

Overview of the GravNet Collaboration

- Purpose: International consortium to detect high-frequency gravitational waves (HFGW).
- Approach: Joint data-taking and analysis via a network of detectors
- Goals: Modeling HFGW signals, data analysis, common R&D, and conceptual development.

Institutional and Membership Structure

- Institutions: Full members sign MoU and contribute significantly.
- > Associate Members: Attend CB meetings, no voting rights.
- Members: Scientists, engineers, students with GravNet access.
- Membership can be lost due to inactivity or departure.

Governance Structure

- ▶ Collaboration Board (CB): 1 vote per institution, ultimate decision body.
- > Steering Committee (SC): Leads development, runs, and publications.
- Spokesperson (SP) & Deputy (DSP): Scientific leadership, elected every 3 years.
- ▶ CB Chair (CBC): Moderates and reports CB activities.

Working Groups & Decision-Making

- Working Groups: Thematic sub-units, each with coordinator and deputy.
- Decisions:
 - Ordinary: 50% quorum, simple majority.
 - Extraordinary: 2/3 majority, 50% quorum.
- Voting by proxy is allowed
- Major Decisions should be taken in yearly Collaboration Weeks

Data-Taking Policy

- ▶ Common campaigns organized by CB and SC.
- Participation by formal agreement only
- All members, who participated in a data-taking campaign have equal access to data
- Individual site data must be shared with format details
- We foresee several months of HFGW related data-taking per year from 2026 onwards

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Authorship Policy

- Authors: Subset of members with substantial contributions.
- Author list reviewed annually by CB.
- Inactive authors removed after 2 years.
- ▶ Ph.D. students retain authorship for 2 years post-departure.

Publication Categories & Rules

- ▶ Collaboration Papers: Full author list, alphabetical.
- Non-Collaboration Papers: Subsets with appropriate credit.
- Conference Proceedings: Presenter writes on behalf of GravNet.
- ▶ All outputs reviewed by the Publications Committee.

Keep (y)our Freedom

- Joining GravNet must not limit your freedom in your laboratory
 - Most groups search also for axions, so we want to keep the flexibility that all group can continue their axion related research...
 - ... but use their infrastructure for some time per year for common runs
- Advantages
 - Best HFGW Sensitivities
 - Technology exchange
 - Stronger Case towards funding agencies