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ULTRALIGHT NEW PHYSICS: PART 2

DARK MATTER SEARCHES WITH QUANTUM SENSORS



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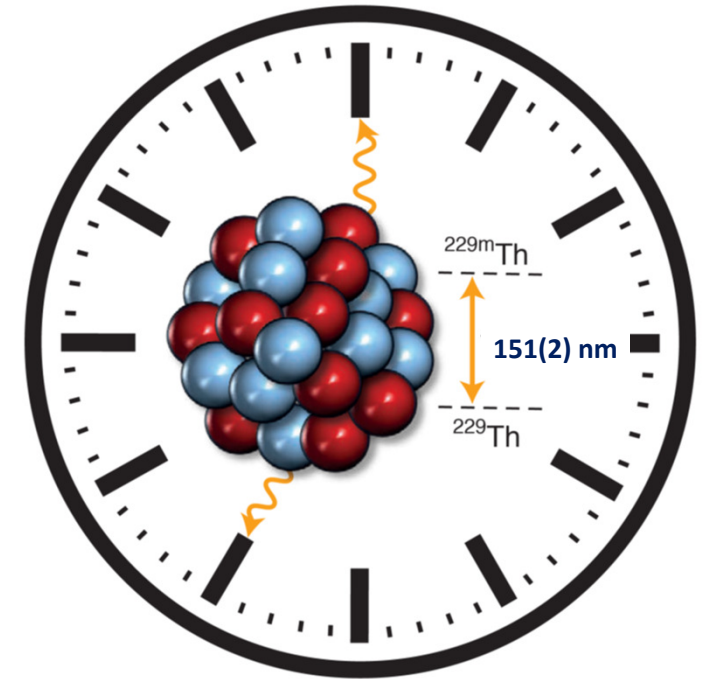
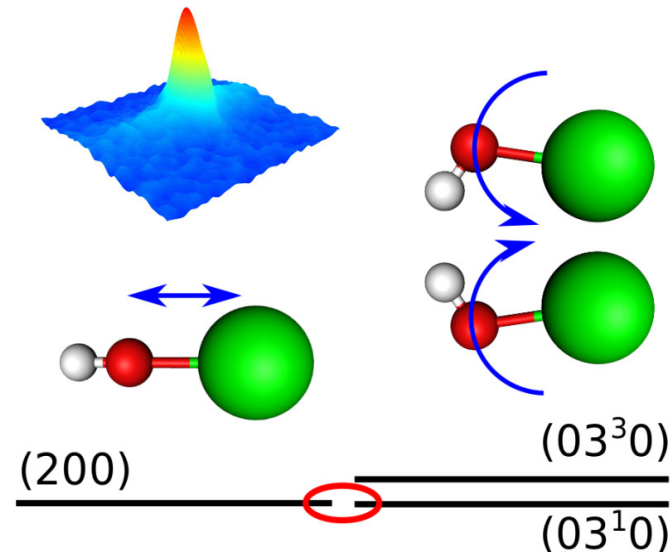
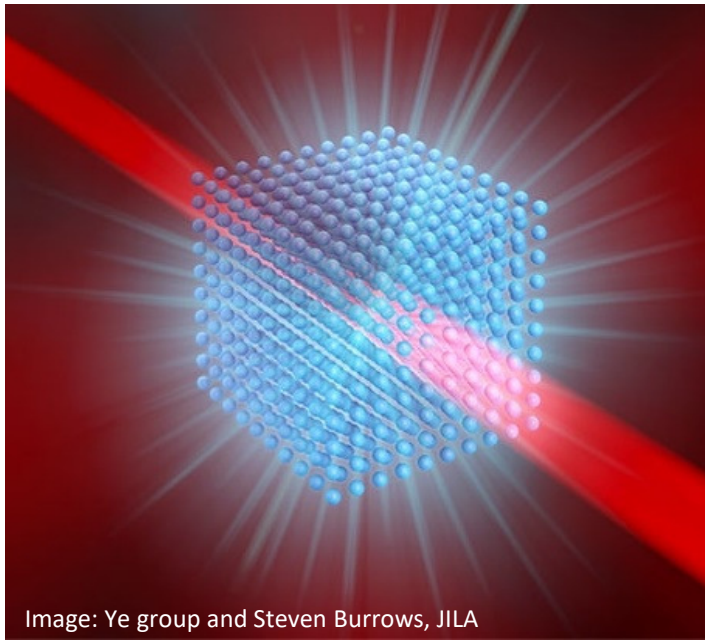


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DARK MATTER SEARCHES WITH ATOMIC, MOLECULAR, AND NUCLEAR CLOCKS

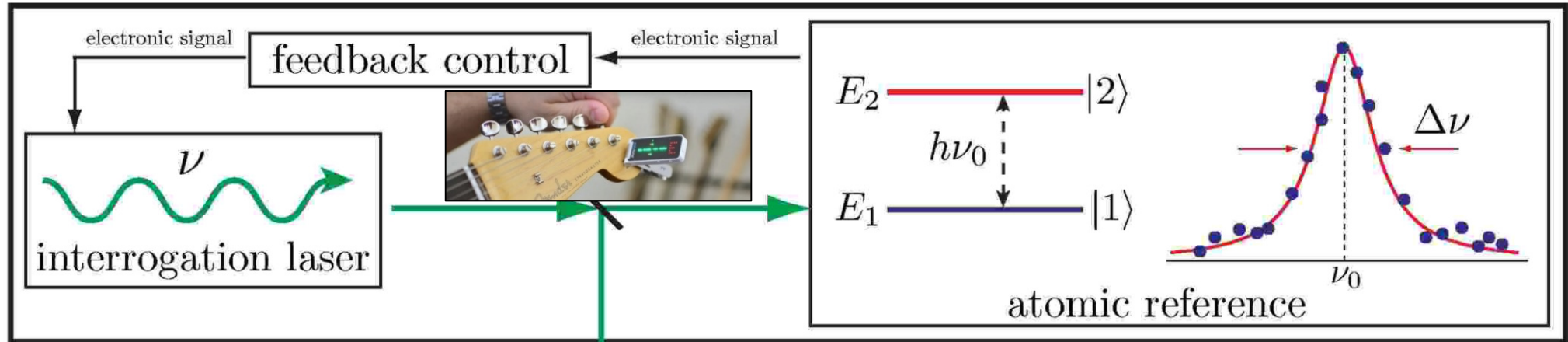


HOW OPTICAL ATOMIC CLOCK WORKS ?

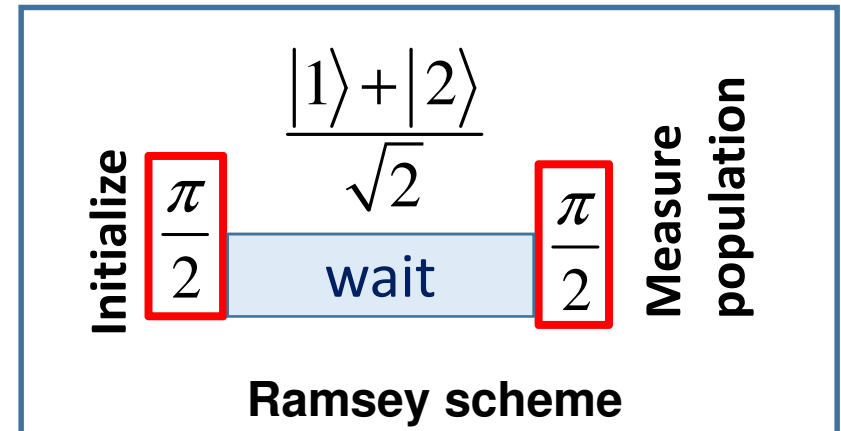
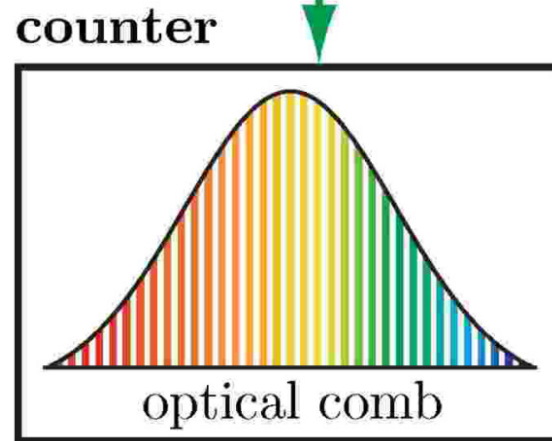


BASIC IDEA: TUNE THE LASER TO THE FREQUENCY OF THE ATOMIC TRANSITION

HOW OPTICAL ATOMIC CLOCK WORKS ?



The laser is resonant with the atomic transition. A correction signal is derived from atomic spectroscopy that is fed back to the laser.



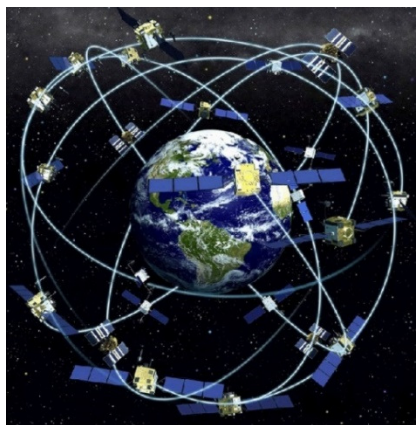
An optical frequency synthesizer (optical frequency comb) is used to divide the optical frequency down to countable microwave or radio frequency signals.

JILA Sr clock
 2×10^{-18}

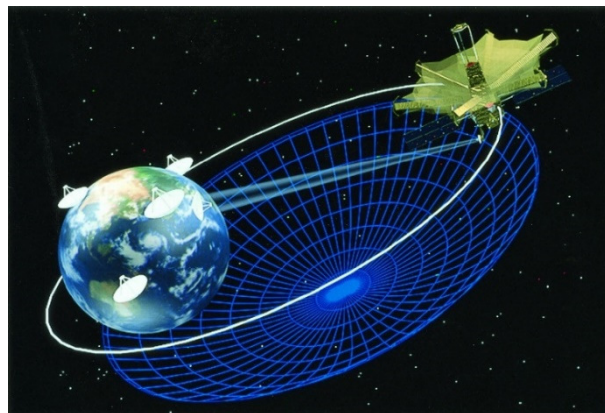
Clocks: new dark matter detectors

- Table-top devices
- Quite a few **already constructed**, based on different atoms
- Several clocks are usually in one place
- Will be made portable (prototypes exist)
- Will continue to rapidly improve
- Will be sent to space

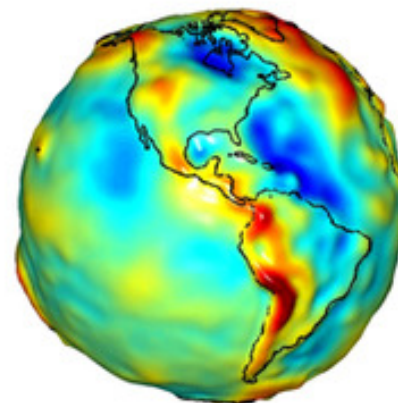
APPLICATIONS OF ATOMIC CLOCKS



GPS, deep space navigation

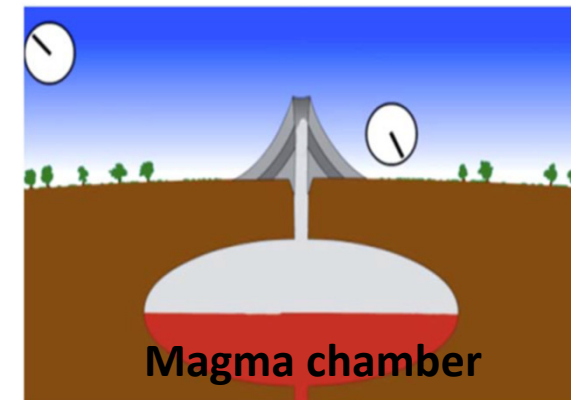


Very Long Baseline Interferometry

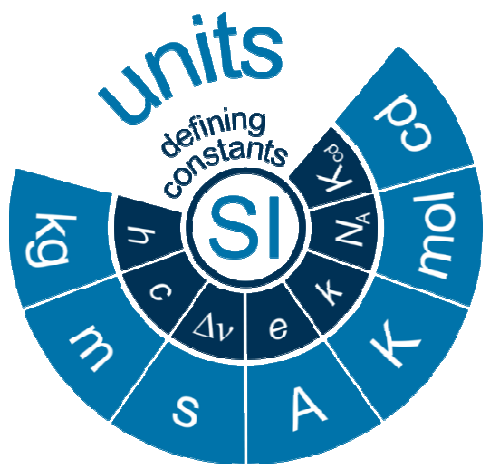


10^{-18}
1 cm
height

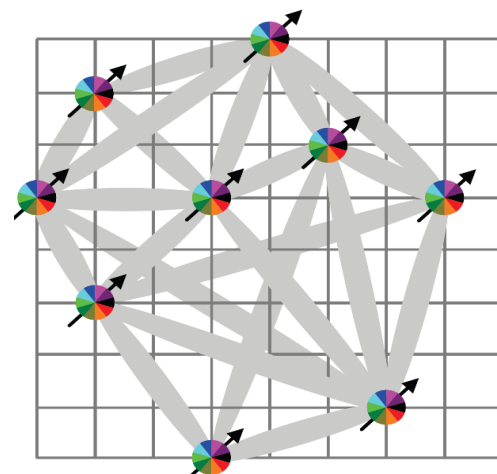
Relativistic geodesy



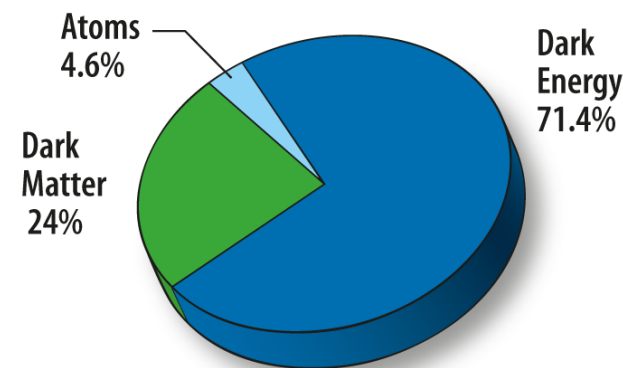
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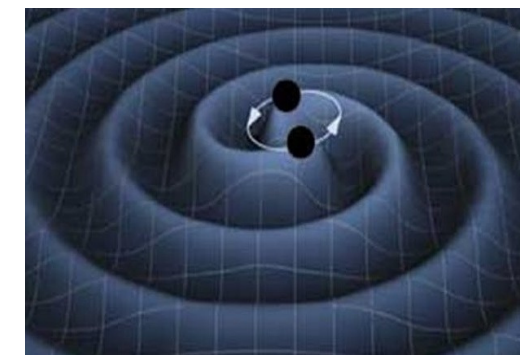
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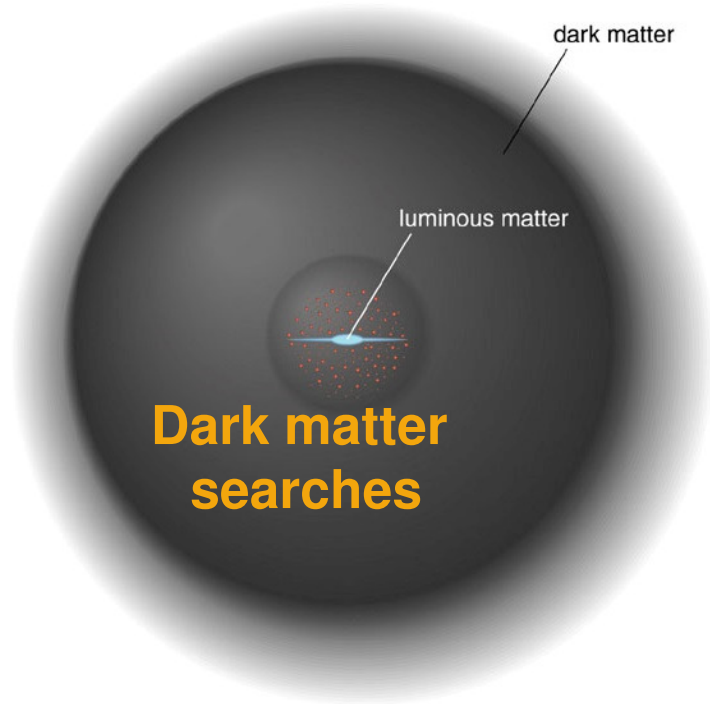
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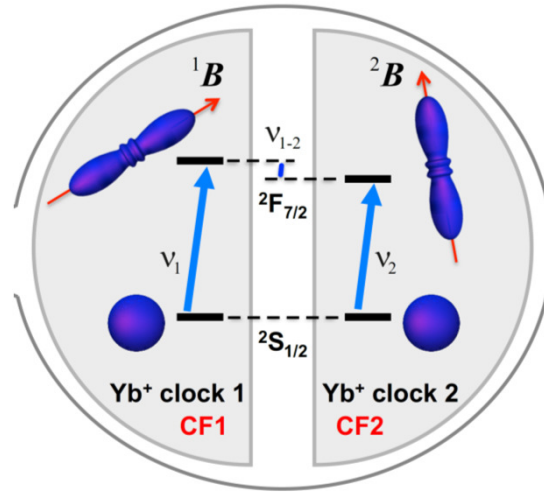
Searches for physics beyond the Standard Model



SEARCH FOR PHYSICS BEYOND THE STANDARD MODEL WITH ATOMIC CLOCKS



Dark matter searches



Search for the violation of Lorentz invariance

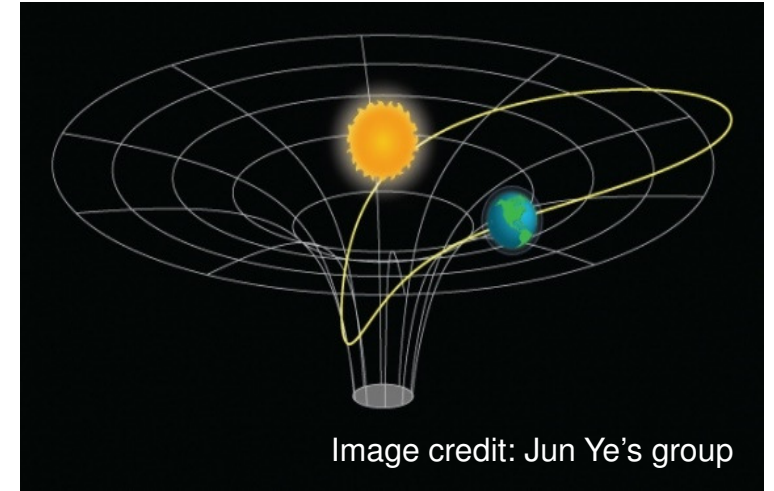
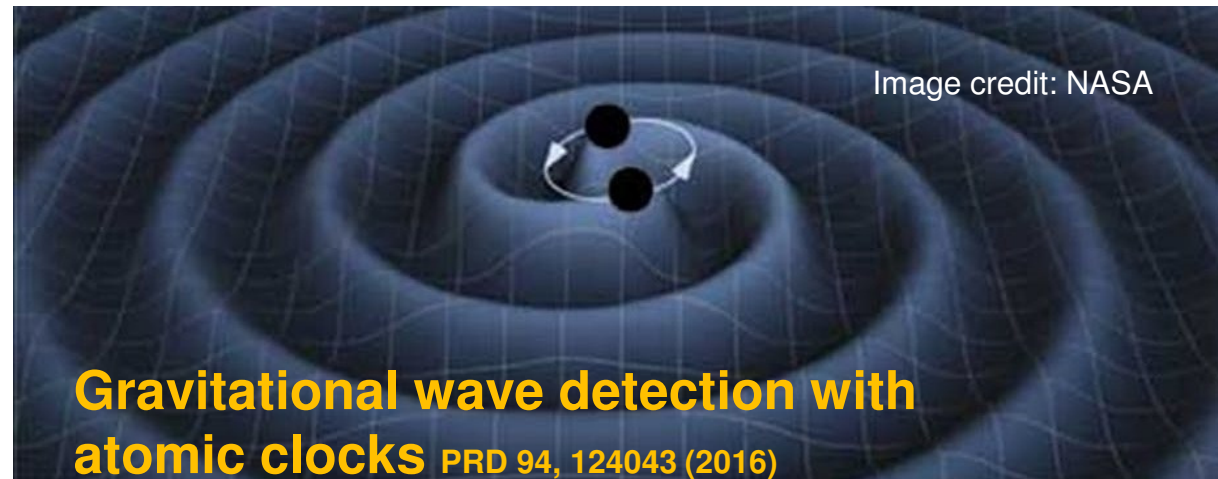


Image credit: Jun Ye's group

Tests of the position invariance

Are fundamental constants constant?

α



Gravitational wave detection with atomic clocks PRD 94, 124043 (2016)

How to detect ultralight dark matter with clocks & cavities?

**Oscillatory
DM effects**

Dark matter field $\phi(t) = \phi_0 \cos(m_\phi t + \bar{k}_\phi \times \bar{x} + \dots)$
 couples to electromagnetic interaction and “normal matter”

$$\frac{\phi}{M^*} \mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}}$$

**Least exotic
idea**

It will make fundamental coupling constants and mass ratios oscillate

Atomic, molecular, and nuclear energy levels will oscillate so **clock frequencies will oscillate**. **Strength of the effect depends on the transition.**
 Cavity length will oscillate.

Can be detected with monitoring **ratios** of clock frequencies over time (or clock/cavity).

τ [s]	$f = 2\pi/m_\phi$ [Hz]	m_ϕ [eV]
10^{-6}	1 MHz	4×10^{-9}
10^{-3}	1 kHz	4×10^{-12}
1	1	4×10^{-15}
1000	1 mHz	4×10^{-18}
10^6	10^{-6}	4×10^{-21}

**Clocks are broadband
dark matter detectors but
can be made resonant**

Asimina Arvanitaki, Junwu Huang, and Ken Van Tilburg, PRD 91, 015015 (2015)



Variation of which fundamental constants can we probe (or which dark matter couplings)

1. Frequency of **optical** transitions

$$\nu \simeq cR_\infty AF(\alpha) \quad \text{Depends only on } \alpha$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{e^2}{\hbar c}$$

$$\frac{d_e F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}{4}$$

2. Frequency of **hyperfine** transitions

$$\nu_{\text{hfs}} \simeq cR_\infty A_{\text{hfs}} \times g_i \times \frac{m_e}{m_p} \times \alpha^2 F_{\text{hfs}}(\alpha)$$

$$\mu = \frac{m_p}{m_e}$$

$$d_{m_e} m_e \bar{\psi}_e \psi_e$$

Depends on α , μ , g-factors

$$\frac{m_q}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}$$

$$\frac{d_g \beta_3 G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}}{2g_3}$$

2. Transitions in **molecules**: μ only, μ and α , or all three

$$E_{\text{el}} : E_{\text{vib}} : E_{\text{rot}} \sim 1 : \bar{\mu}^{1/2} : \bar{\mu}$$

$$\bar{\mu} = 1 / \mu$$

Sensitivity of **optical clocks** to α -variation

$$E = E_0 + q \left(\frac{\alpha^2}{\alpha_0^2} - 1 \right)$$

Enhancement factor

$$K = \frac{2q}{E_0}$$

Need: large K for at least one for the clocks

Best case: large K_2 and K_1 of opposite sign for clocks 1 and 2

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \ln \frac{\nu_2}{\nu_1} = (K_2 - K_1) \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial t}$$

Frequency ratio
accuracy

10^{-18}

100

10^{-20}

Test of α -variation

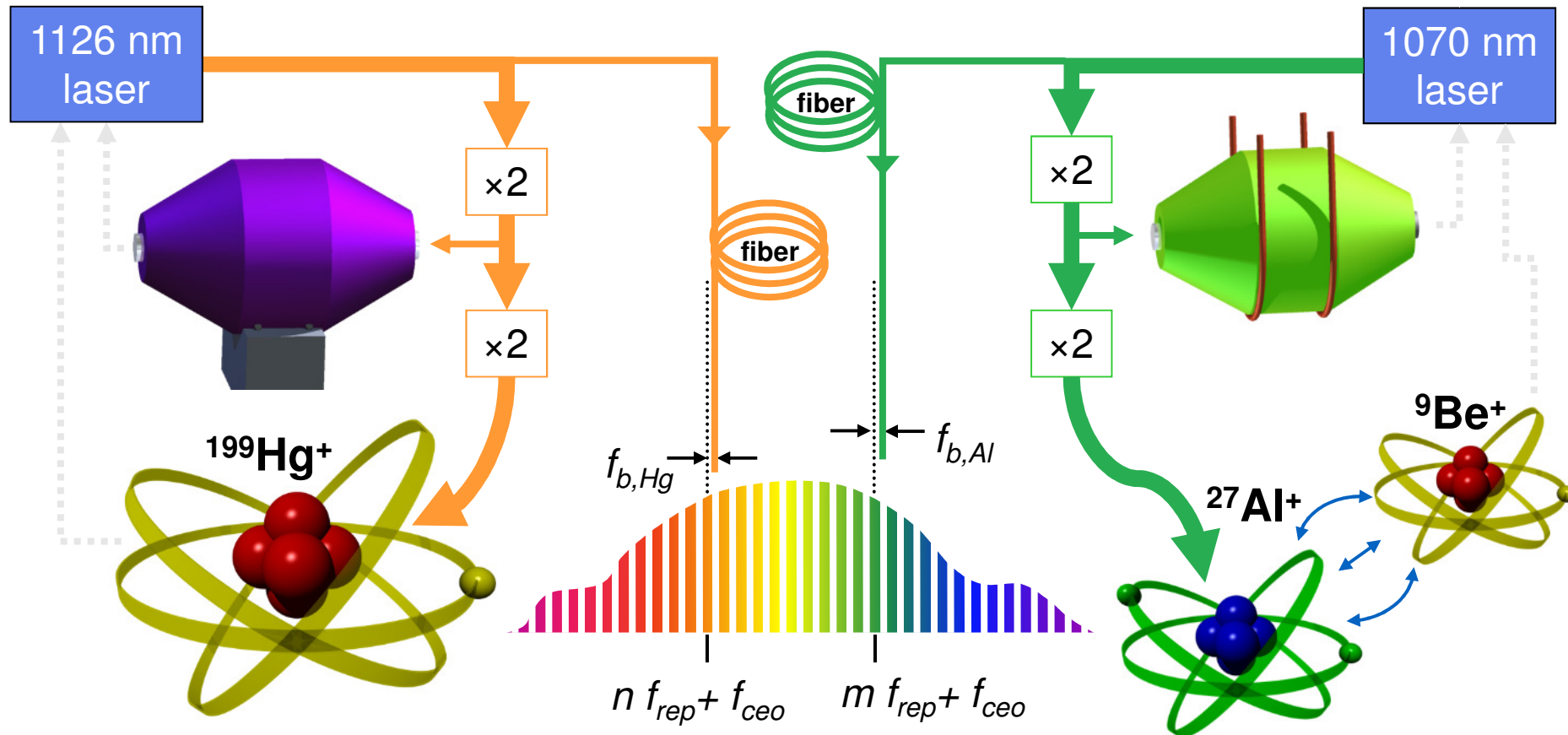
Easier to measure large effects!

Observable: ratio of two clock frequencies

Measure a ratio of Al^+ clock frequency to Hg^+ clock frequency

$$\frac{\nu(\text{Hg}^+)}{\nu(\text{Al}^+)} \quad K(\text{Hg}^+) = -2.9 \quad \text{Sensitivity factors}$$

$$K(\text{Al}^+) = 0.01 \quad \text{Not sensitive to } \alpha\text{-variation, used as reference}$$

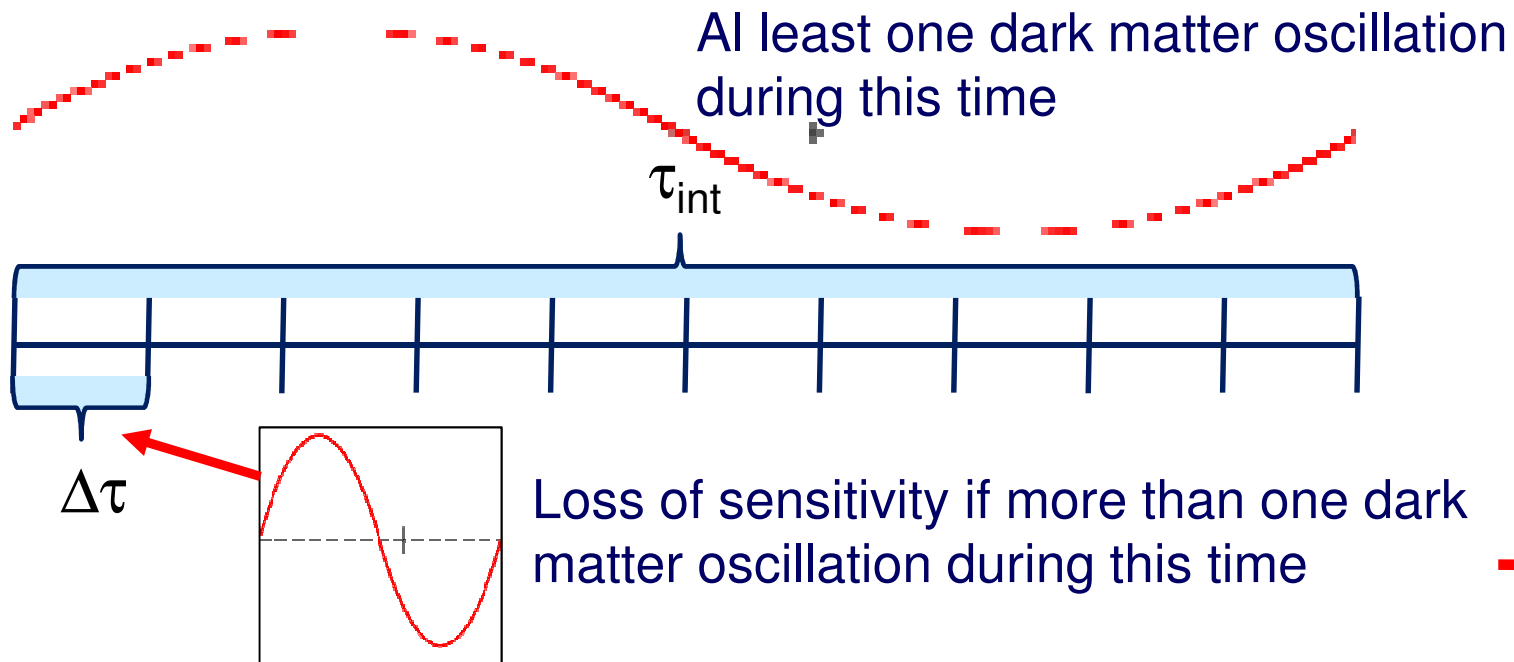


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Science 319, 1808 (2008)

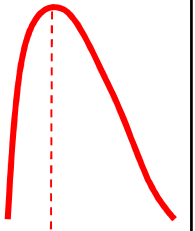
Clock measurement protocols for dark matter detection

Single clock ratio measurement: averaging over time $\Delta\tau$
Make N such measurements, preferably regularly spaced



Detection signal:

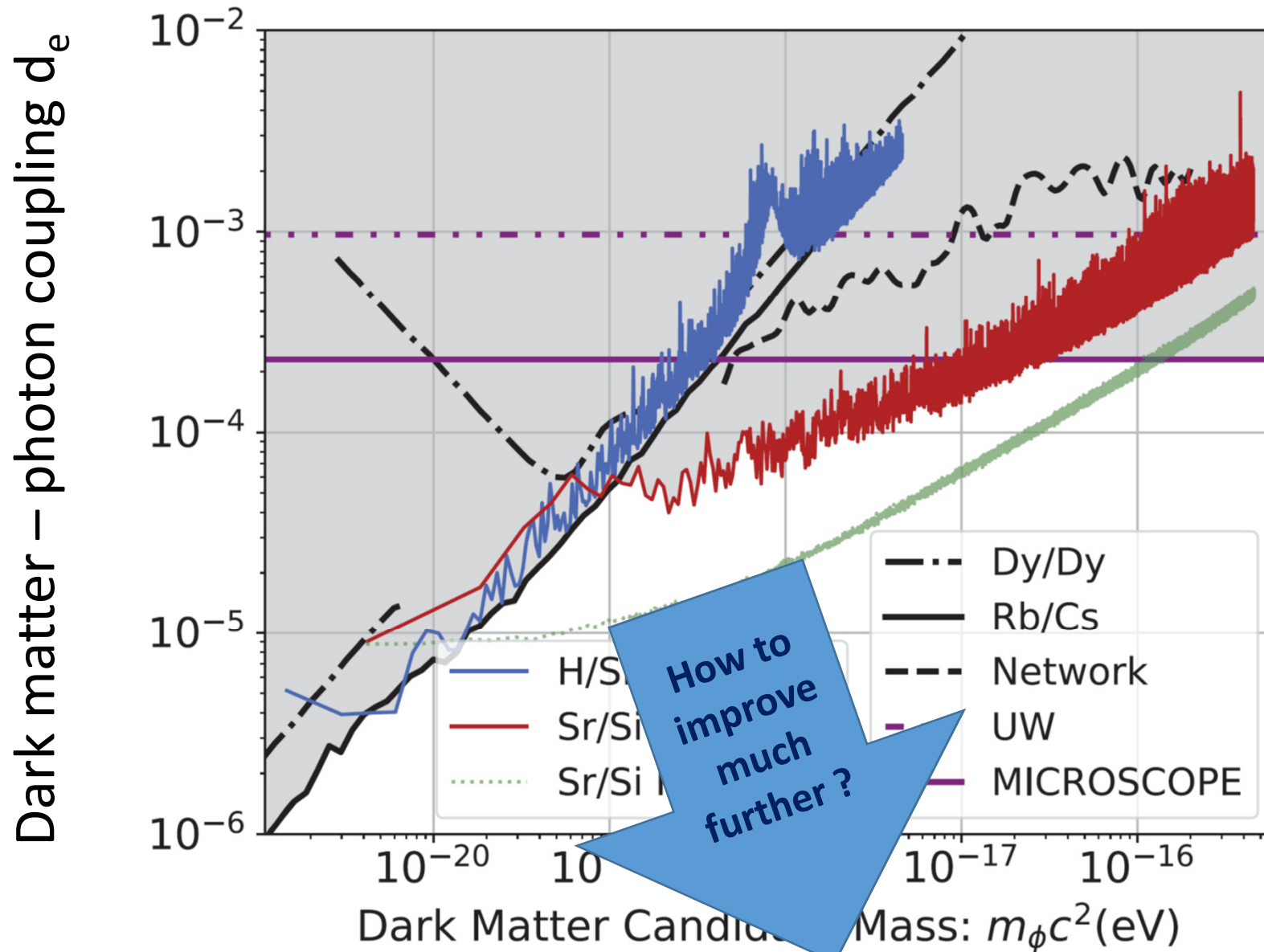
A peak with monochromatic frequency $f = 2\pi/m_\phi$ in the discrete Fourier transform of this time series.



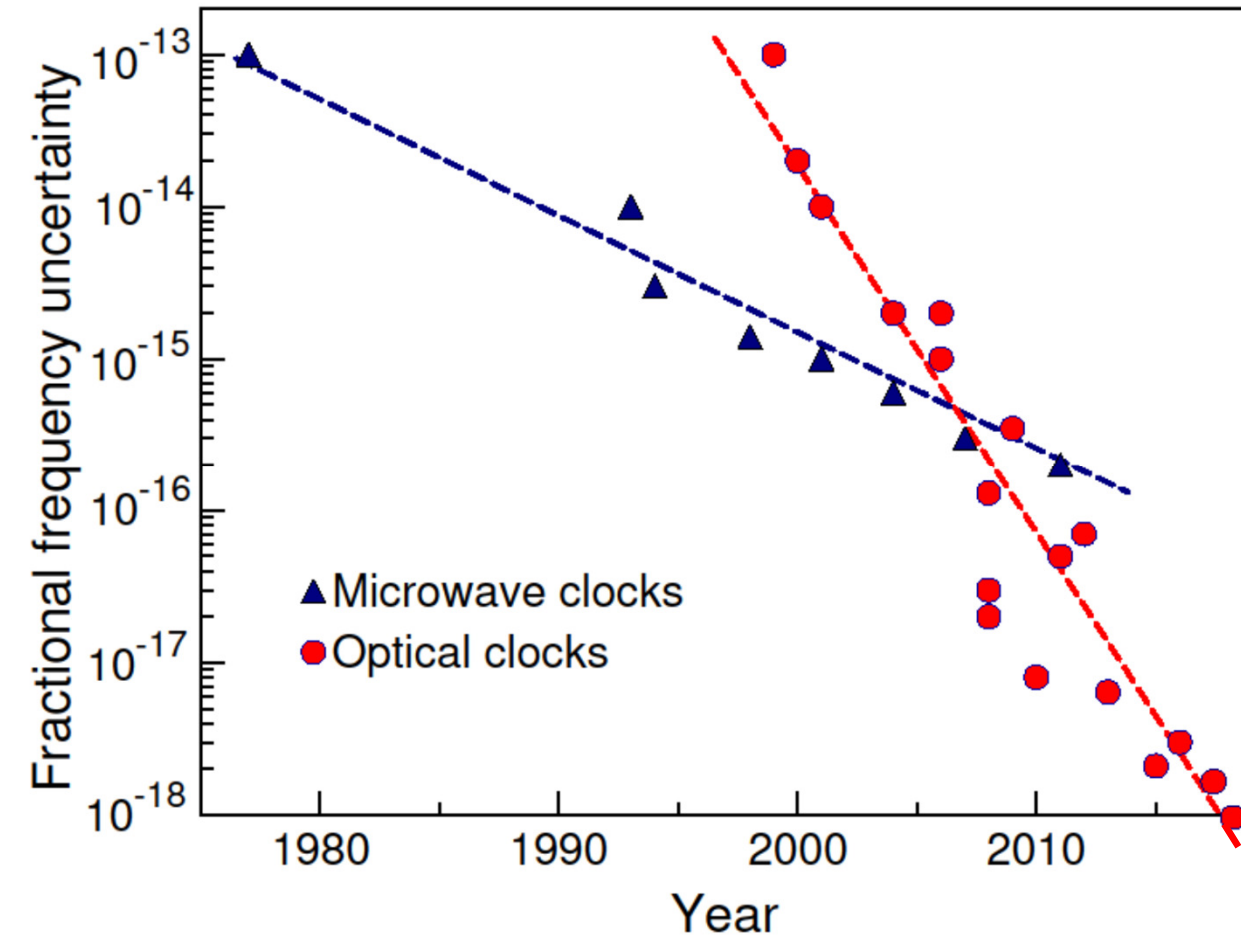
Solutions:

- (1) Improve stability so shorter probe times are practical to use
- (2) Use dynamic decoupling

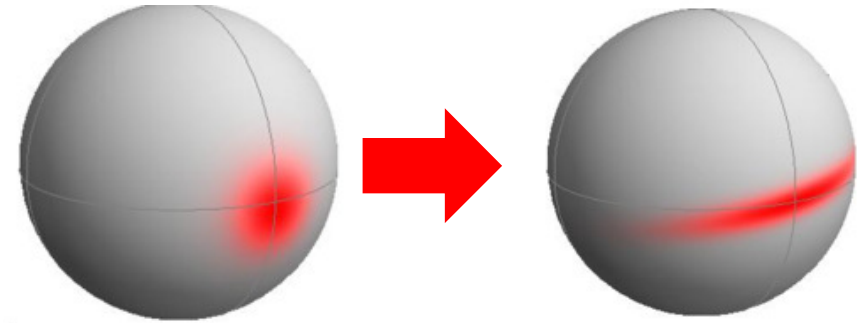
Oscillating
dark matter
bounds



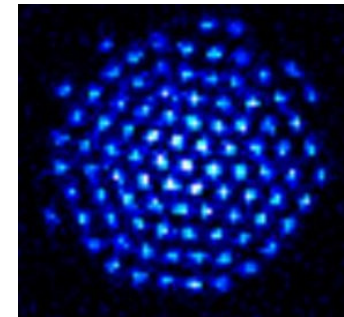
IMPROVE CLOCKS!



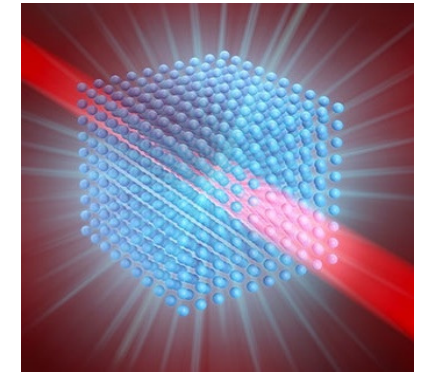
M. S. Safronova, D. Budker, D. DeMille, Derek F. Jackson-Kimball, A. Derevianko, and Charles W. Clark, Rev. Mod. Phys. 90, 025008 (2018).



Measurements beyond the quantum limit



Large ion crystals



New designs for lattice clocks

$$\Psi = \left| \begin{array}{c} -1/2 \quad +1/2 \\ \uparrow \vec{B} \\ \text{two lobes} \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} -5/2 \quad +5/2 \\ \text{two lobes} \end{array} \right\rangle$$

Entangled clocks

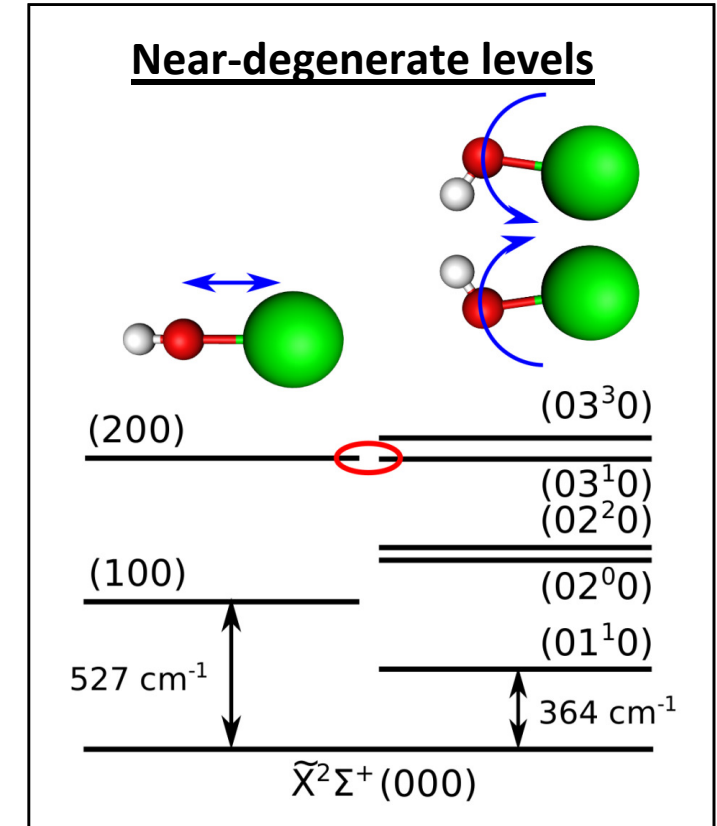
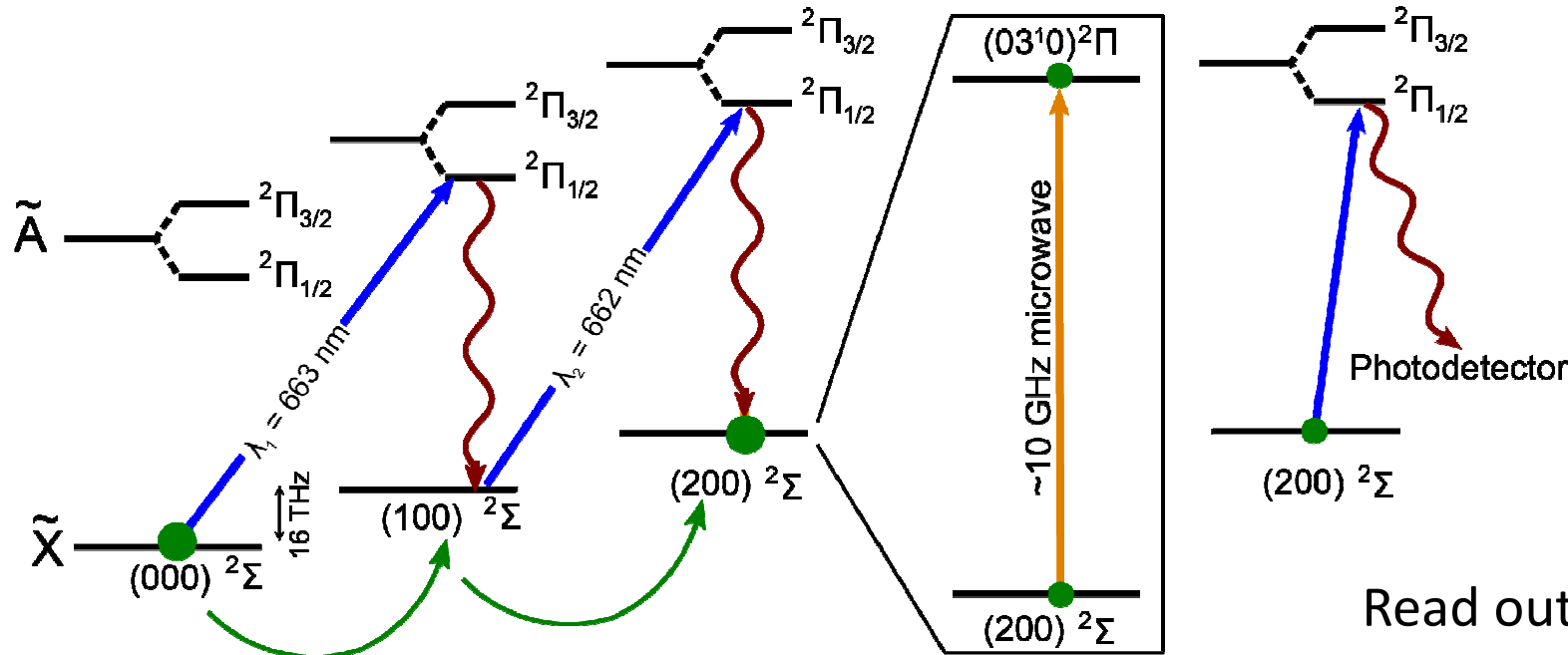
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Build different clocks

- (1) Enhanced sensitivity to variation of fine-structure constants
(photon-DM coupling)
- (2) Sensitive to variation of different fundamental constants

Scalar DM search with ultracold SrOH

- Use molecular spectroscopy to search for variation of $\mu = \frac{m_e}{m_p}$
- Ultralight dark matter has different effects on excited states
- Can take advantage of fortuitous near-degeneracies
- $\sim 10^{-17} / \sqrt{\text{day}}$ fractional uncertainty in $\delta\mu/\mu$



Read out transferred population
Oscillating resonance is a signature of dark matter



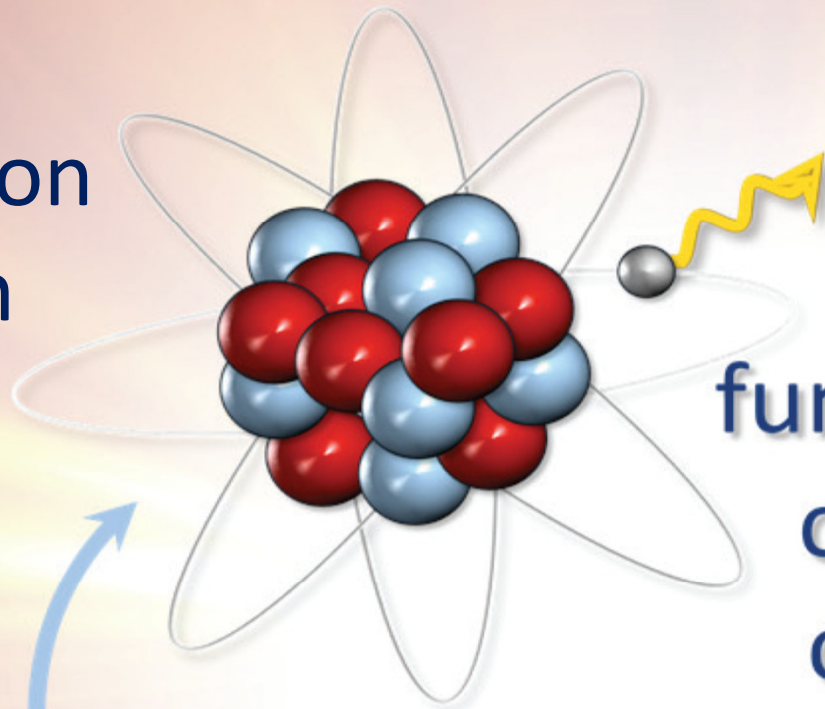
Optically pump into "science state"

Transfer to near-degenerate vibrational state via microwaves



FROM ATOMIC TO NUCLEAR CLOCKS!

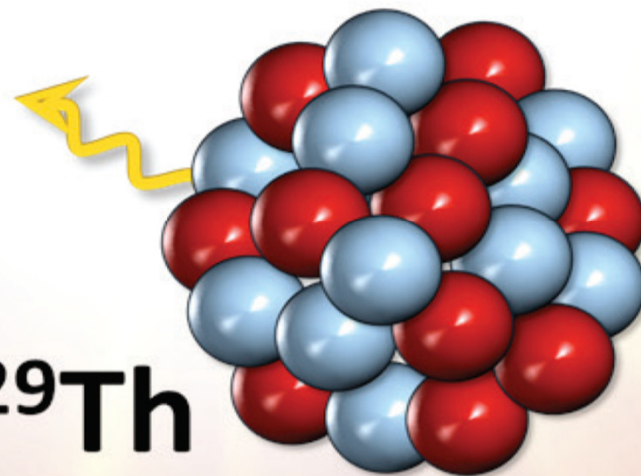
Clock based on transitions in atoms



Are fundamental constants constant?



α



^{229}Th

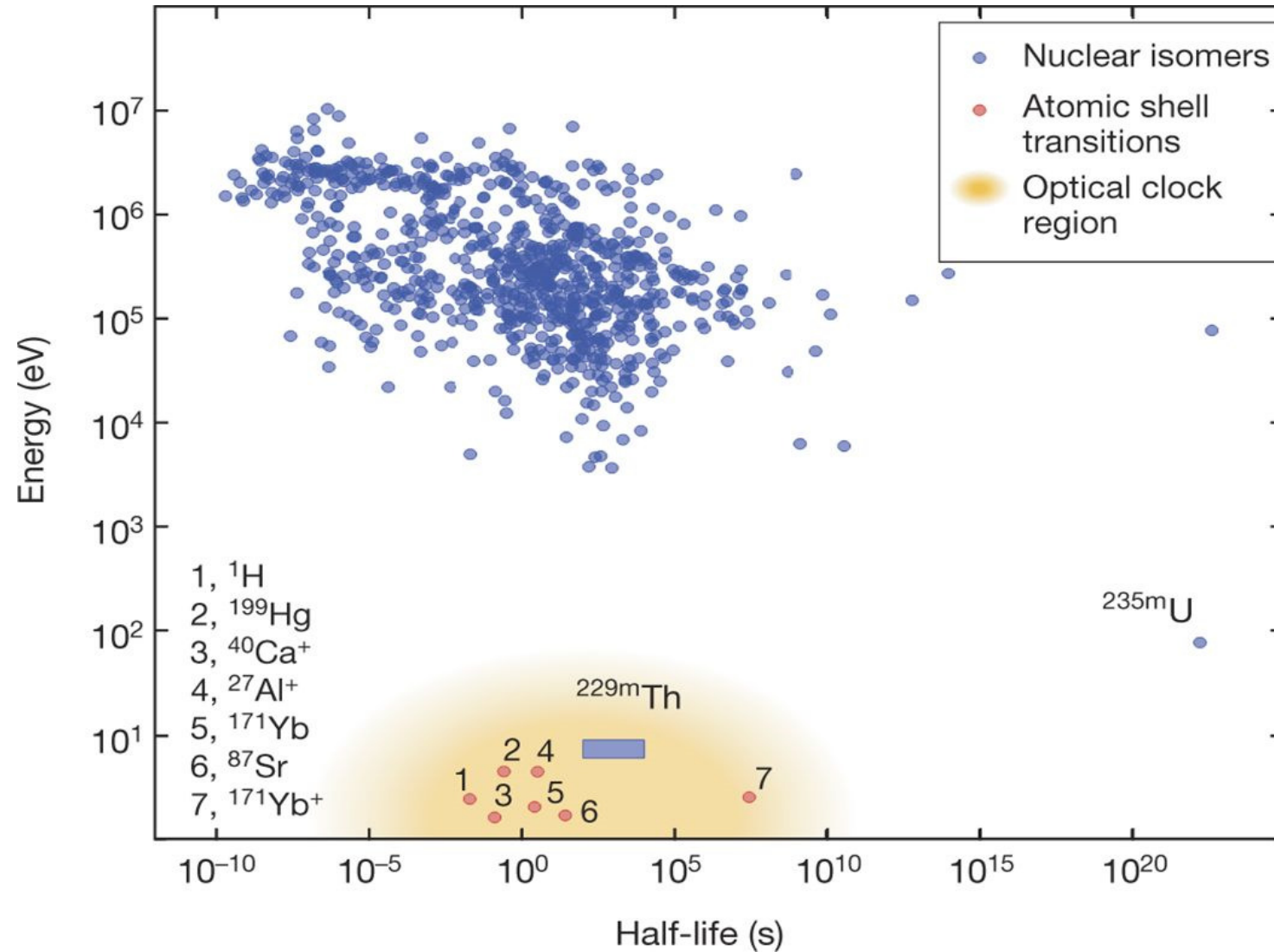


What about transitions in nuclei?

OBVIOUS PROBLEM: TYPICAL NUCLEAR ENERGY LEVELS ARE IN MEV

Six orders of magnitude from ~few eV we can access by lasers!

Nuclear
clocks?



^{229}Th NUCLEAR CLOCK



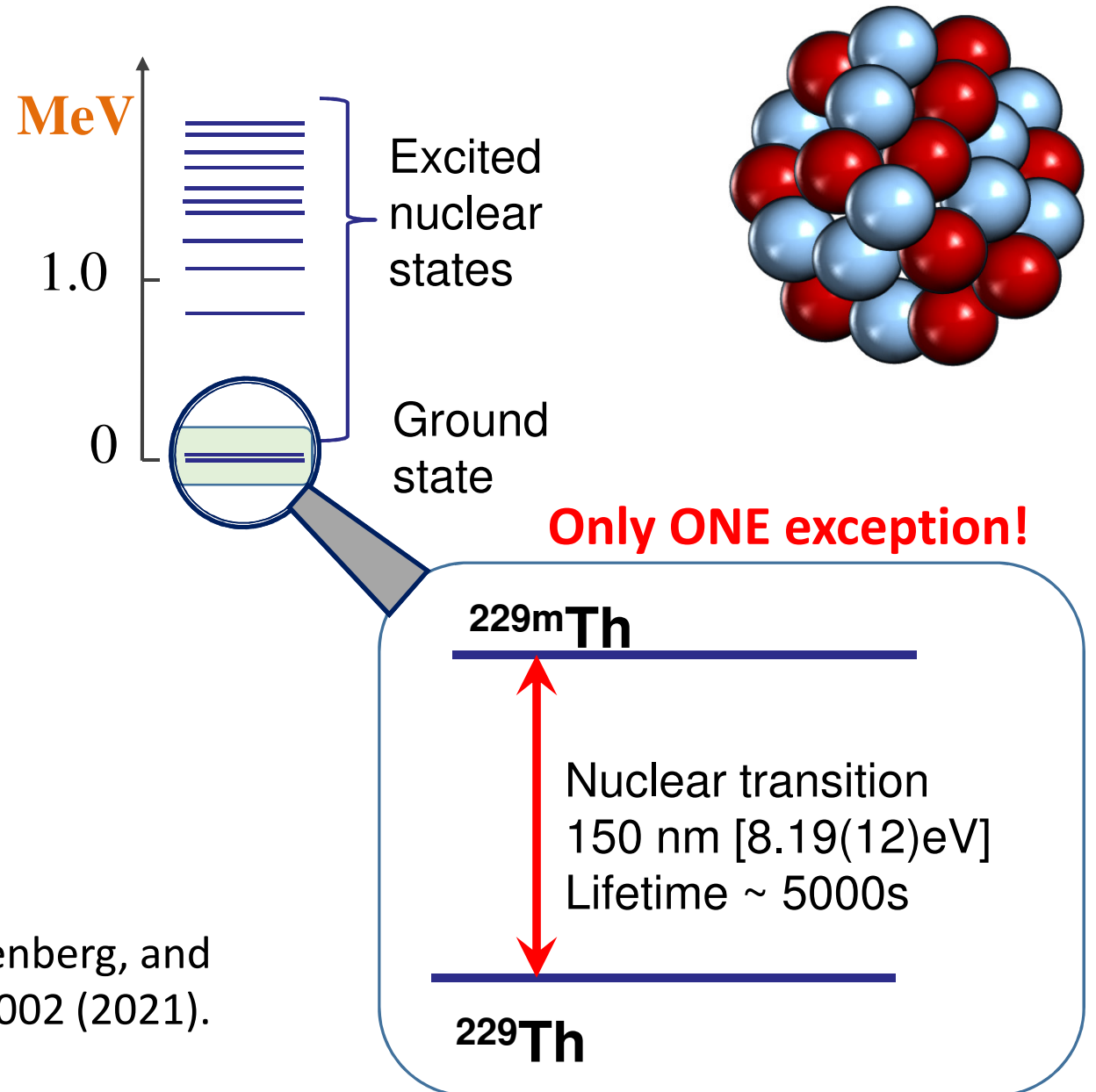
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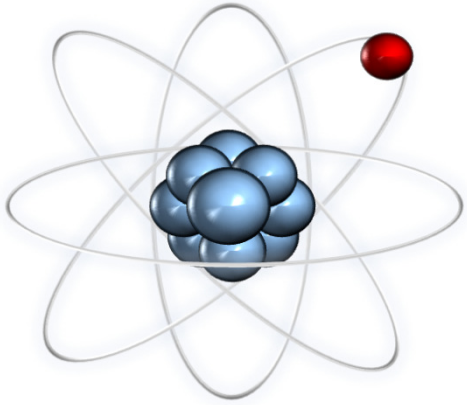
Energy of the ^{229}Th nuclear clock transition:
Seiferle *et al.*, Nature 573, 243 (2019)
T. Sikorsky et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 142503 (2020).

Review & ERC Synergy project plan:

E. Peik, T. Schumm, M. S. Safronova, A. Pálffy, J. Weitenberg, and P. G. Thirolf, Quantum Science and Technology 6, 034002 (2021).



Th³⁺ ion

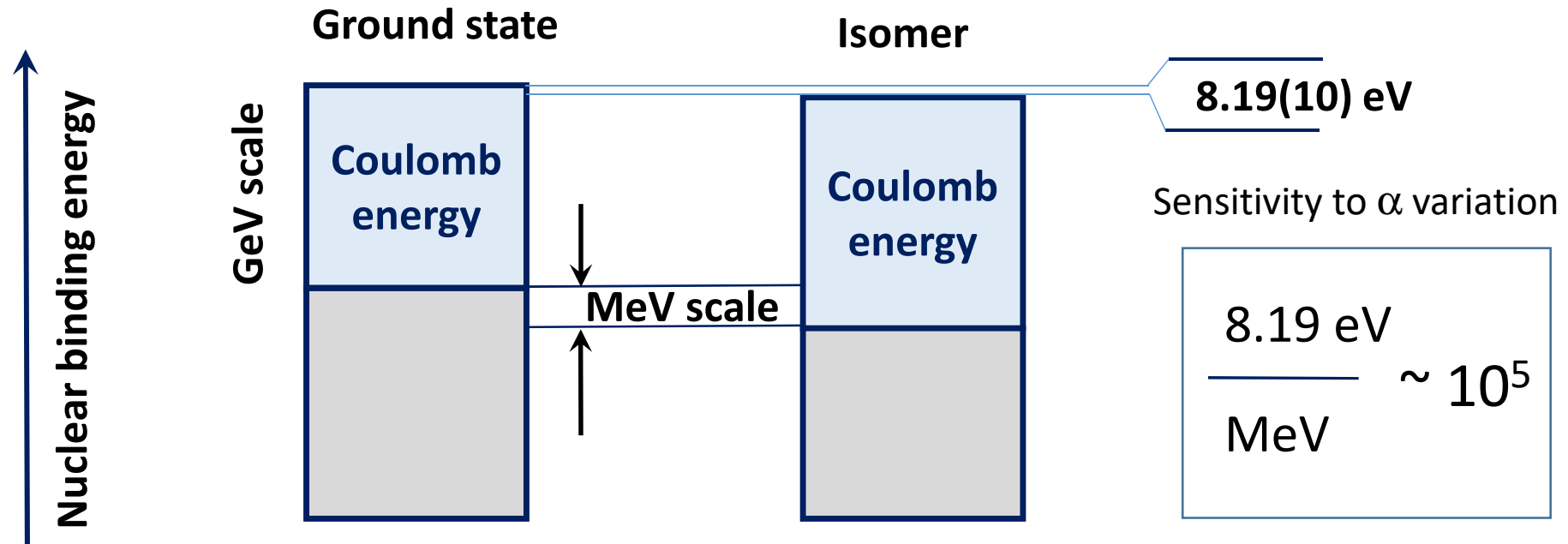


Another possibility:
solid state nuclear
clock

What is different for the nuclear clock?

- (1) Much higher sensitivity to the variation of α**
- (2) Nuclear clock is sensitive to other fundamental constants**
- (3) Nuclear clock is sensitive to coupling of dark matter to both electromagnetic and the nuclear sector of the standard model**

Th NUCLEAR CLOCK: EXCEPTIONAL SENSITIVITY TO NEW PHYSICS



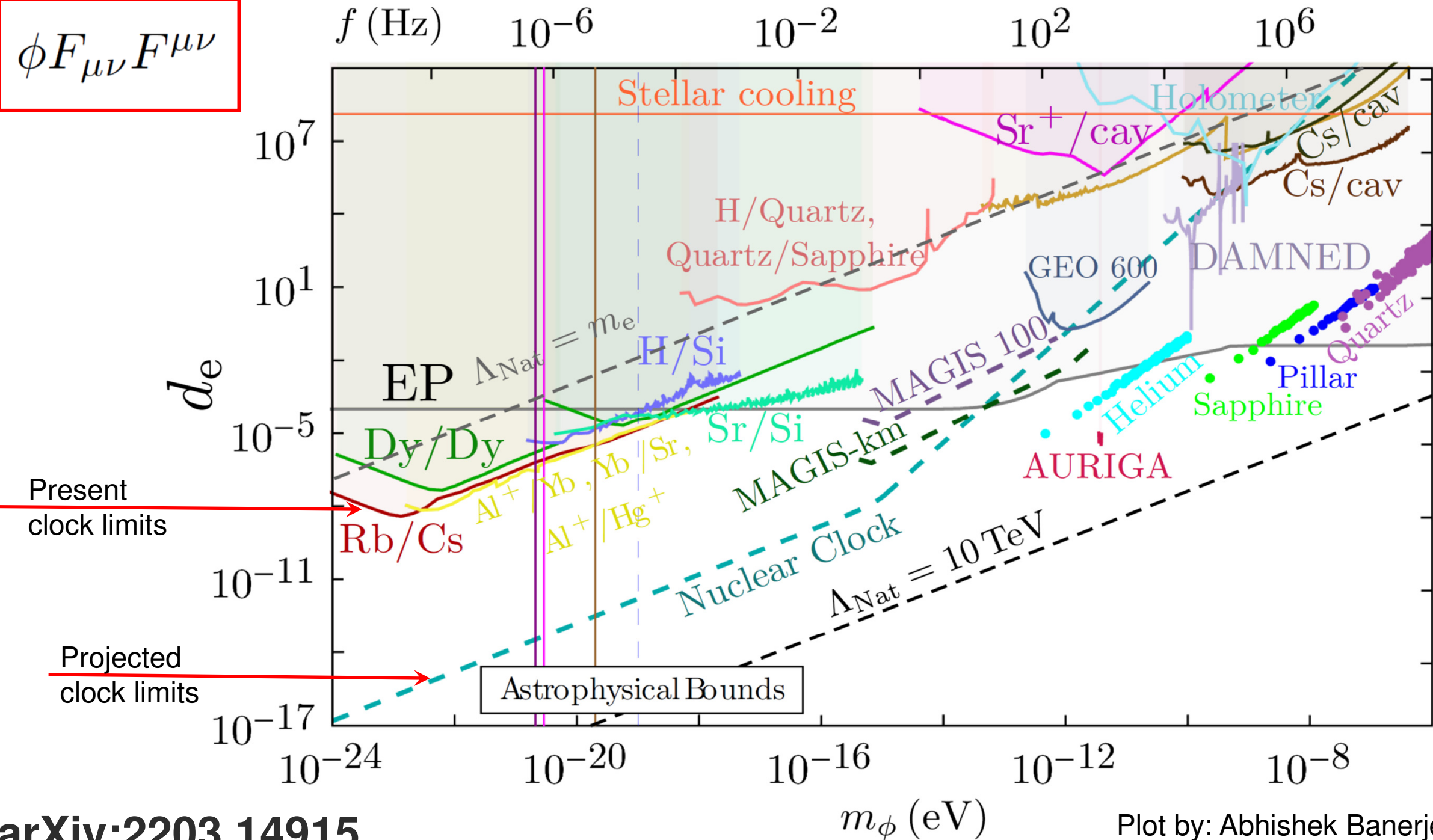
Much higher predicted sensitivity ($K = 10000-100000$) to the variation of α and $\frac{m_q}{\Lambda_{QCD}}$.

Nuclear clock is sensitive to coupling of dark matter to the nuclear sector of the standard model.

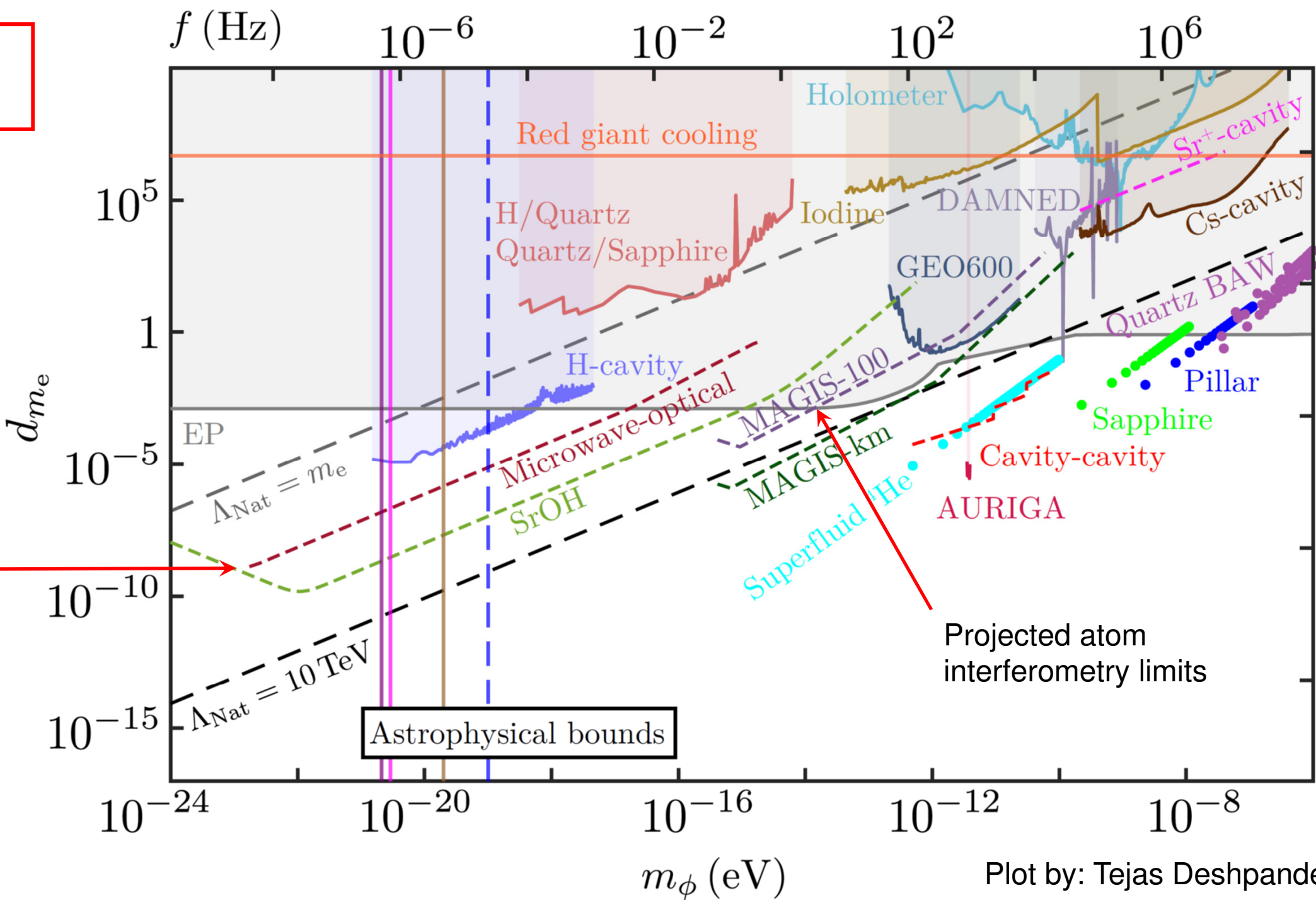
5 years: prototype nuclear clocks, based on both solid state and trapped ion technologies
Variation of fundamental constant and dark matter searches competitive with present clock

10 years: $10^{-18} - 10^{-19}$ nuclear clock, 5 - 6 orders improvement in current clock dark matter limits

$$\phi F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$



$$\phi \bar{e} e$$



Plot by: Tejas Deshpande

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Snowmass 2021 White Paper Axion Dark Matter

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Pseudoscalar dark matter: QCD axion

Extremely well motivated dark matter candidate: QCD axion solves **strong CP problem**, parameter space is known

QCD $\mathcal{L}_\theta \sim \bar{\theta} G\tilde{G}$ generically break the CP symmetry
 G is the gluon field strength tensor

$$\bar{\theta} \leq 10^{-10}$$

From non-observation
of neutron EDM

Strong CP problem

C: charge

P: parity

Strong interaction
could violate CP but
does not as of present
experimental accuracy
defined by limit on
neutron EDM.

**Serious fine-tuning
problem.**

Solution: Peccei-Quinn (PQ) mechanism

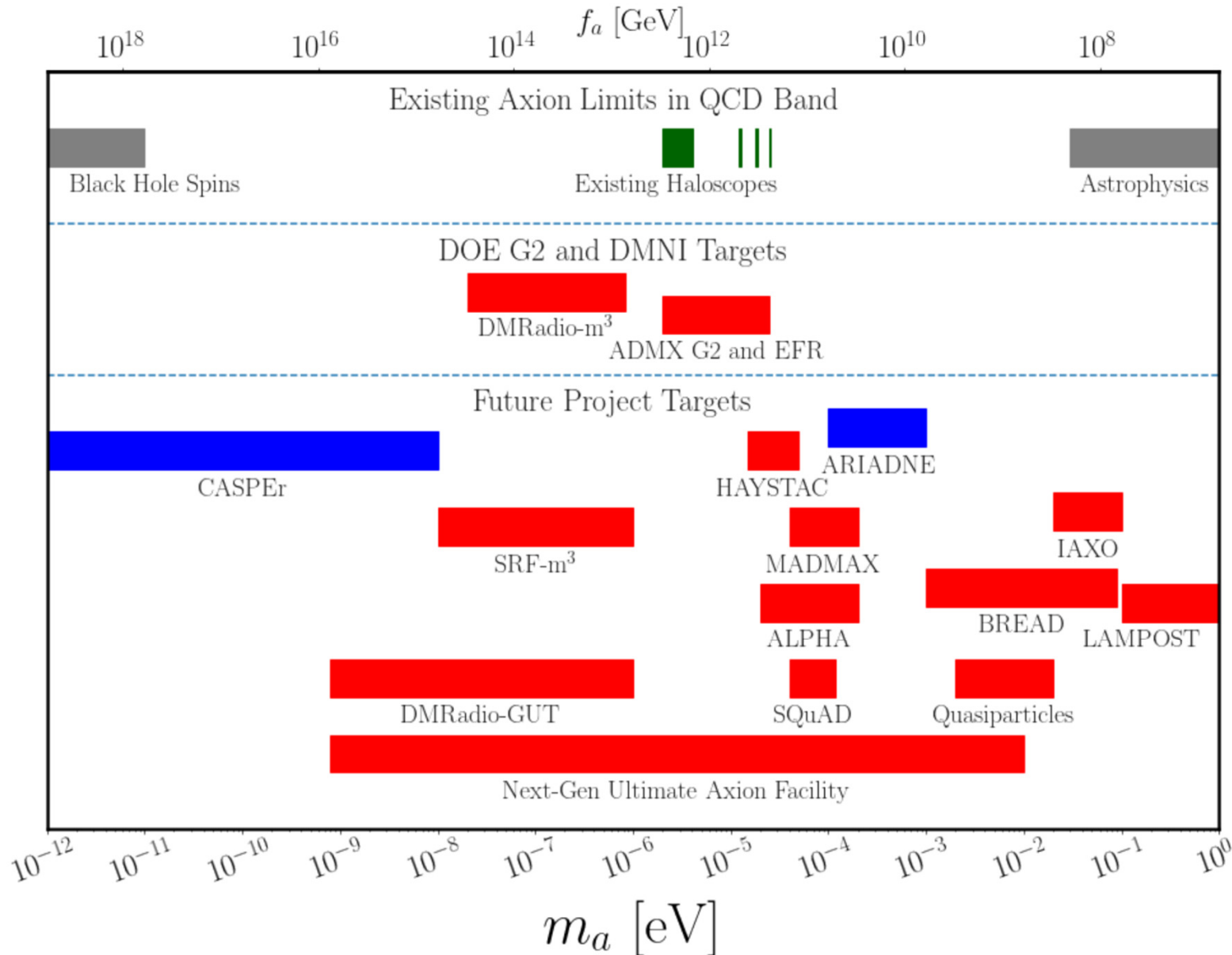
It minimally extends the SM with a new classically conserved global symmetry, the PQ symmetry $U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$, which is spontaneously broken at a scale f_a . QCD axion is the low-energy consequence.

$$\mathcal{L} = \left(\frac{a}{f_a} - \bar{\theta} \right) \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G^{\mu\nu a} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a$$

The axion dynamically relaxes the value of $\bar{\theta}_{\text{eff}} \equiv \langle a \rangle / f_a - \bar{\theta}$ to zero.

From chiral perturbation theory: $m_a = 5.691(51) \mu\text{eV} (10^{12} \text{GeV} / f_a)$

Axions and APL searches



The green bars indicate running experiments in the QCD region.

Red indicate proposals that utilize the axion-photon coupling.

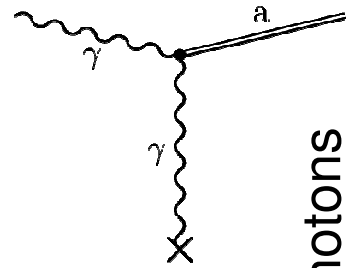
$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} = -\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

Blue indicates proposal utilizing alternative couplings.

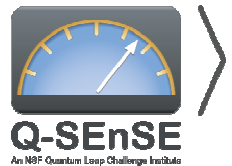
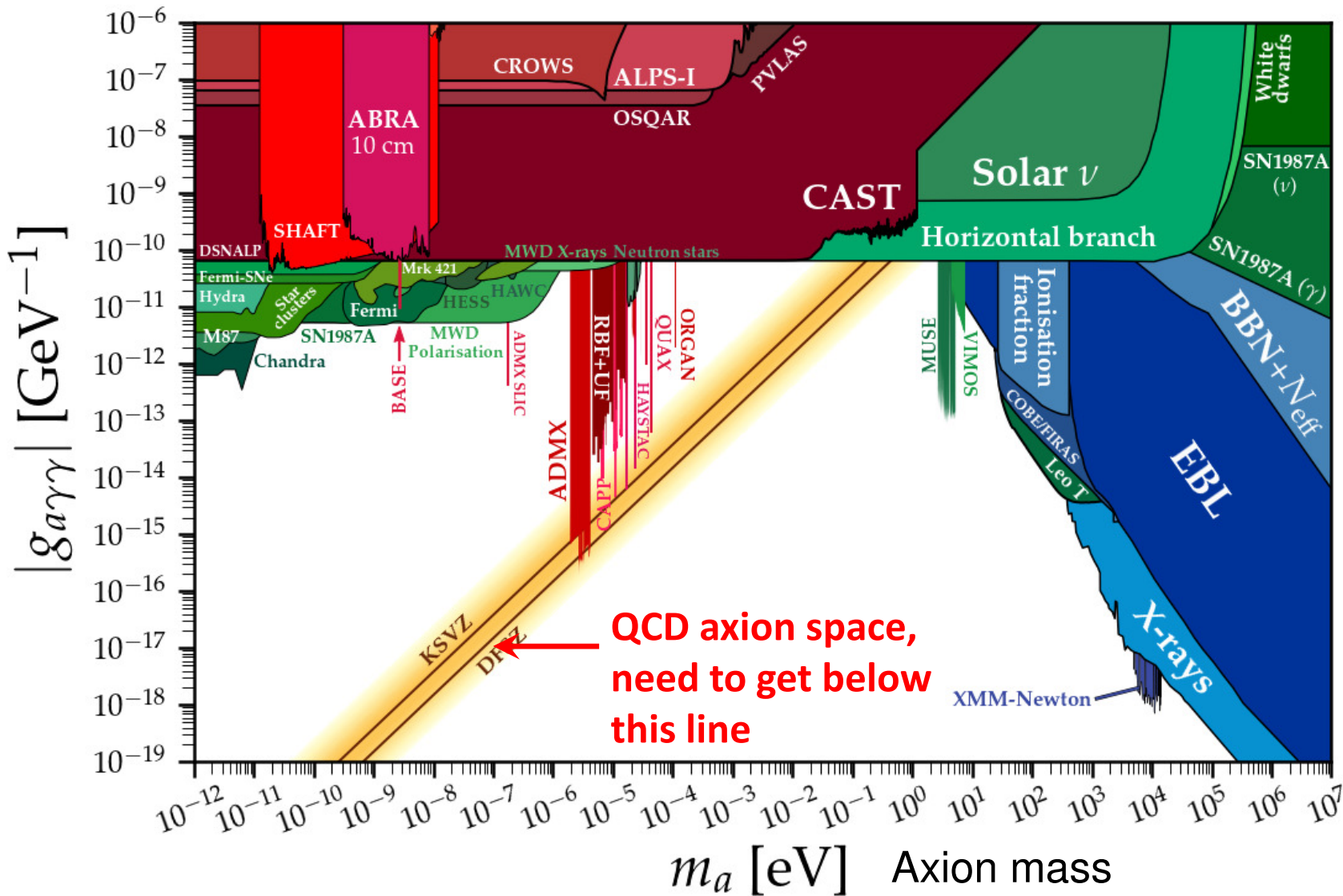
$$\frac{a}{f_a} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}, \quad \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{\Psi}_f \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_f$$

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Pseudoscalar dark matter: axions and APL

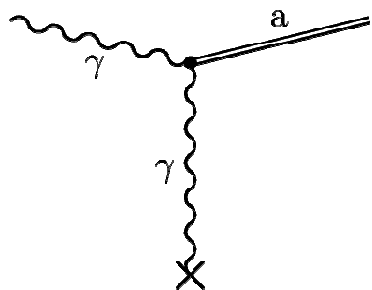


Coupling of axion to photons



The resonant cavity haloscopes

$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma\gamma} = -\frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}}{4} a F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$



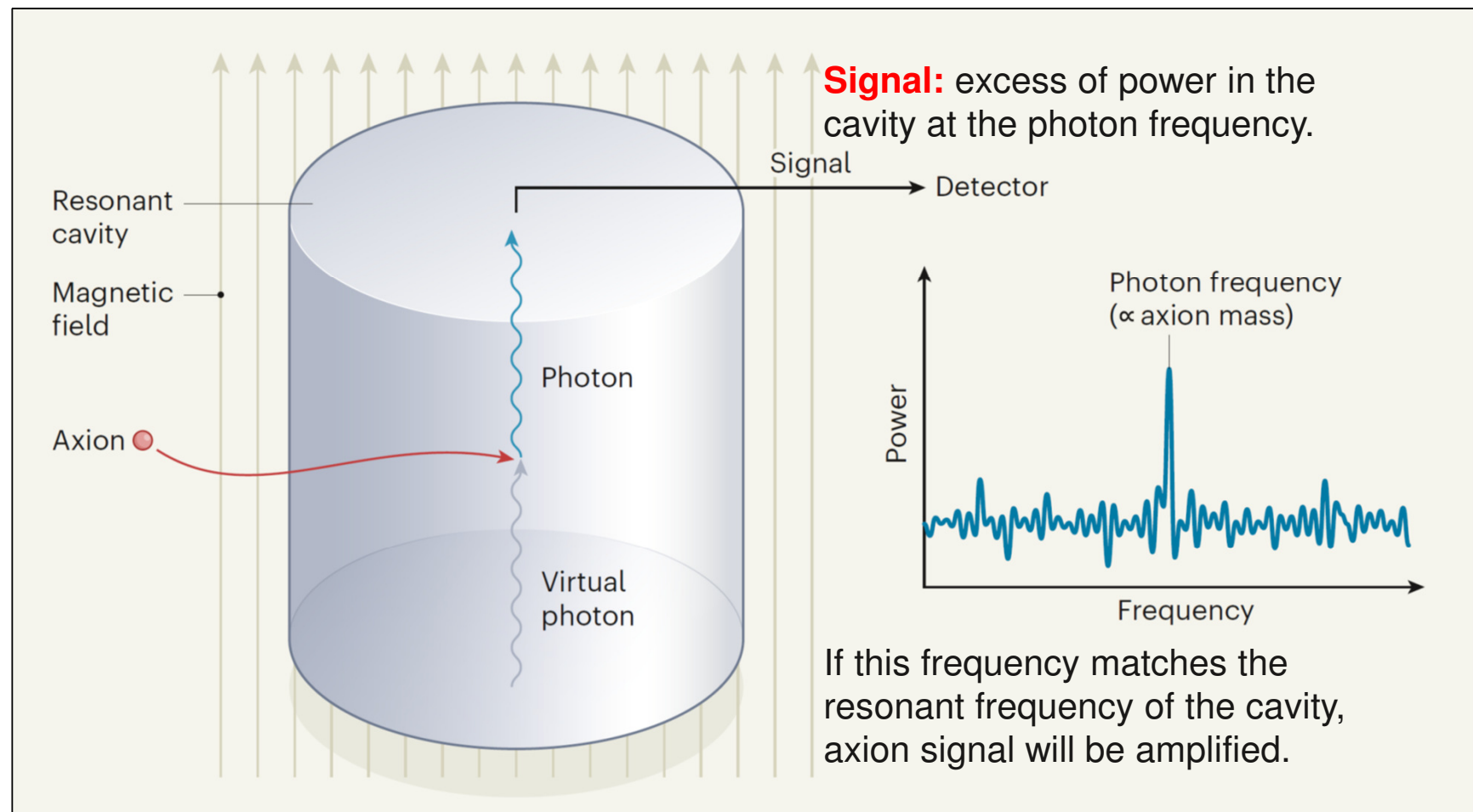
Basic idea:

The electromagnetic fields (one of the γ) created by an axion (a) in a large static magnetic field B (second γ) are resonantly amplified in a microwave cavity.

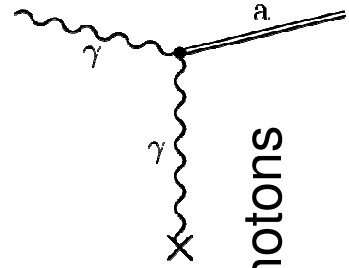
ADMX: Axion Dark Matter eXperiment (ADMX)

HAYSTAC: The **H**aloscope **A**t **Y**ale **S**ensitive **T**o **A**xion **C**DM

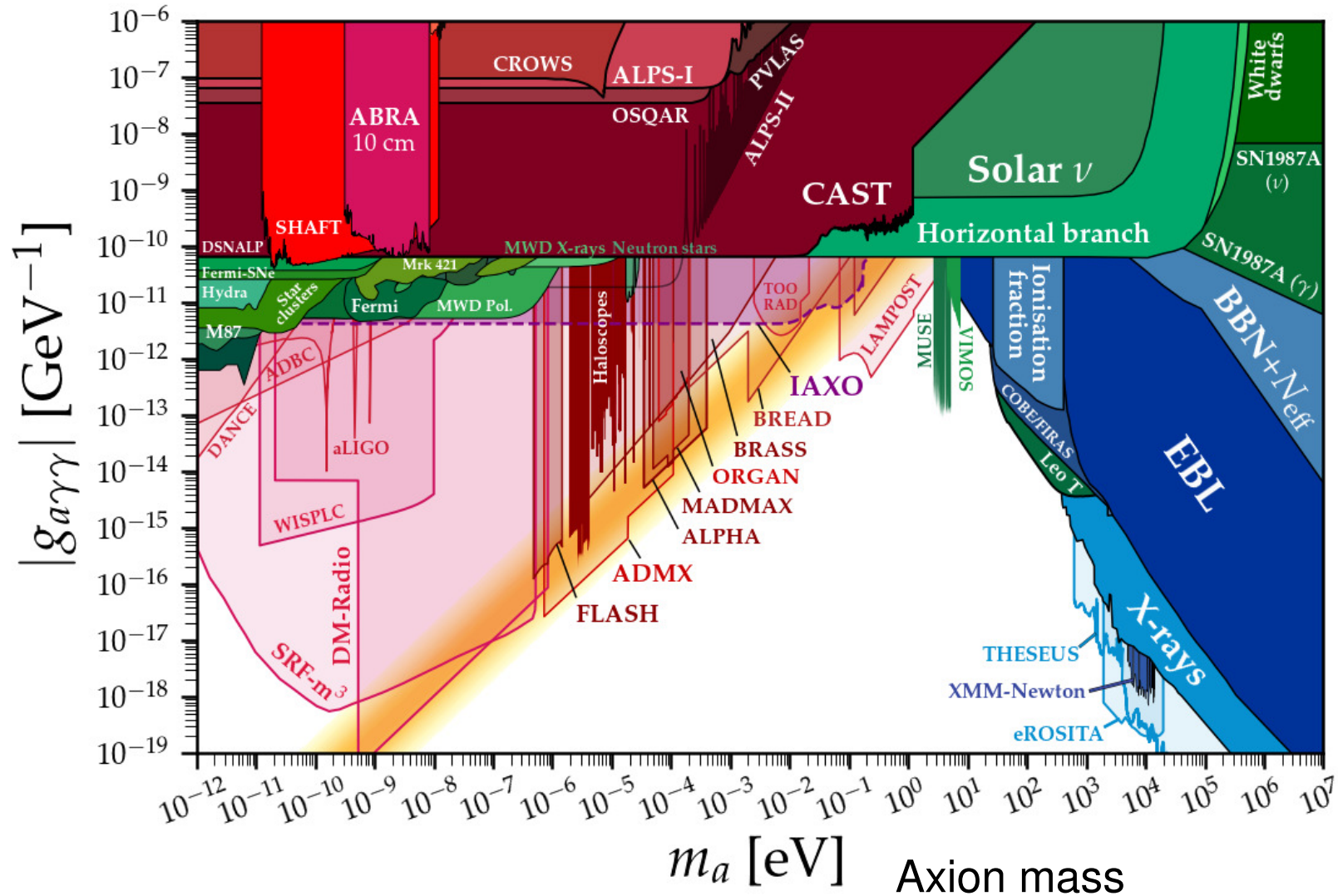
Tunable microwave cavity searches for axions



Axions and APLs: future prospects



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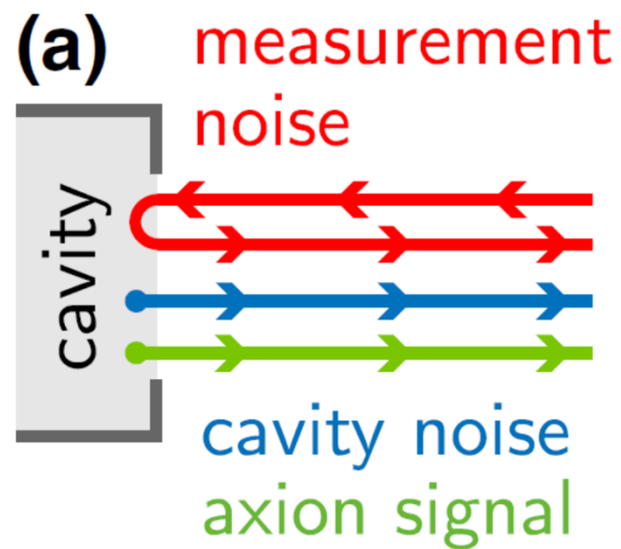
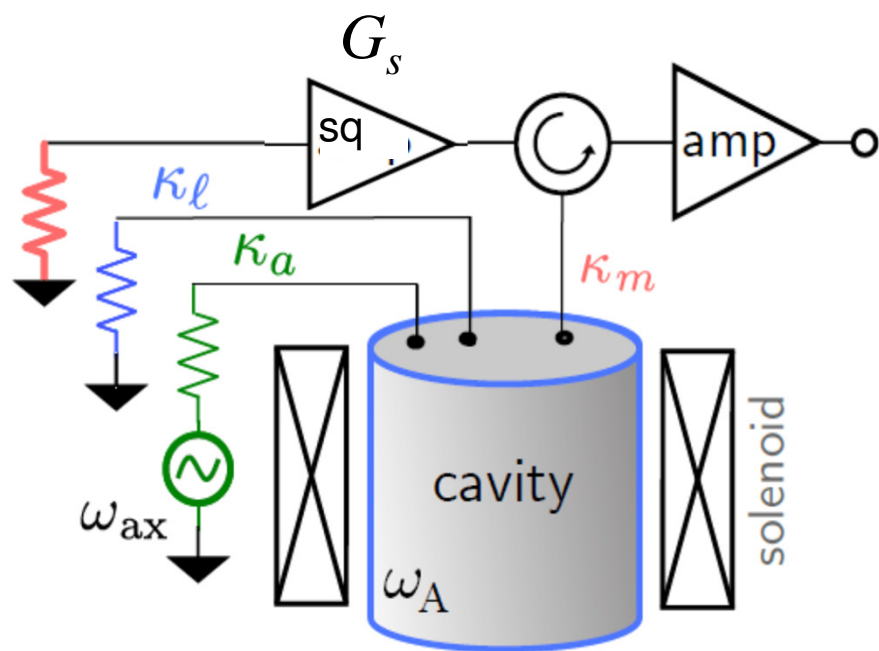


Need measurements beyond the standard quantum limit



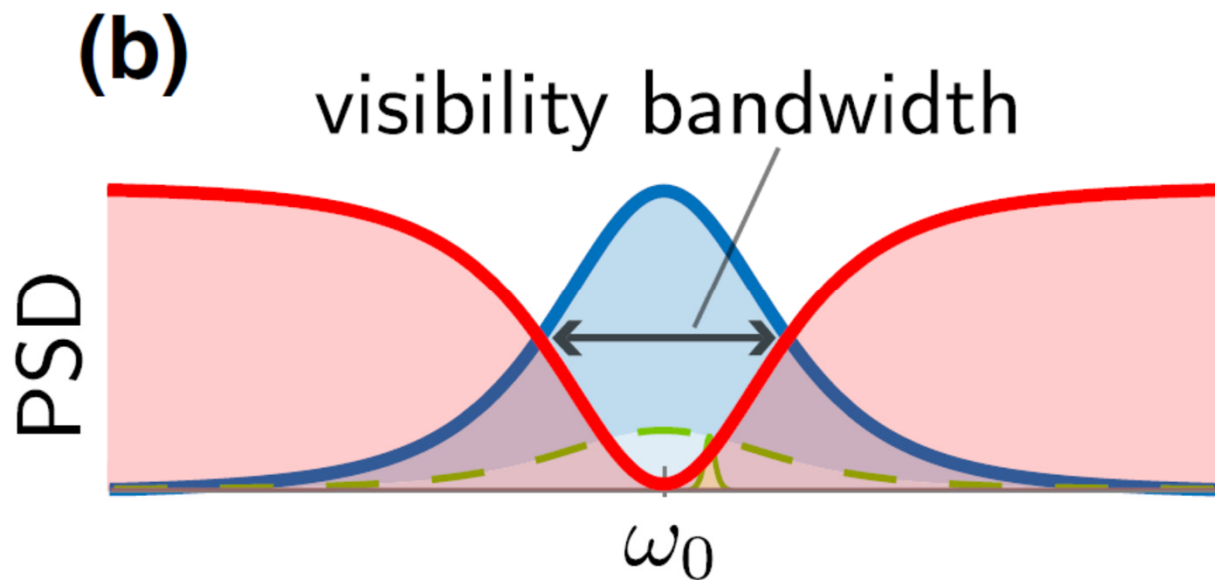
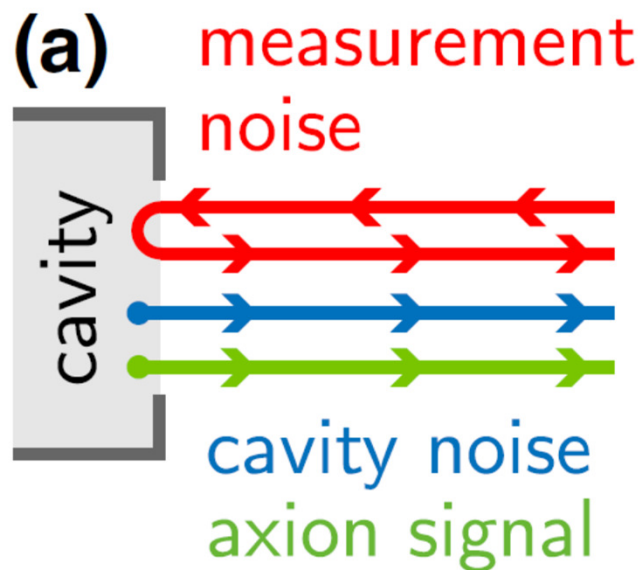
Quantum enhanced axion dark matter search

- The size of a simple haloscope cavity must scale with the axion Compton wavelength $1/m_a$.
- The scan rate scales as $R \sim \nu_a^{-14/3}$ so scanning is too slow for higher masses **(20,000 years)**.
- **One solution: compensate for this using quantum metrology techniques, decreasing the noise beyond the standard quantum limit.**

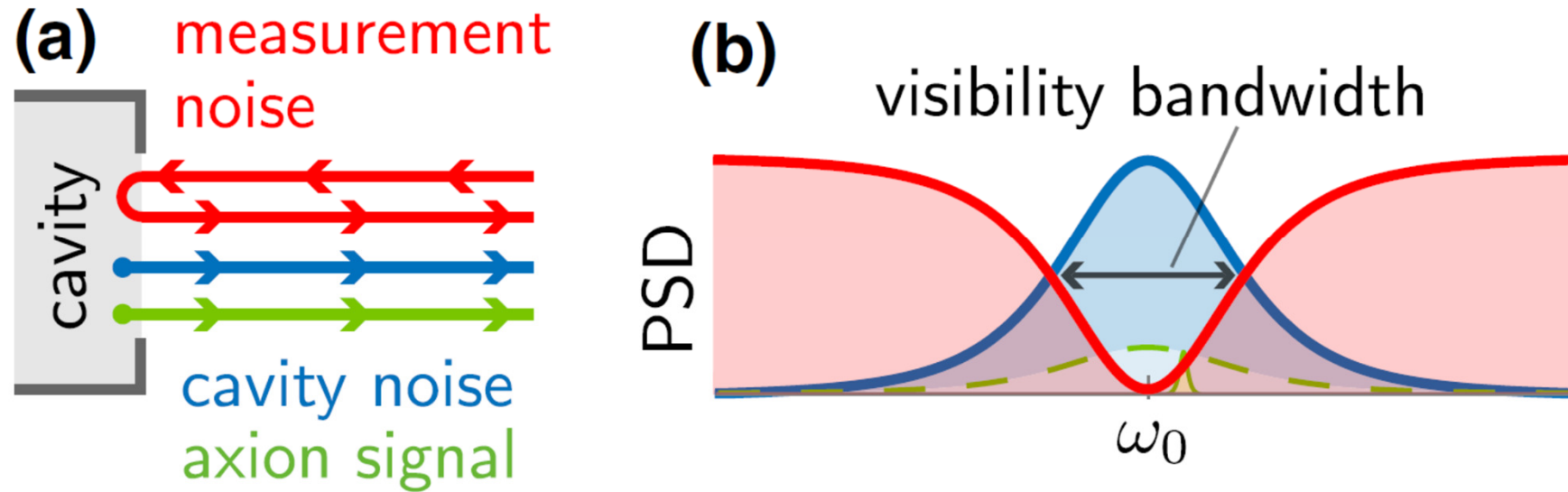


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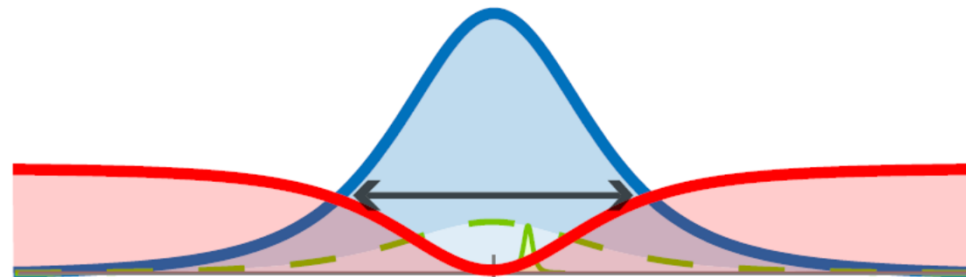
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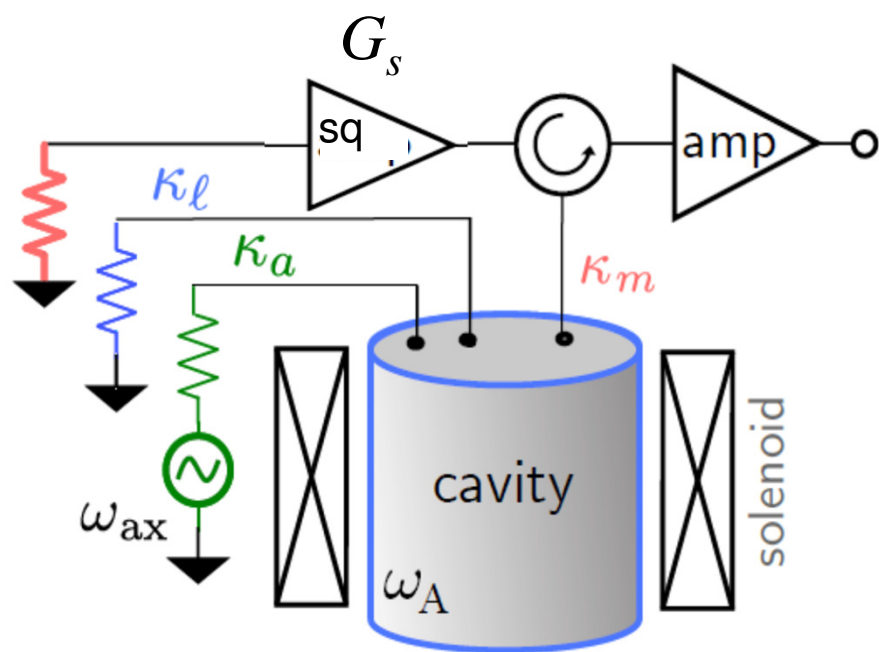


With quantum enhancement: version 1



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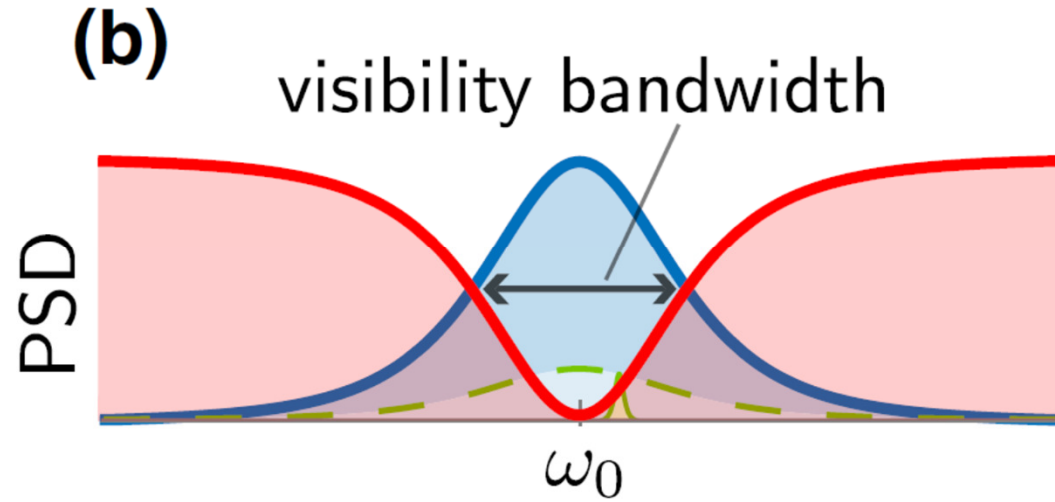
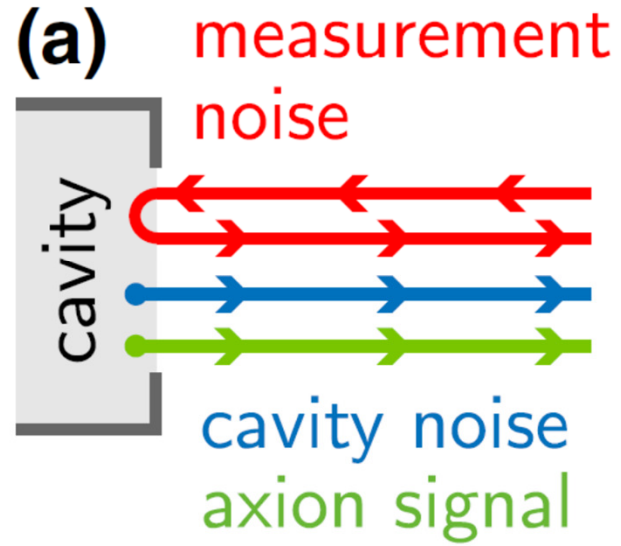


Quantum-enhanced measurement techniques can widen the visibility bandwidth by increasing noise that originates in the cavity (along with any signal present) relative to noise associated with measurement.

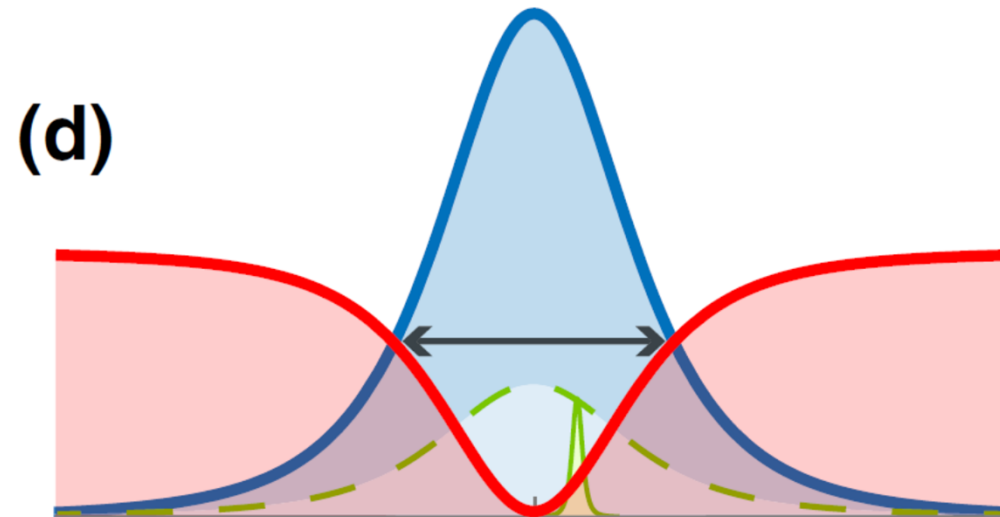
Two-fold speed in QCD axion search rate from squeezing was demonstrated in 2021 by coupling the HAYSTAC cavity to the squeezed-state receiver (Backes et al., Nature 590, 238).

Quantum enhancement was limited by the loss associated with transporting microwave squeezed states through a cascaded microwave network.

Quantum enhanced axion dark matter search



With quantum
enhancement:
version 2



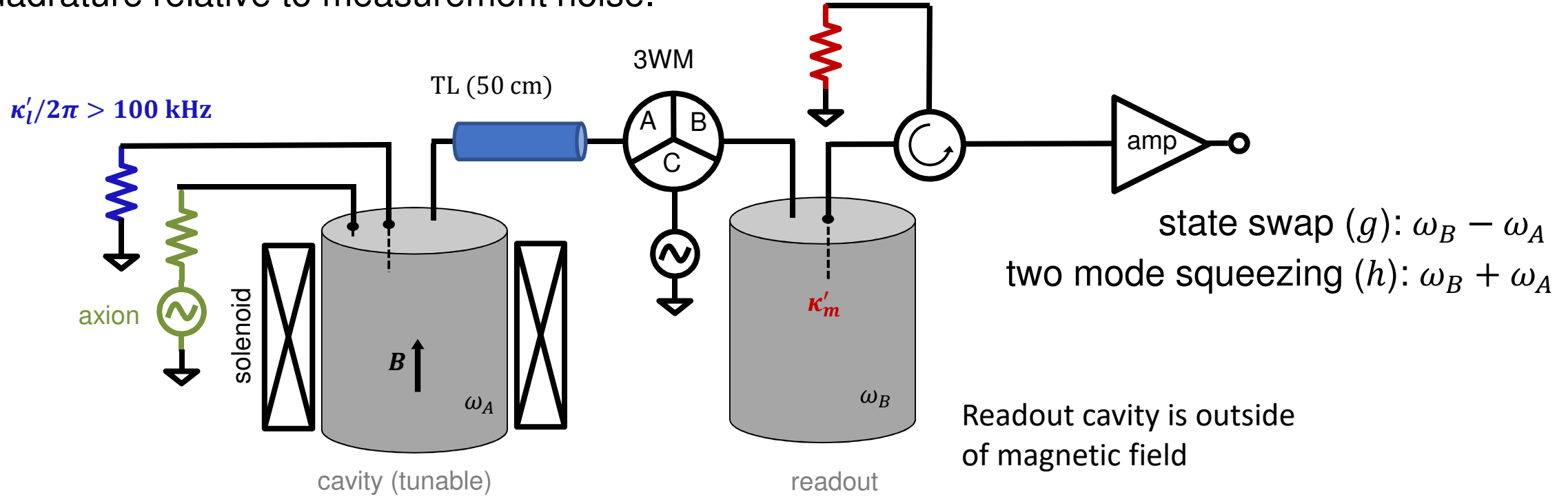
Noiseless
amplification
cannot be done
in strong
magnetic field

More enhancement from embedded entanglement

Proposal for 15 fold speedup

Circumvent the loss using two cavities with an embedded three-wave mixing element that simultaneously preparing the cavities in entangled states and swapping those states.

Widen the visibility bandwidth **by amplifying the cavity noise and axion signal together** in a single quadrature relative to measurement noise.

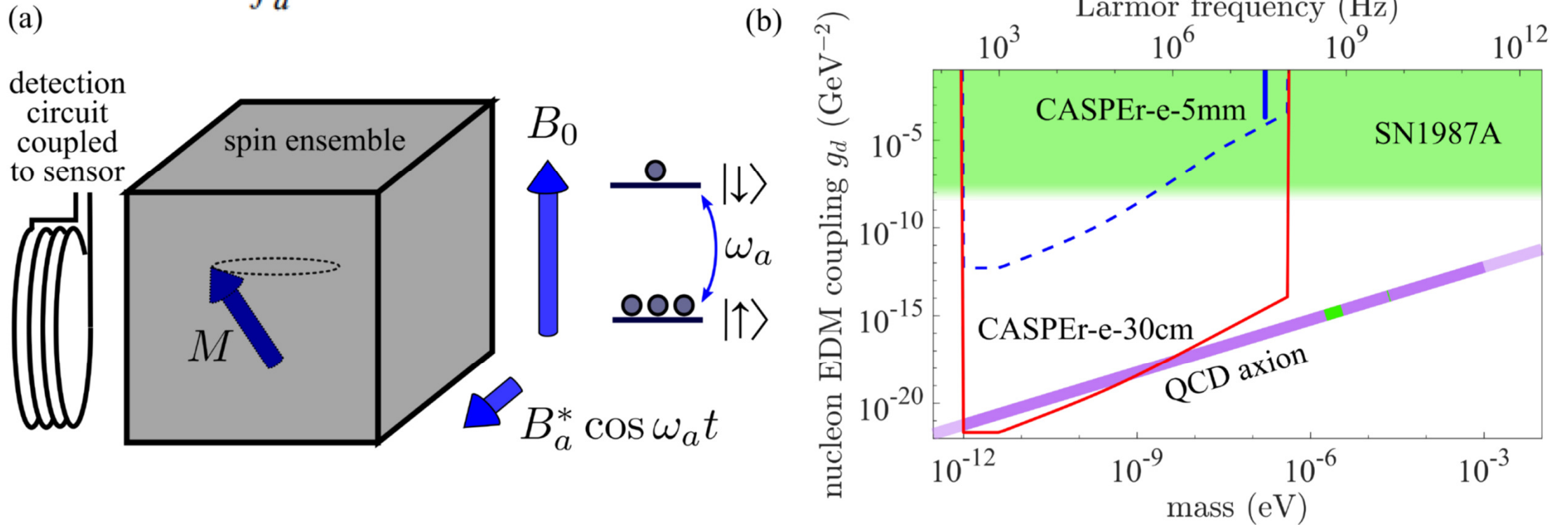


“Cavity Entanglement and State Swapping to Accelerate the Search for Axion Dark Matter,” K. Wurtz, et al., KWL, *PRX Quantum* **2**, 040350 (2021).

The Cosmic Axion Spin Precession Experiment

CASPER-e

$$\frac{a}{f_a} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$$

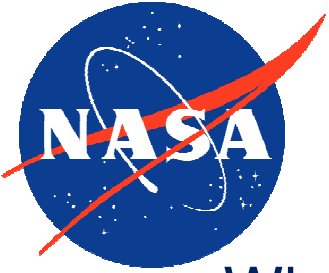


The CASPER experimental schematic (a) and CASPER-e projected sensitivity (b)

Spin states of a nuclear spin ensemble are split by the applied bias field B_0 .

When this splitting is resonant with the axion-like dark matter Compton frequency ω_a , the ensemble magnetization M is tilted and undergoes precession that is detected by an inductively-coupled sensor.

NEXT DECADE OF SPACE RESEARCH



What quantum technologies will be sent to space?



What new physics can one search for in space better than on Earth?

Ongoing NASA Decadal Survey: Biological and Physical Sciences in Space

<https://science.nasa.gov/biological-physical/decadal-survey>

Europe: Community workshop on cold atoms in space (September 2021)

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1064855/>

Goal: develop a community roadmap and milestones to demonstrate the readiness of cold atom technologies in space, as proposed in the Voyage 2050 recommendations.

Cold Atoms in Space: Community Workshop Summary and Proposed Road-Map, Alonso et al., arXiv:2201.07789

Why to search for new physics in space?

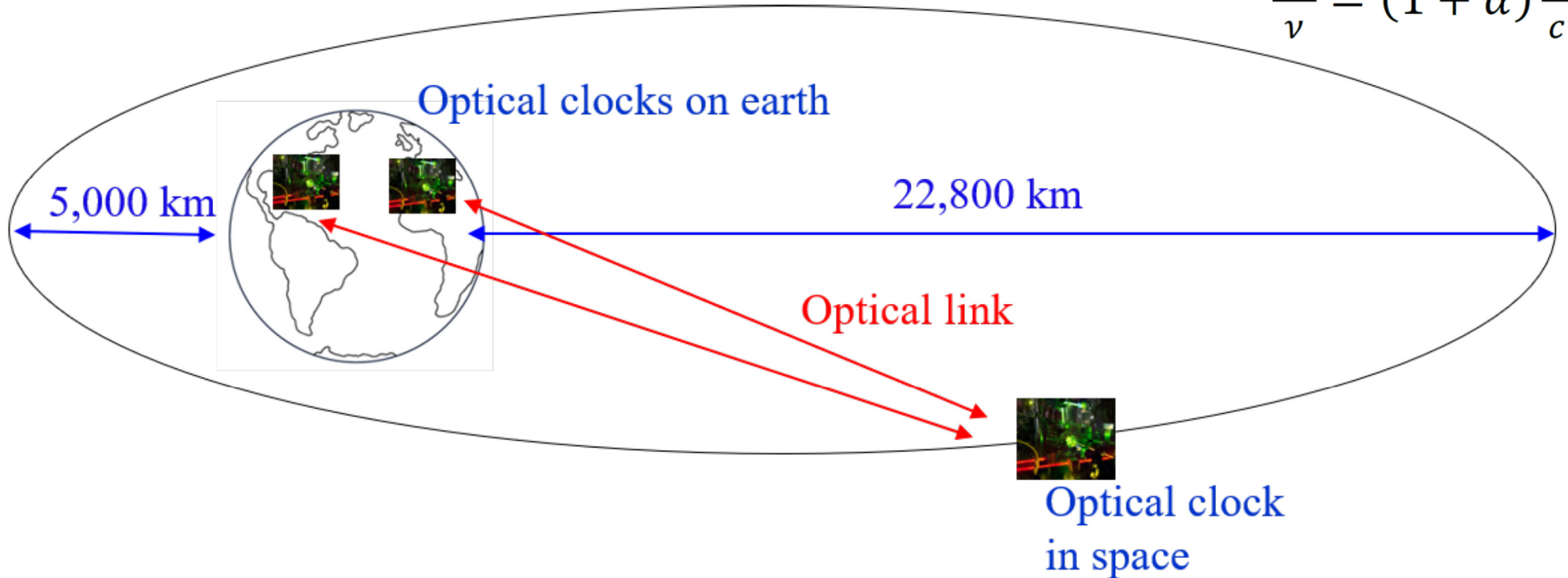
Many orders of magnitude improvements or principally different experiments are possible

- Effects may be screened on Earth (DM with quadratic coupling to SM, dark energy)
- Variable gravitational potential: elliptical orbits around the Earth and the Sun
- Many other opportunities for tests of gravity, dark energy searches
- Constrain DM distribution in the Solar system
- Ability to link optical Earth-bound clocks
- Long baseline (for gravitational wave detection), moon & asteroids as test masses
- Different range of gravitational wave frequencies accessible & no seismic noise
- Being able to direct access of all spatial components of the basic coefficients for Lorentz and CPT violation, matter-gravity coupling, different boosts than available on Earth
- Microgravity
- ...

FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS WITH A STATE-OF-THE-ART OPTICAL CLOCK IN SPACE

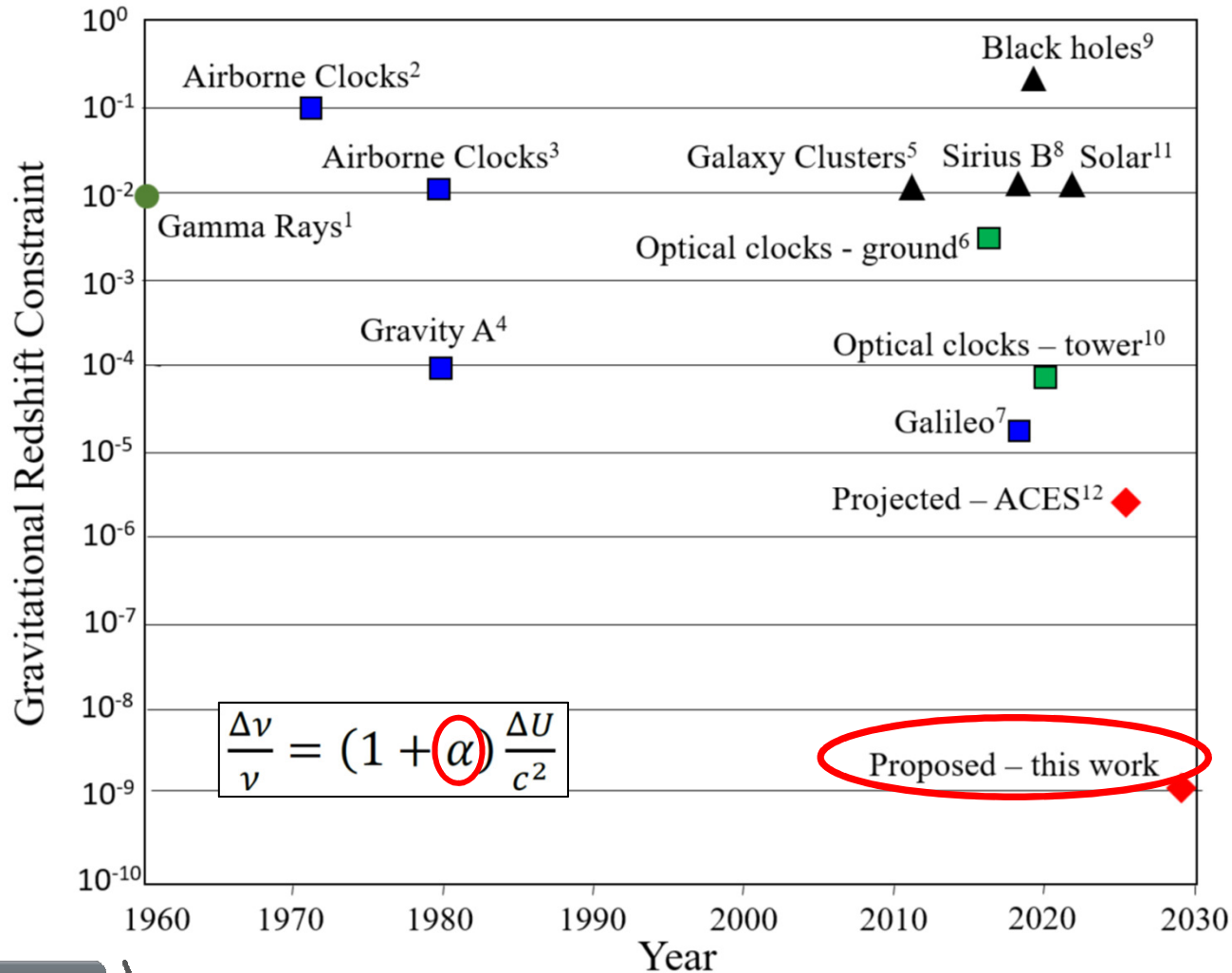
Andrei Derevianko, Kurt Gibble, Leo Hollberg, Nathan R. Newbury, Chris Oates, Marianna S. Safronova, Laura C. Sinclair, Nan Yu, arXiv:2112.10817

$$\frac{\Delta\nu}{\nu} = (1 + \alpha) \frac{\Delta U}{c^2}$$



Schematic of the proposed mission to test Fundamental physics with an Optical Clock Orbiting in Space (FOCOS)

Fundamental Physics with a State-of-the-Art Optical Clock in Space



The primary goal for this mission would be to test the gravitational redshift, a classical test of general relativity, with a sensitivity 30,000 times beyond current limits.

Additional science objectives:

- Other tests of relativity
- Enhanced searches for dark matter and drifts in fundamental constants
- Establishing a high accuracy international time/geodesic reference

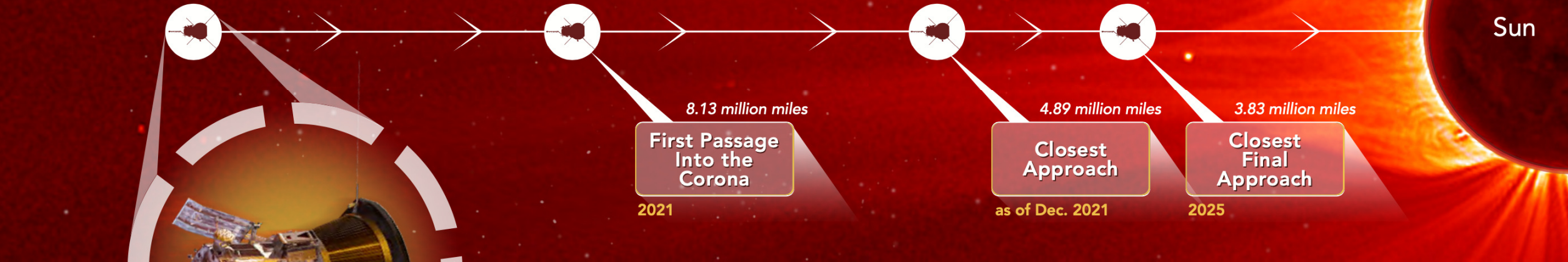


PARKER SOLAR PROBE

NASA's Parker Solar Probe has now flown through the Sun's upper atmosphere – the corona

JOURNEY THROUGH THE SUN'S ATMOSPHERE

Parker Solar Probe



DISTANCE FROM EARTH

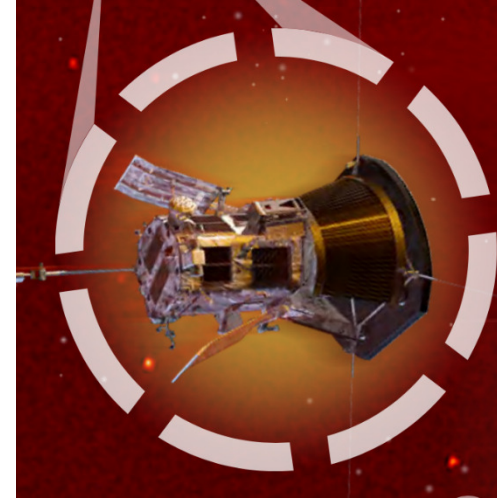


Distances are from the visible surface of the Sun

SpaceQ -- Direct Detection of Ultralight Dark Matter with Space Quantum Sensors

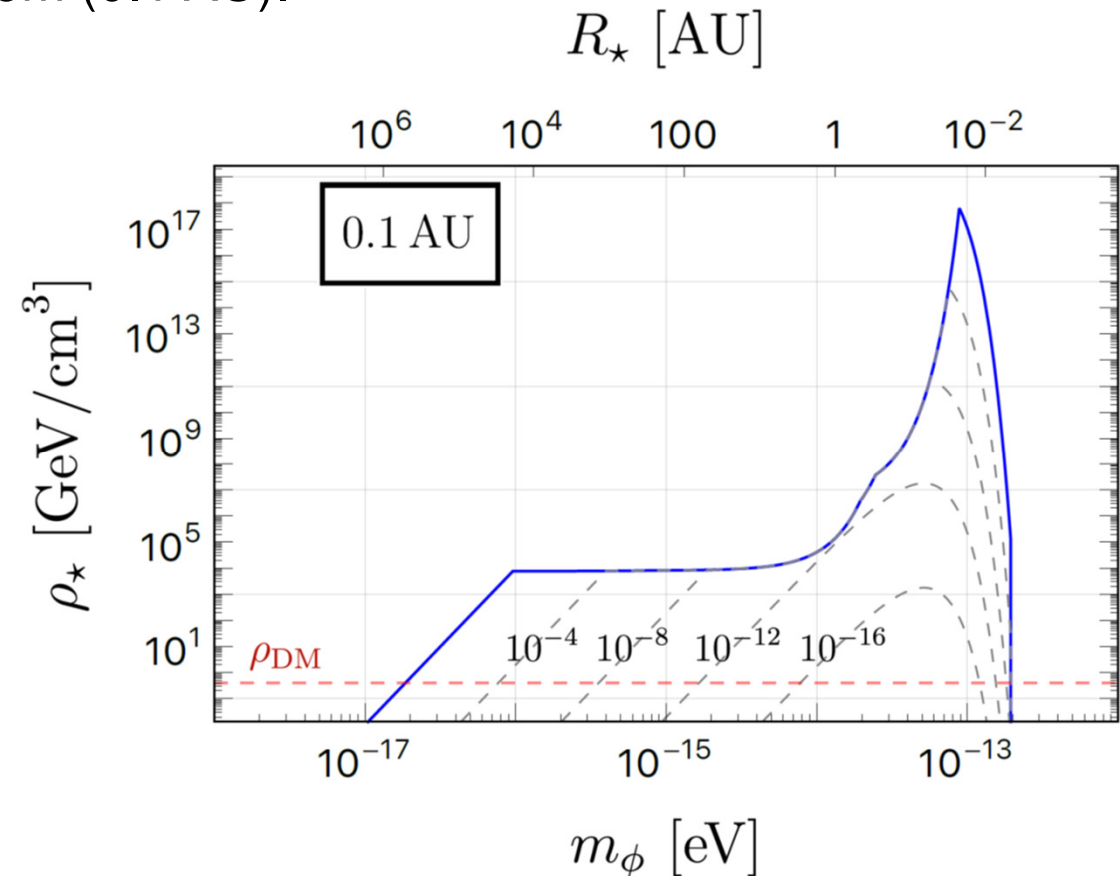
Yu-Dai Tsai, Joshua Eby, Marianna S. Safronova, arXiv:2112.07674

We propose a clock-comparison satellite mission with two clocks onboard, to the inner reaches of the solar system (0.1 AU).

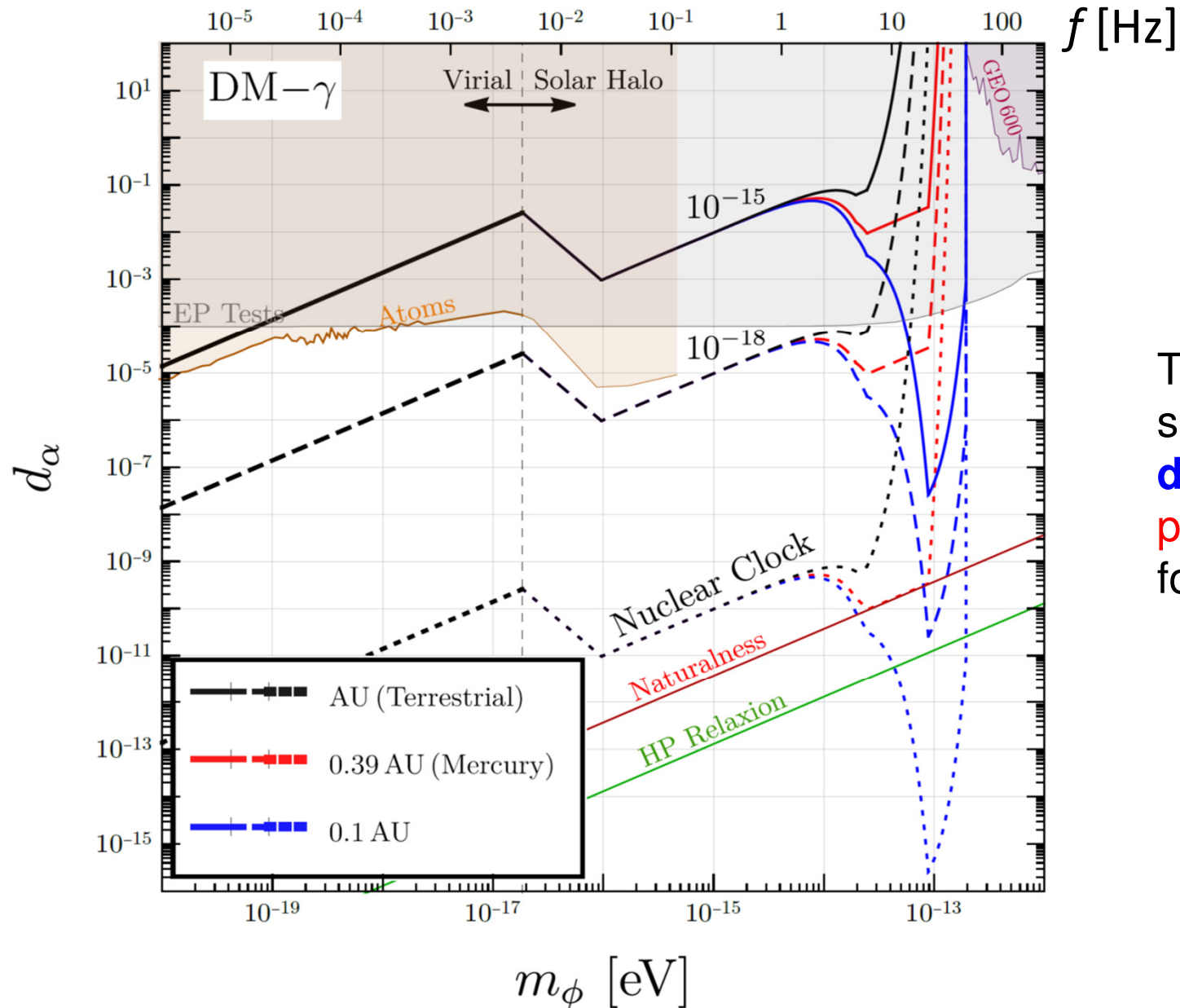


Science goals:

- Search for the dark matter halo bound to the Sun
- Probe natural relaxion (solves hierarchy problem and can be DM) parameter space
- Look for the spatial variation of the fundamental constants associated with a change in the gravitation potential



ESTIMATED SENSITIVITY REACHES FOR DARK MATTER BOUND TO THE SUN



The blue, red, and black denote sensitivity for probes at the **distance of 0.1 AU**, **probes at the orbit of Mercury**, and for terrestrial clocks, respectively

Moon, planets, asteroids & quantum sensors

Looking for ideas: Moon, planets and asteroids for new physics searches with quantum sensors



OSIRIS-Rex: NASA mission to asteroid Bennu

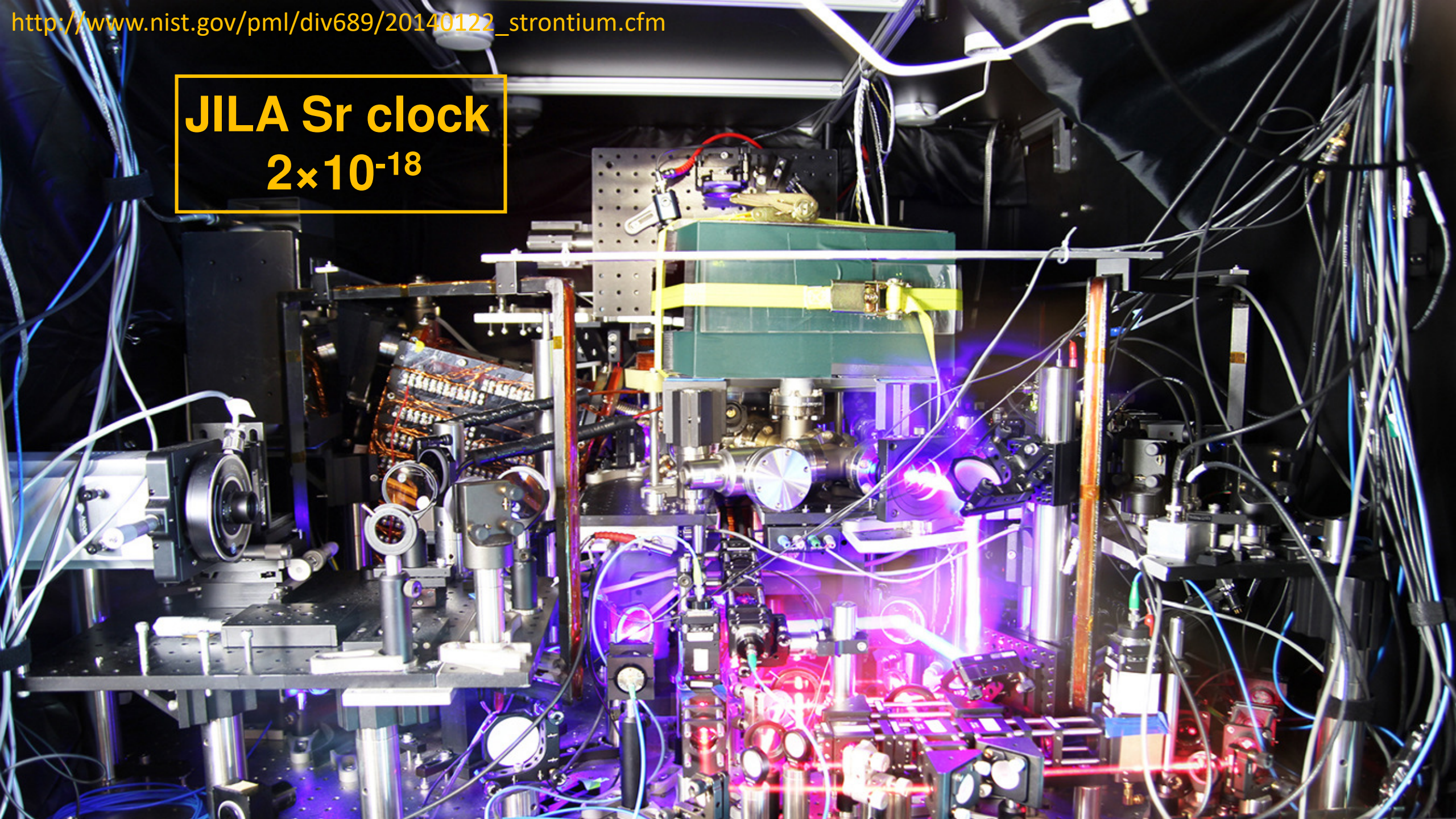
- Moon: low seismic noise, free permanent cryogenic & vacuum environment
- Can QS on the Moon further improve Lunar Laser Ranging?
- How can quantum sensors aid navigation in missions to planets and asteroids?
- Can we use quantum sensors to track asteroids?
- How to we use clocks to monitor distance between asteroids?

Asteroid astrometry as a fifth-force and ultralight dark sector probe, Yu-Dai Tsai, Youjia Wu, Sunny Vagnozzi, Luca Visinelli, arXiv:2107.04038

Asteroids for μHz gravitational-wave detection, Michael A. Fedderke, Peter W. Graham, Surjeet Rajendran, Phys. Rev. D 105, 103018 (2022)



JILA Sr clock
 2×10^{-18}





Transportable Strontium Optical Lattice Clocks Operated Outside Laboratory at the Level of 10^{-18} Uncertainty

Adv. Quantum Technol. **2021**, 4, 2100015

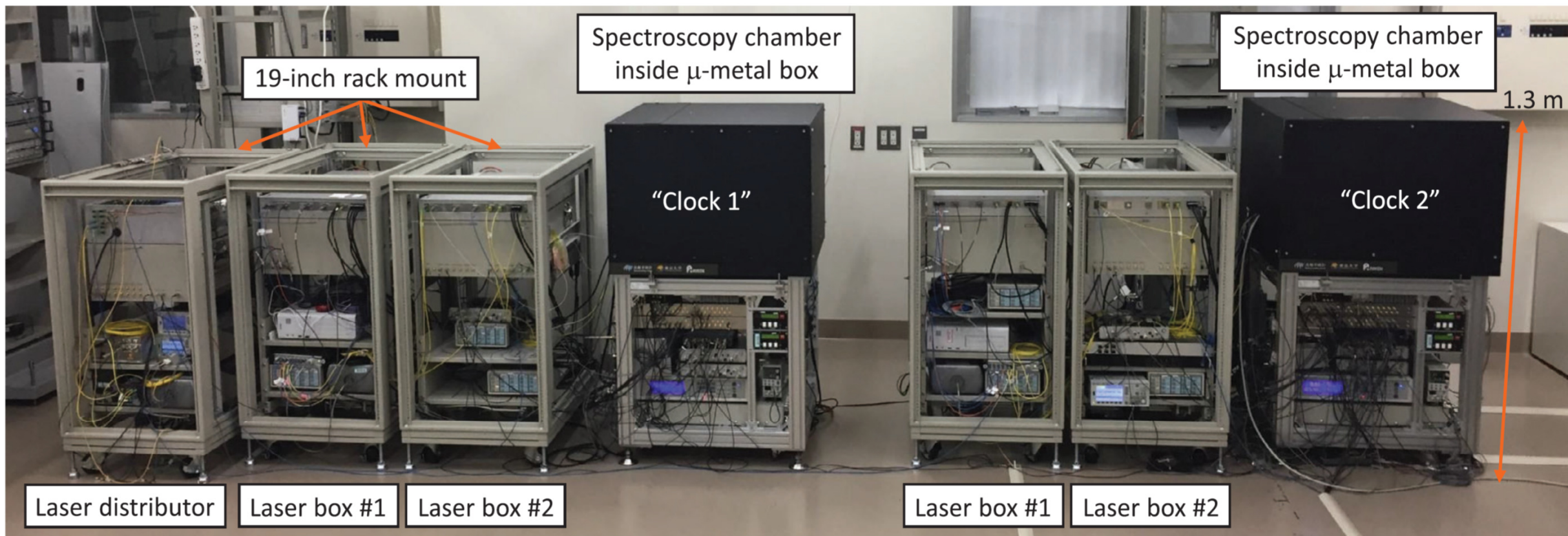
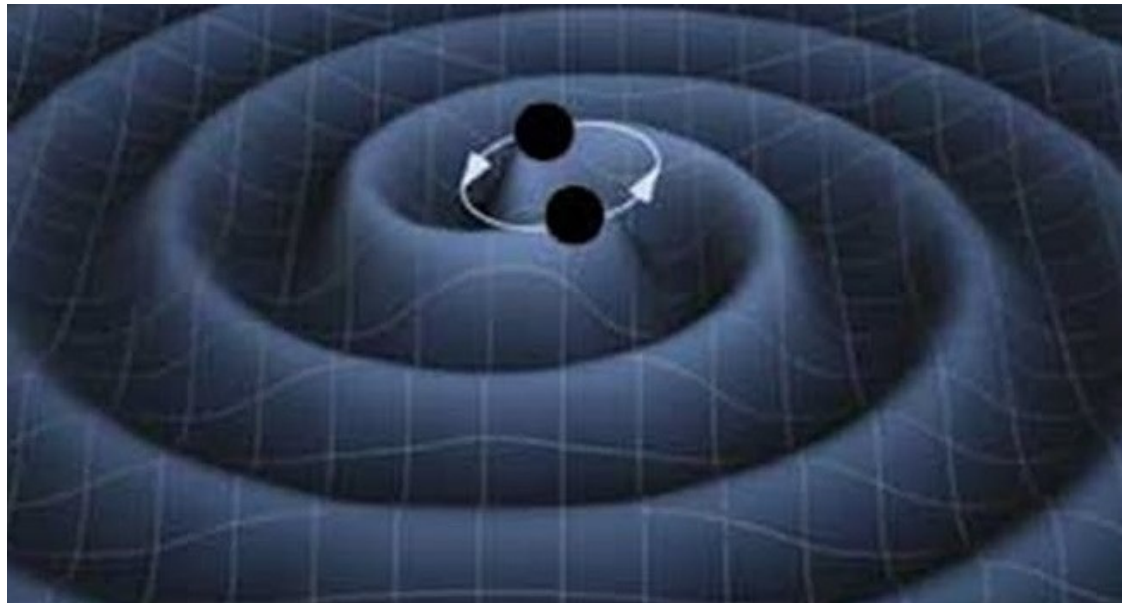


Figure 1. A pair of Sr optical lattice clocks placed at RIKEN laboratory.

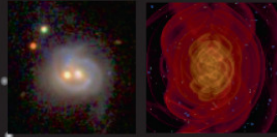
New ideas in gravitational wave detection with atomic quantum sensors



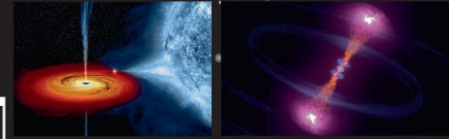
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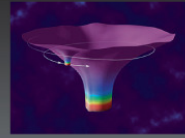
Big Bang



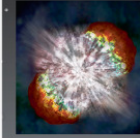
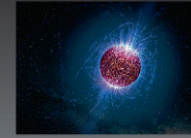
(Super-)massive black hole inspiral and merger



Compact binary inspiral and merger



Extreme-mass-ratio inspirals



Pulsars, supernovae

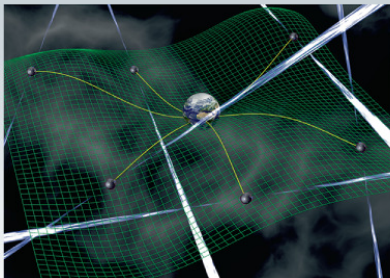
Gravitational wave spectrum

Wave period

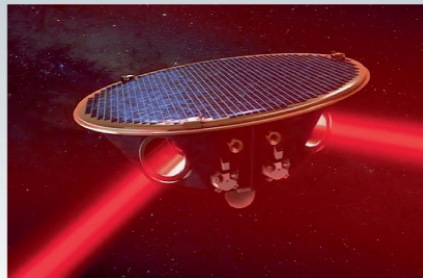
Wave frequency



Radio pulsar timing arrays



Space-based interferometers

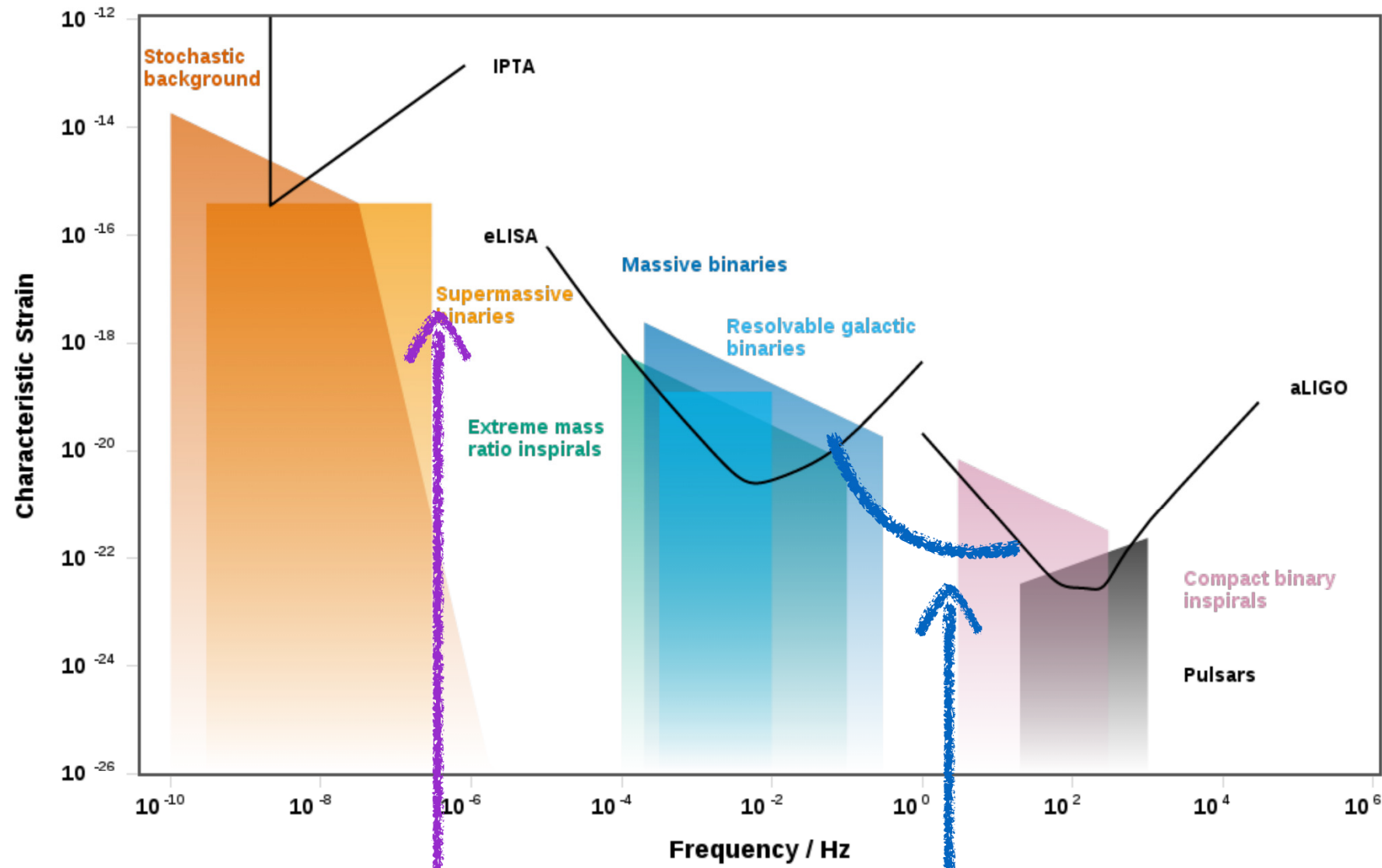


Terrestrial interferometers



Detectors

Figure is from Peter Graham's talk at KITP 2021: <https://online.kitp.ucsb.edu/online/novel-oc21/>



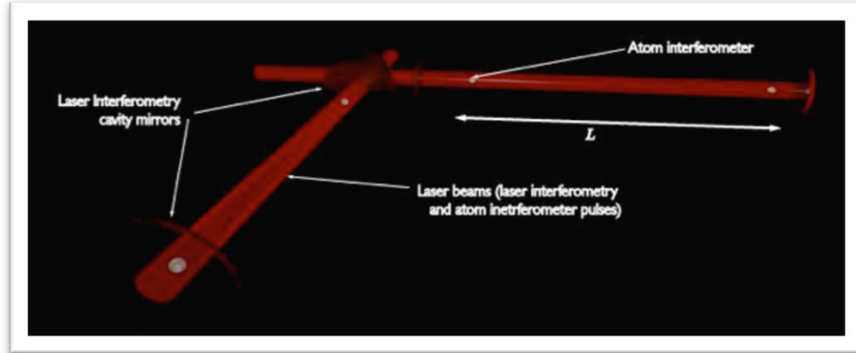
Clocks on
asteroids open band

PRD 105, 103018 $\sim 10^{-7}$ Hz - 10^{-4} Hz

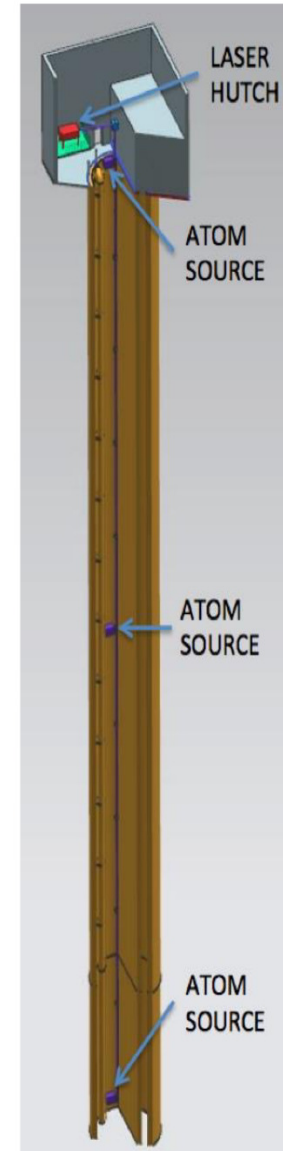
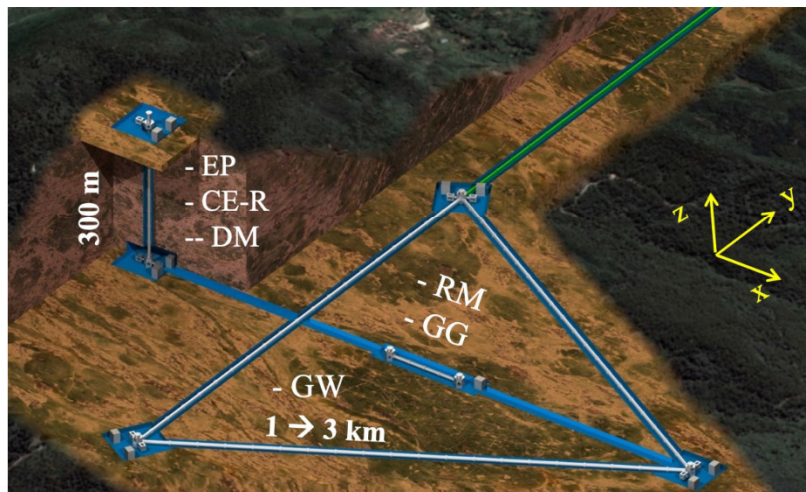
atoms (MAGIS, clocks,
MIGA, AION...)

Atom interferometers: from 10 meters to 100 meters to 1km to space

MIGA: Terrestrial detector using atom interferometer at $O(100\text{m})$
(France)



ZIGA: Terrestrial detector for large scale atomic interferometers, gyros and clocks at $O(100\text{m})$
(China)



AION: Terrestrial shaft detector using atom interferometer at 10m – $O(100\text{m})$ planned
(UK)



MAGIS: Terrestrial shaft detector using atom interferometer at $O(100\text{m})$
(US)

Planned network operation

2022

SOLVING PHYSICS PROBLEMS OF 1922 GAVE US QUANTUM MECHANICS – A FOUNDATION OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

**WHAT NEW WONDERS
DISCOVERY OF NEW
PHYSICS WILL BRING?**

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