$$

↑ Masses of the components, a 3x3 matrix      ↑ Complex spring constants of the components, a 3x3 matrix

External DM force



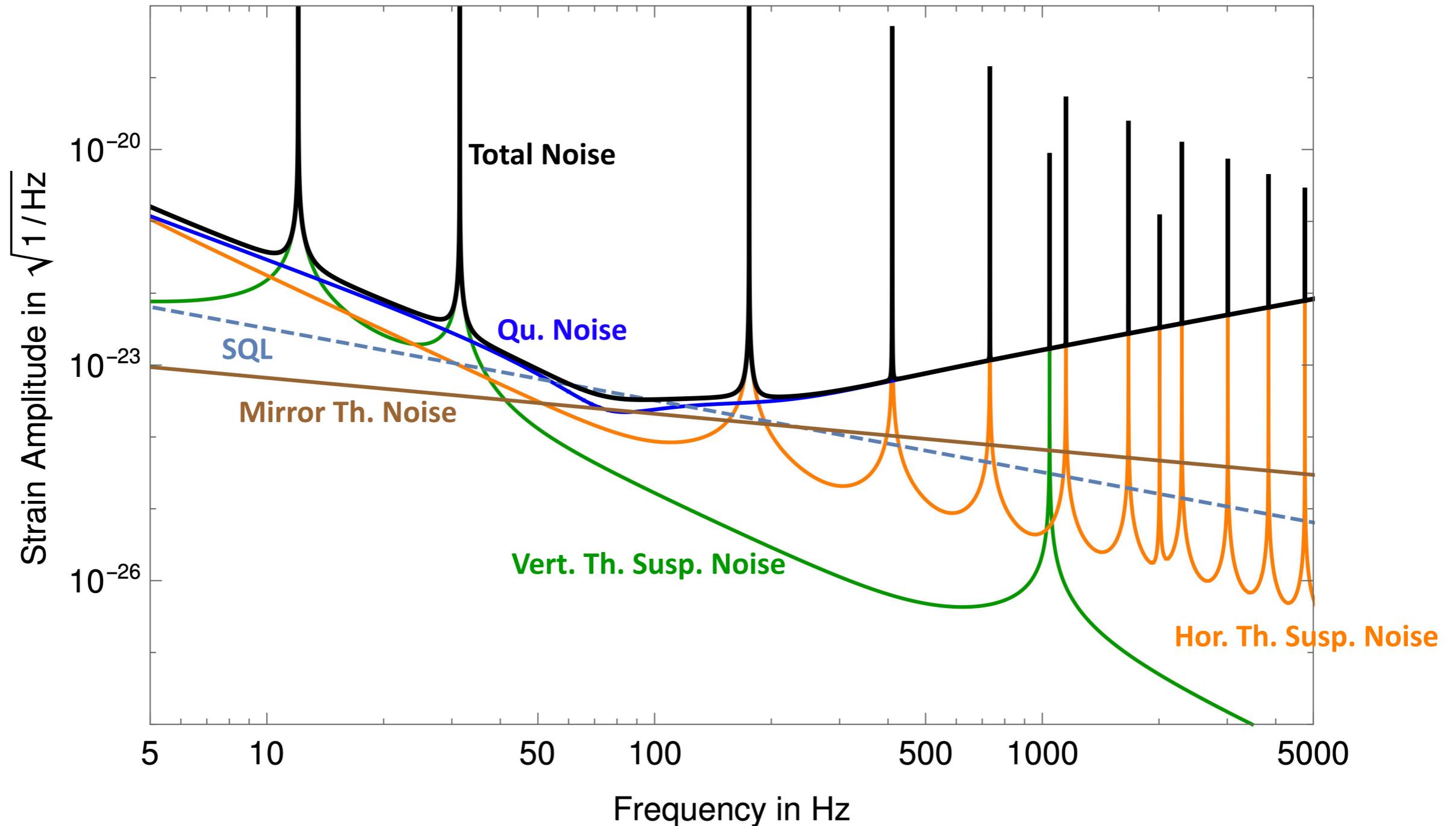
- Two sets of equations
  - For DM hits in vertical and horizontal direction, respectively

[KAGRA Document, JGW-T1707038v9]

# KAGRA Noise

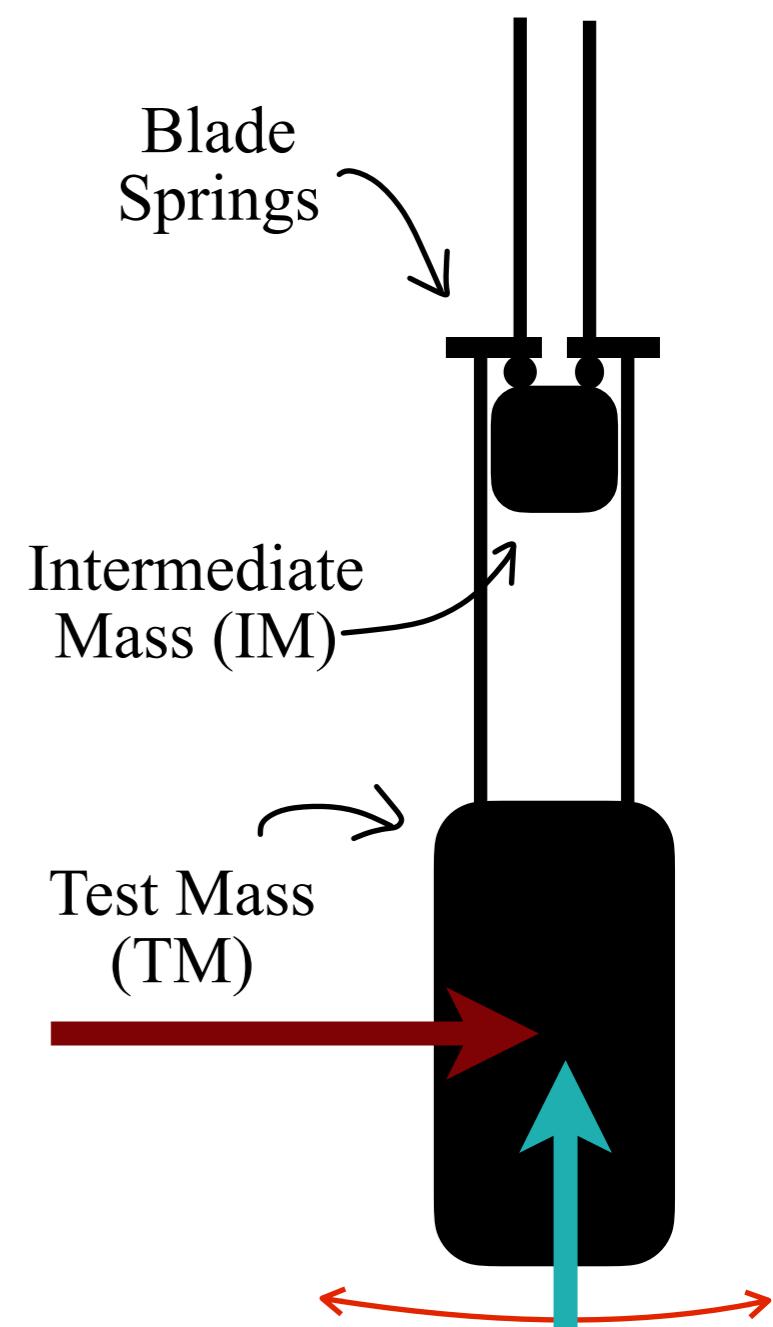
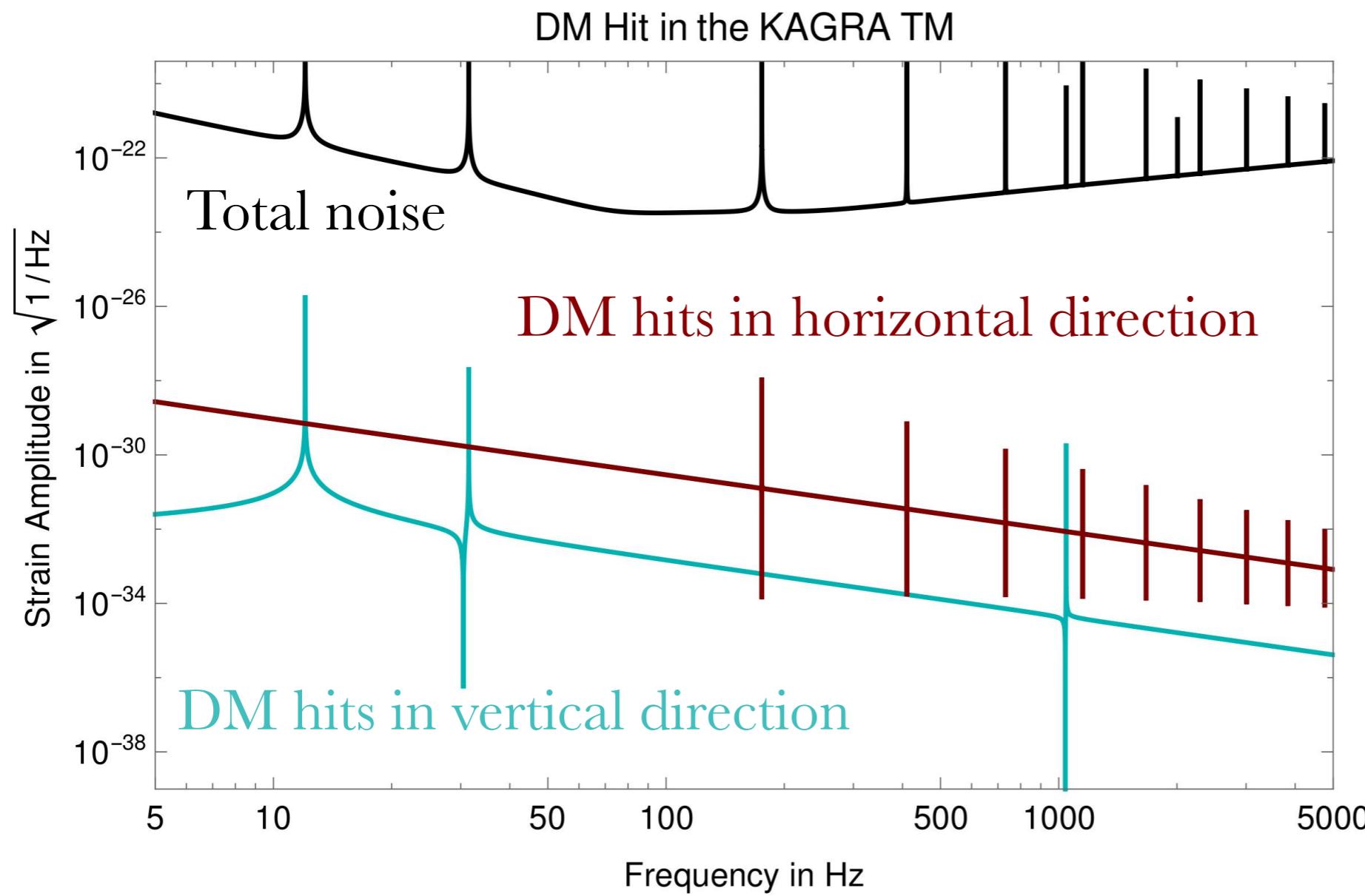
Relevant KAGRA Noise

[Fig. from Lee, Nugroho, MS '20 based on  
KAGRA Document, JGW-T1707038v9]



# KAGRA

- $q_R = 1 \text{ GeV}/c^2 \times 220 \text{ km/s}$



[C. H. Lee, C. S. Nugroho and M. Spinrath, EPJ C 80, no. 12, 1125 (2020)]

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- We consider  $\lambda$  to be similar to the arm length
- Need to consider all mirrors simultaneously

# How to define the SNR frequency range?

[Lee, Primulando, MS '22]

Trade-off:

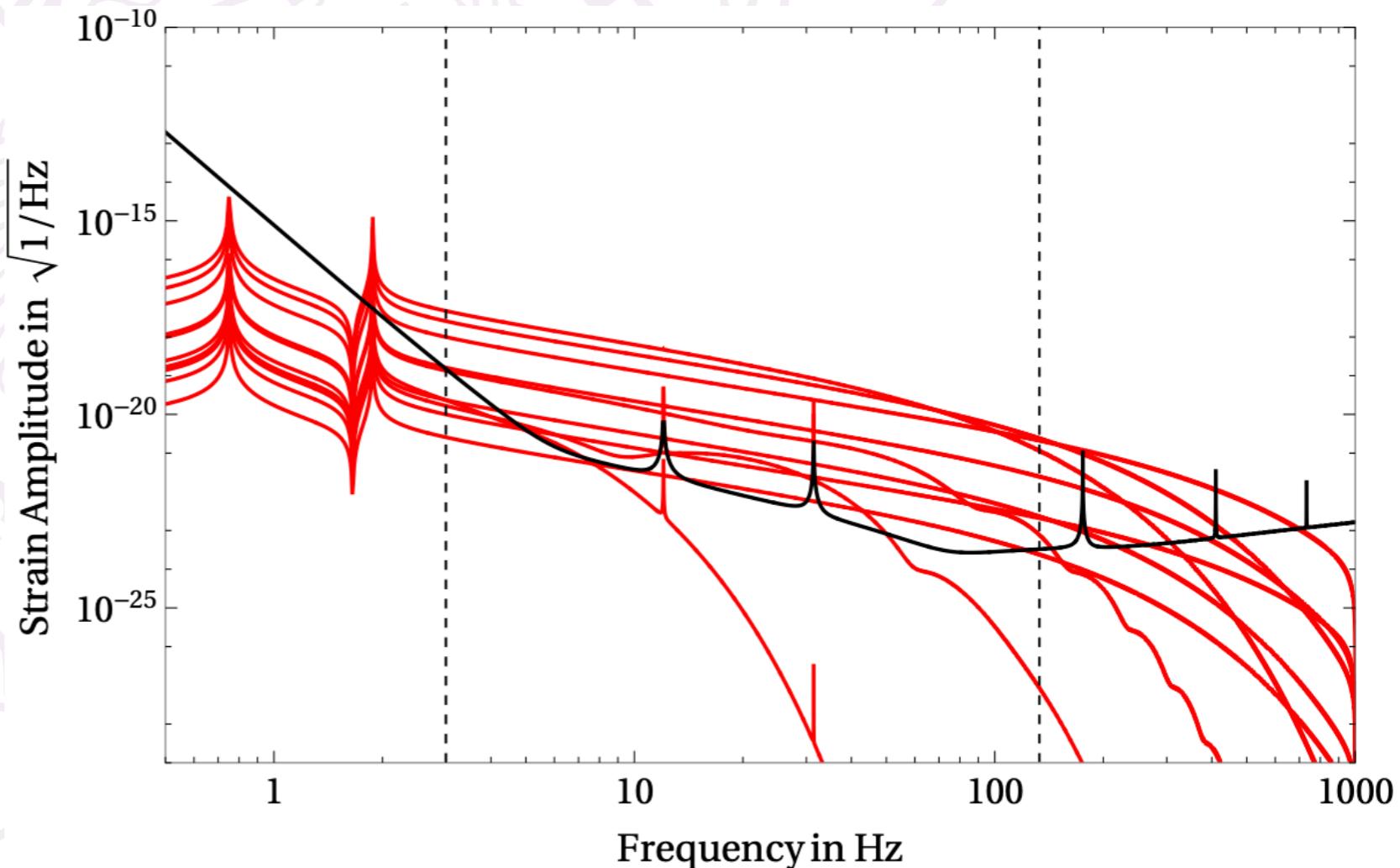
Wider range

- larger SNR  $\rho$
- numerically costly

Compromise

3 - 133 Hz

Larger frequencies less important to find  $\rho > 1$

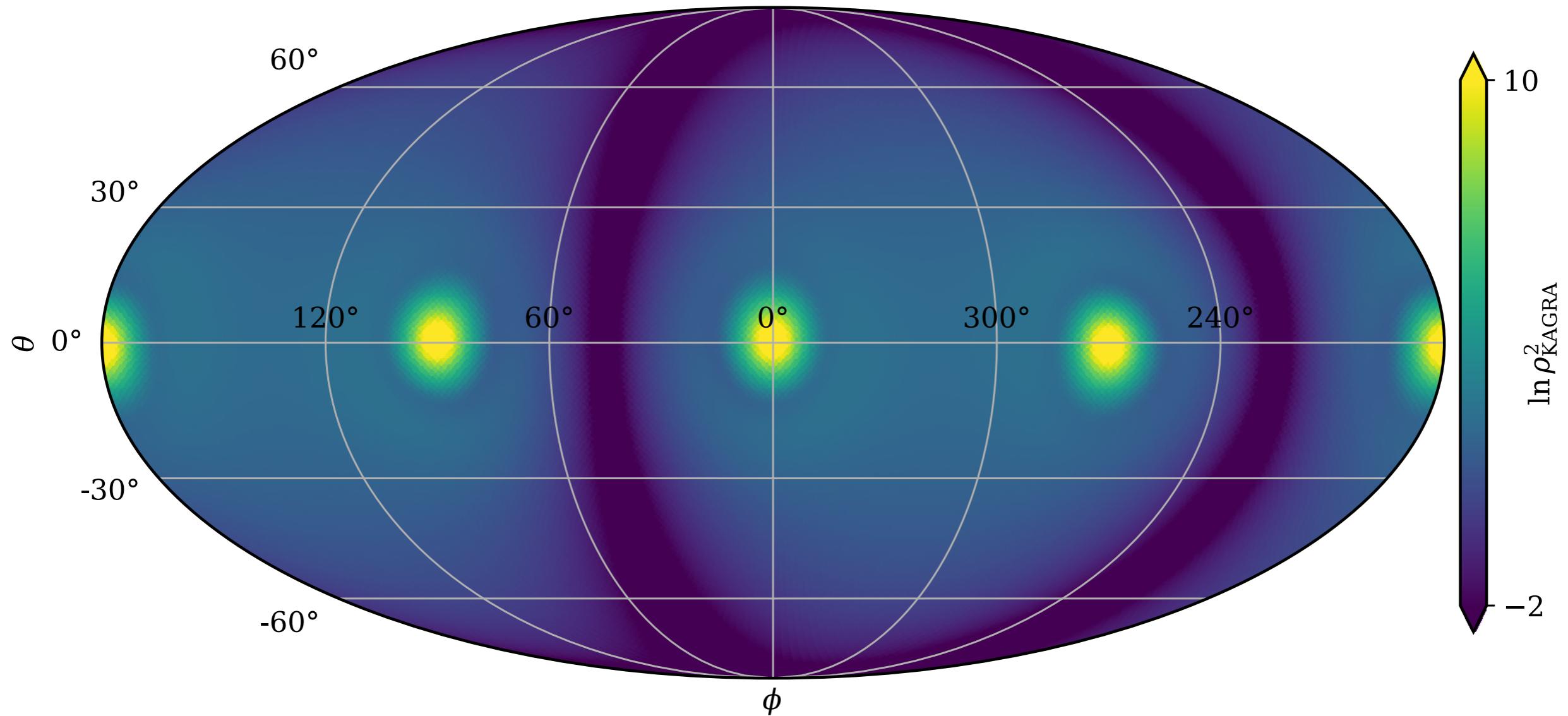


A selection of possible DM signals.



# Directional Signal Dependence

SNR Dependence on DM Direction ( $d = 0$  km) [Lee, Primulando, MS '22]



$$M_{\text{DM}} = 10 \text{ kg} \quad \vec{x}_{0,\text{DM}} = (0, 0, 0) \text{ km} \quad \vec{v}_{\text{DM}} = 220(\cos \phi \cos \theta, \sin \phi \cos \theta, \sin \theta) \text{ km/s} \quad \lambda = 1 \text{ km} \quad \delta_{\text{DM}} \delta_{\text{SM}} = 10$$

# Event Rate Estimate

[Lee, Primulando, MS '22]

- Define a large sphere
- Estimate the number of DM objects passing through it
- Multiply with fraction of events with  $\text{SNR} > \text{threshold}$

$$\begin{aligned} p(\rho_{\text{th}}^2) &= \int_{\rho_{\text{th}}^2}^{\infty} g(\rho^2) \, d\rho^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N_p} \int f_v(\vec{v}_{\text{DM}}) f_x(\vec{x}_{0,\text{DM}}) \theta(\rho_{\text{KAGRA}}^2(\vec{v}_{\text{DM}}, \vec{x}_{0,\text{DM}}) - \rho_{\text{th}}^2) \, d^3 \vec{v}_{\text{DM}} \, d^3 \vec{x}_{0,\text{DM}} \end{aligned}$$

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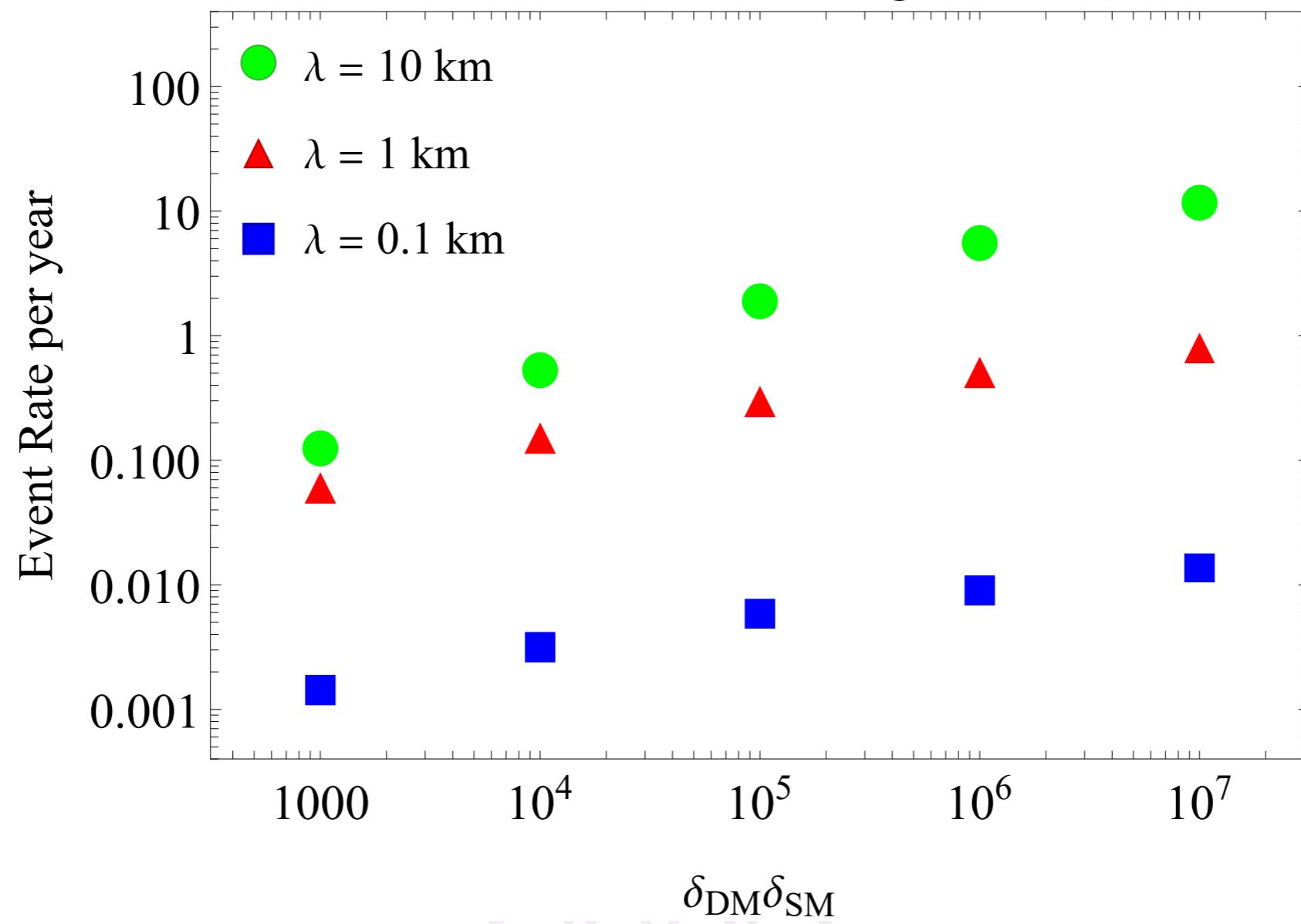
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- DM might be different than expected
- Looking for mechanical forces is the safest bet
- Impressive new technologies
  - Macroscopic objects at the quantum limit
- Can we use them to find "exotic" DM?
- Maybe.

# Backup

# Comparison

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$$\vec{x}_{0,\text{DM}} = (0, 2, 2) \text{ km}$$

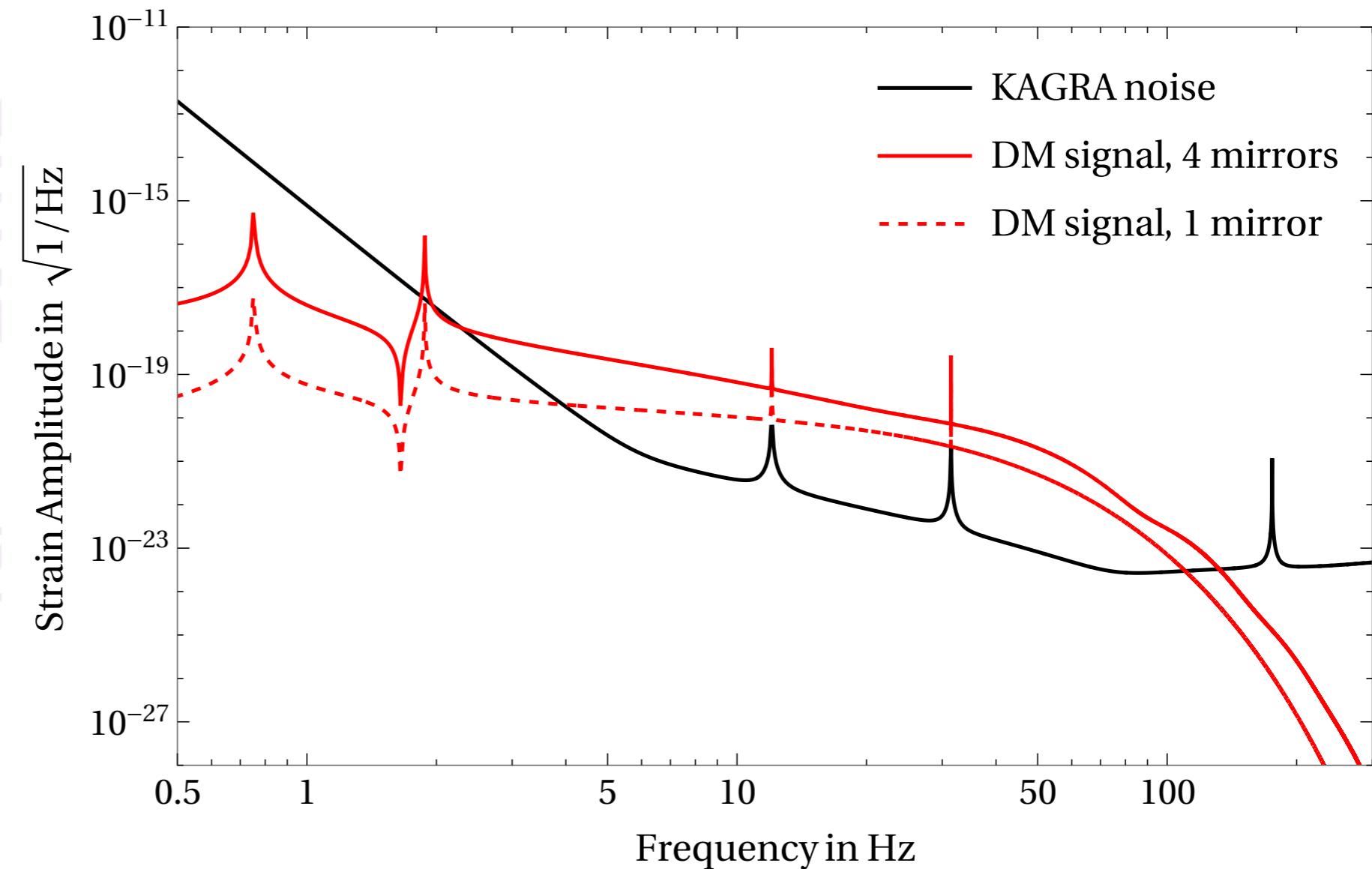
$$\vec{v}_{\text{DM}} = (220, 0, 0) \text{ km/s}$$

$$\lambda = 1 \text{ km}$$

$$\delta_{\text{DM}} \delta_{\text{SM}} = 5 \times 10^5$$

(We treated the DM velocity to be constant)

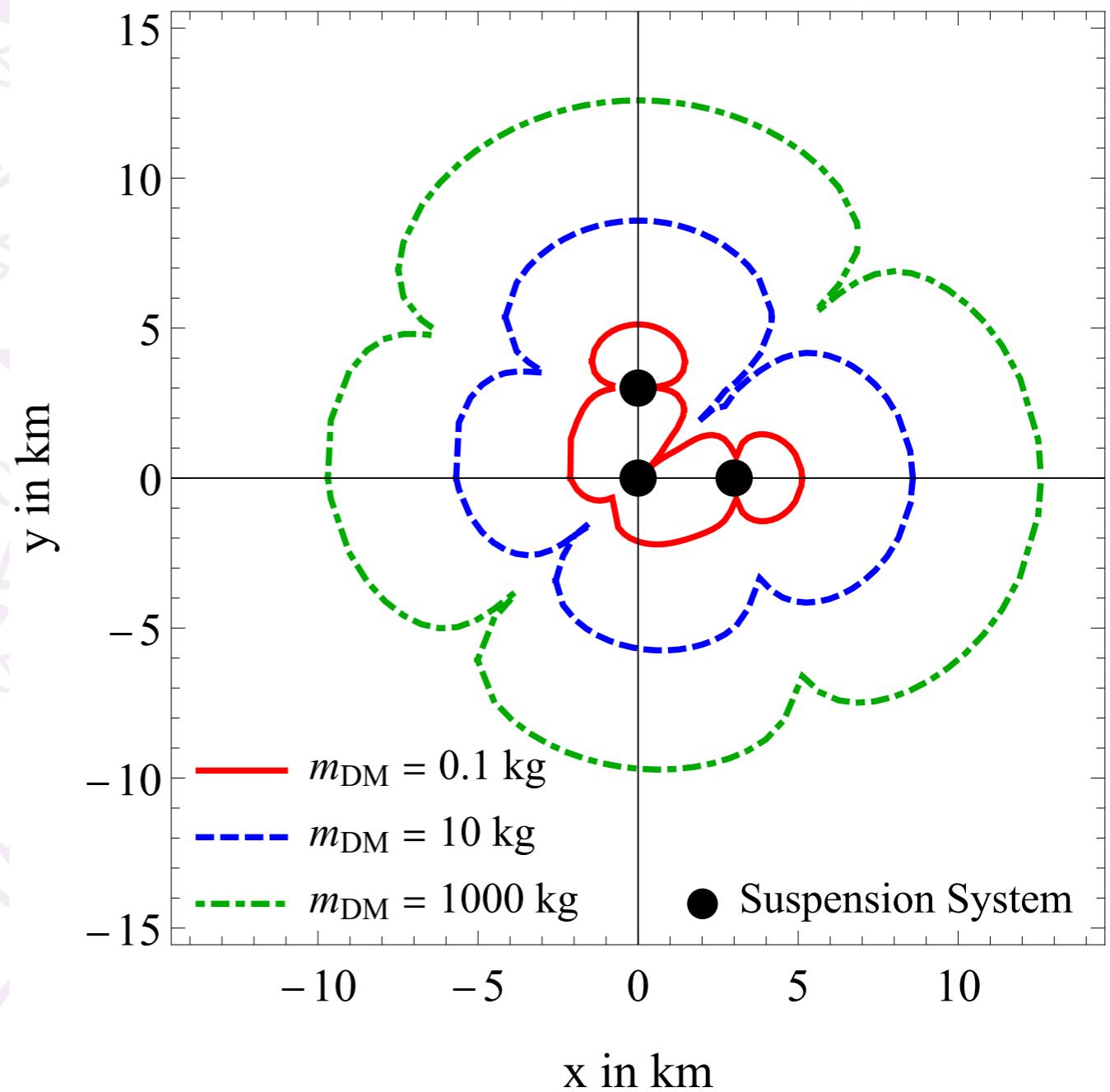
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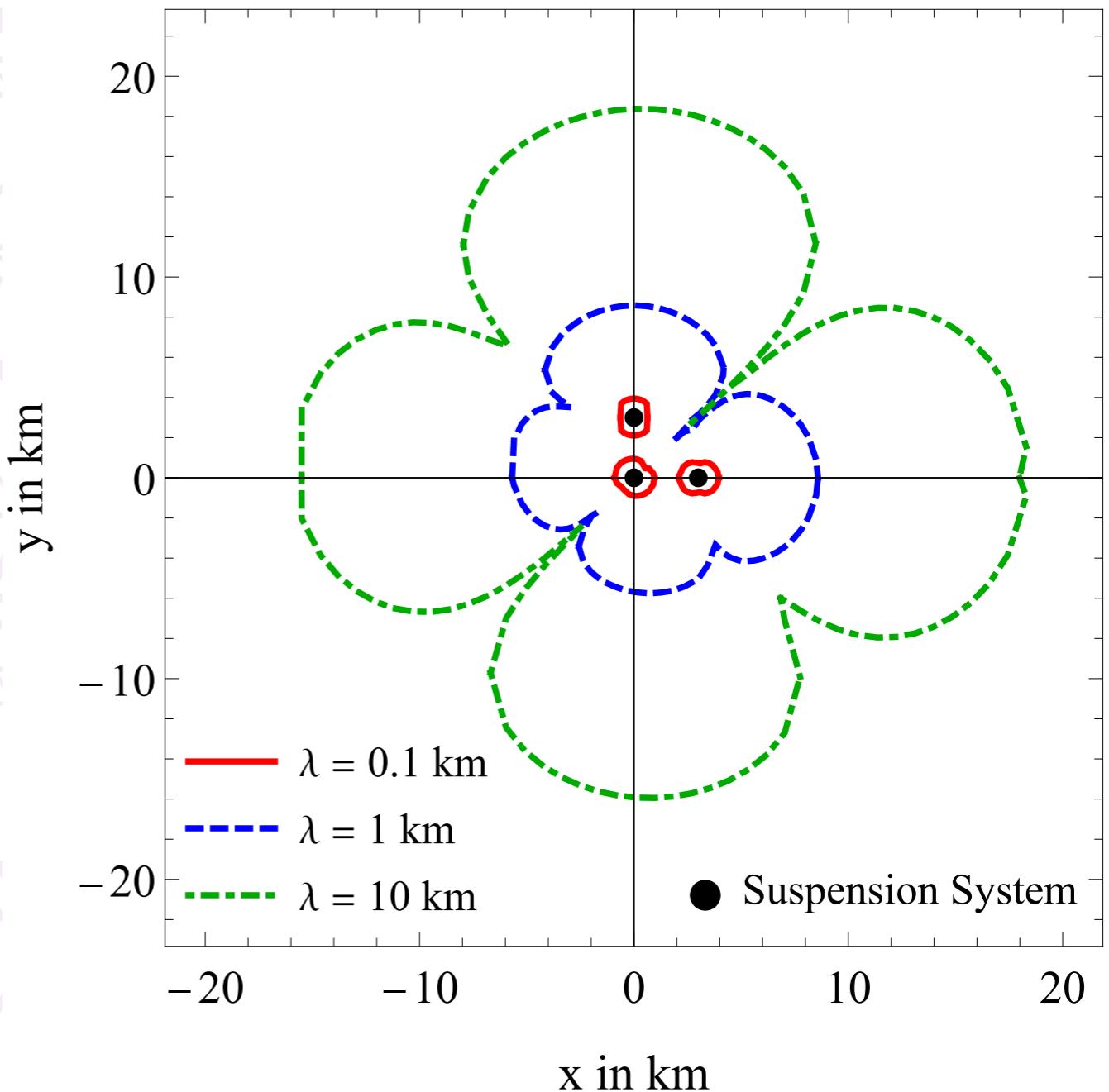
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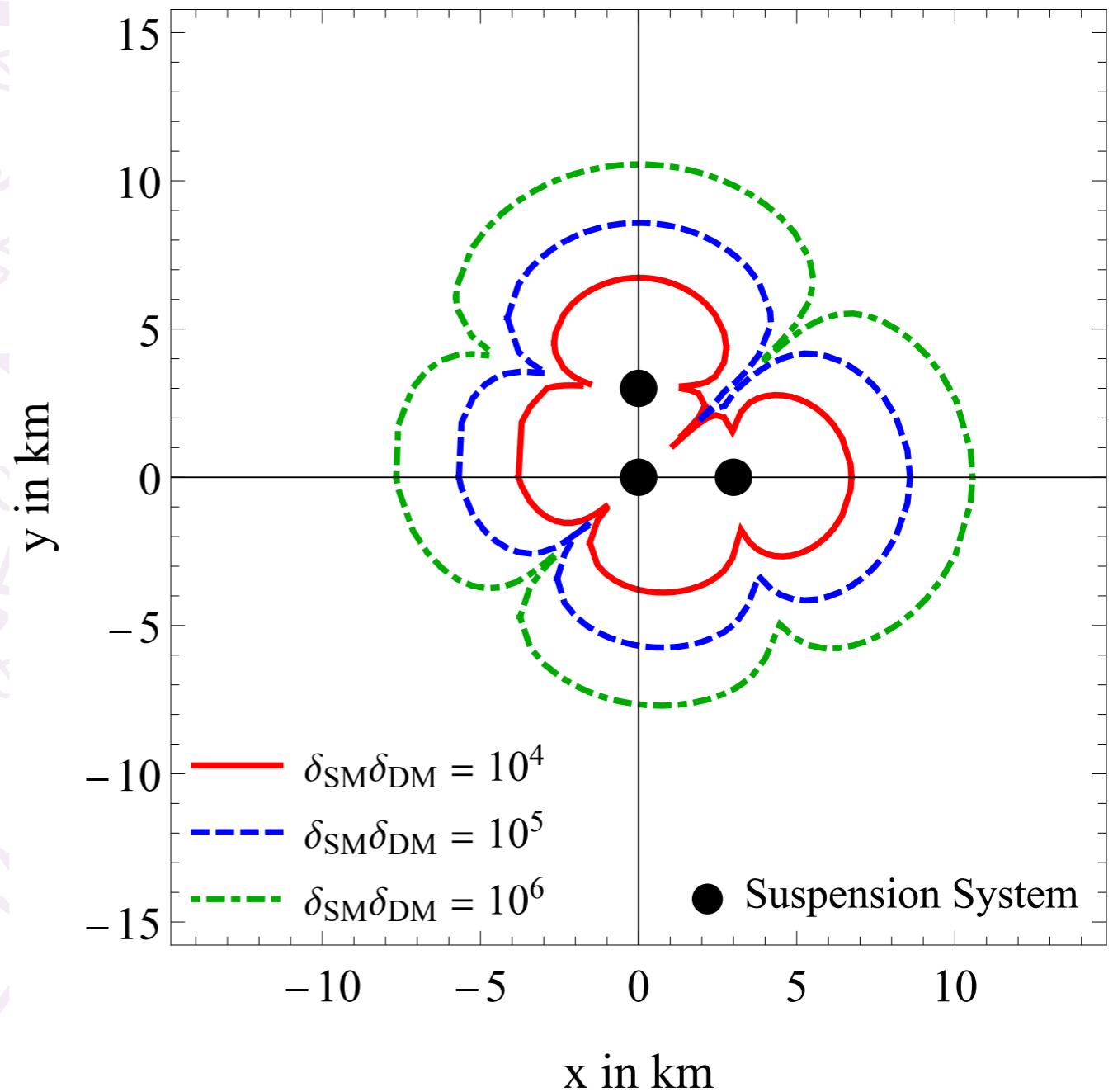
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[Lee, Primulando, MS '22]

- Find fraction of events with  $\text{SNR} > \text{threshold}$

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- Numerical challenge since SNR cannot be inverted
- The observable event rate is then given by

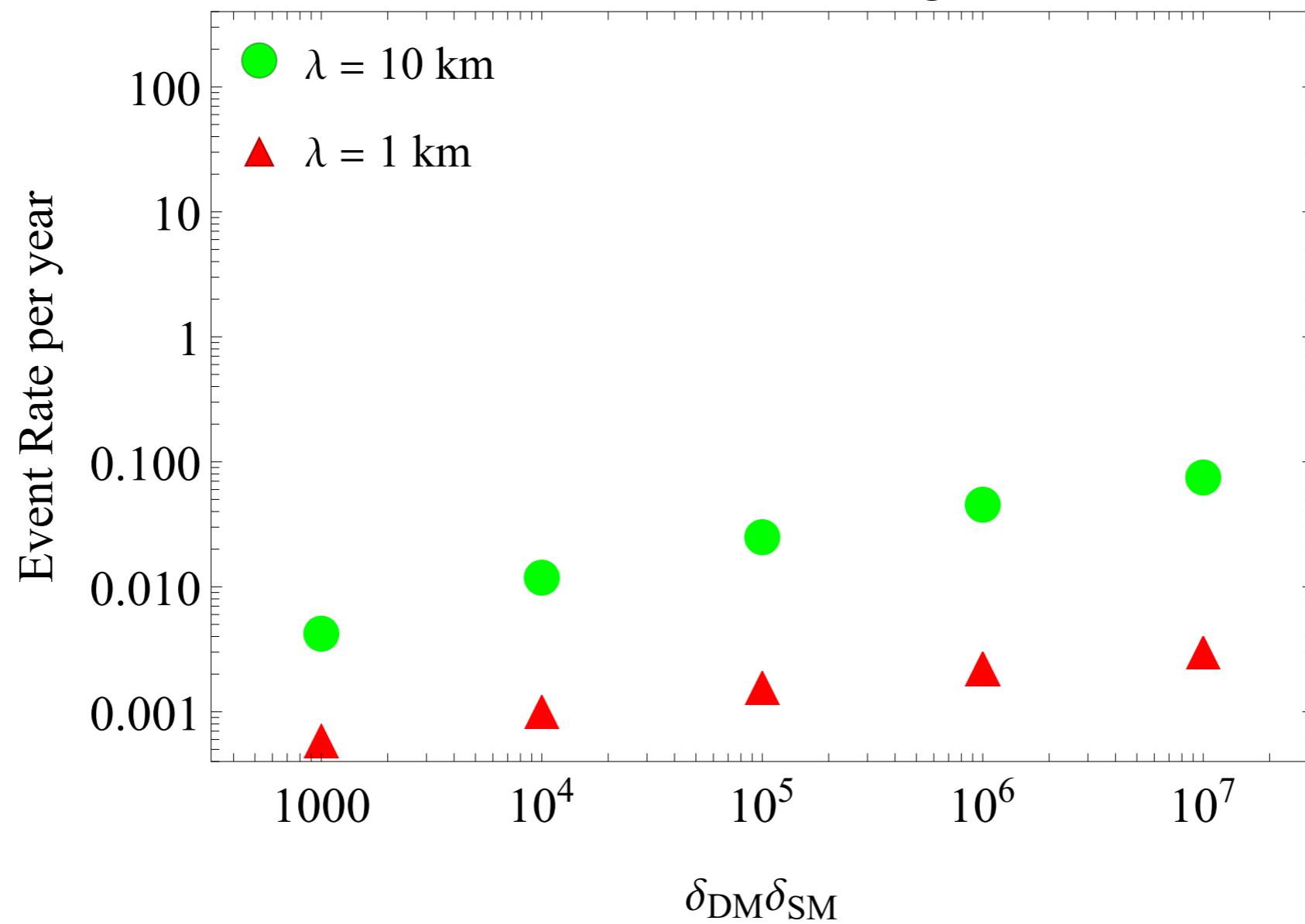
$$\begin{aligned} R_{\text{obs}} &= p(1) R_{\text{total}} \\ &= \frac{p(1)}{2} \int |\vec{\Phi}_{\text{DM}} \cdot \vec{S}| f_v(\vec{v}_{\text{DM}}) d^2 \vec{S} d^3 \vec{v}_{\text{DM}} \end{aligned}$$

where  $R_{\text{total}}$  counts the DM particles going through a sphere with a sufficiently large radius

# Expected Event Rate

[Lee, Primulando, MS '22]

$$m_{\text{DM}} = 1000 \text{ kg}$$



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