

- Sorry, I eventually cannot make it to Pheno this year due to several travel/family complications
- I sincerely thank the organizers for the opportunity to present these works
- I attach my slides for your information.  
The original title is an ongoing work expected to be available on arXiv in coming weeks

# Planetary Defense & Space Quantum Technologies for Fundamental Physics

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## **Parker Solar Probe**

Credit: NASA/Johns Hopkins APL/Steve Gribben

- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.07674>
- <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.04038>

**Under review by Nature Astronomy**

Public outreach interview: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDX9XwLHBuM>

# Big Questions

- Can **planetary data** set meaningful constraints on  
**Dark matter?**  
**General Relativity?**  
**5th forces?**
- Can we use current or future **space quantum technologies** to study fundamental physics?

# Answers

- Can **planetary data** set meaningful dark matter constraints?  
General Relativity?  
5th forces?  
**Yes! Many opportunities**
- Can we use current or future space quantum technology to study fundamental physics?  
**Yes, I will show you an example today.**
- **Robust analyses underway with NASA JPL codes & data**



# Outline

- New Technologies & Ultralight Dark Matter
- Space Quantum Clocks & Sensitivity
- Planetary Defense & Fifth Forces
- Model-Independent Probes of **ANY** Dark Matter Candidates  
(especially purely gravitational dark matter!)

## **Theme of this talk:**

Bridging Planetary Science, Space/Quantum  
Technologies, and Fundamental Physics

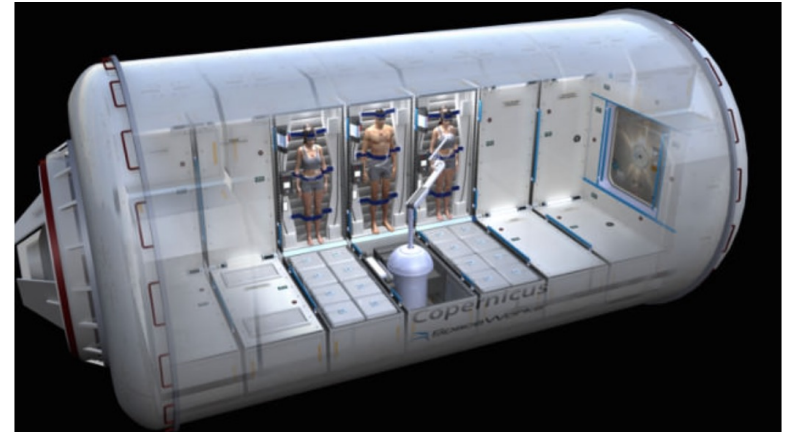
**Also, many real-life applications & consequences!**



**Sun Devils / Anteaters - Starship**

# Why Space Quantum Clocks?

## Auto-Navigating Spacecraft & Space Travel

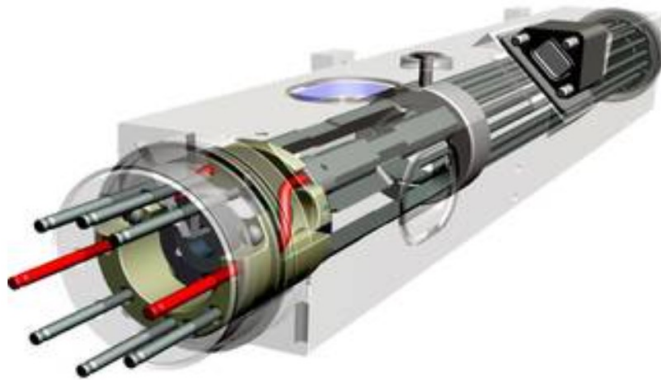


Exploring the deep space: **auto-driving Spacecraft;**  
**needs precision timing!!!**

**NASA Deep Space Atomic Clocks (current technology!) &**  
**Deep space and global navigation satellite system (GNSS)**

**Can we use the technology to study fundamental physics?**

# NASA DSAC & Parker Solar Probe



- **Deep Space Atomic Clock loses one second every 10 million years**, as proven in controlled tests on Earth.
- The clock has operated for more than **12 months in space**; demonstrated **long-term fractional frequency stability of  $3 \times 10^{-15}$**

**Burt, Prestage, Tjoelker, Enzer, Kuang, Murphy et al., Nature 595 (2021) 43.**

- Exceeds previous space clock performance by up to an order of magnitude



(1.0 m × 3.0 m × 2.3 m)

## Parker Solar Probe

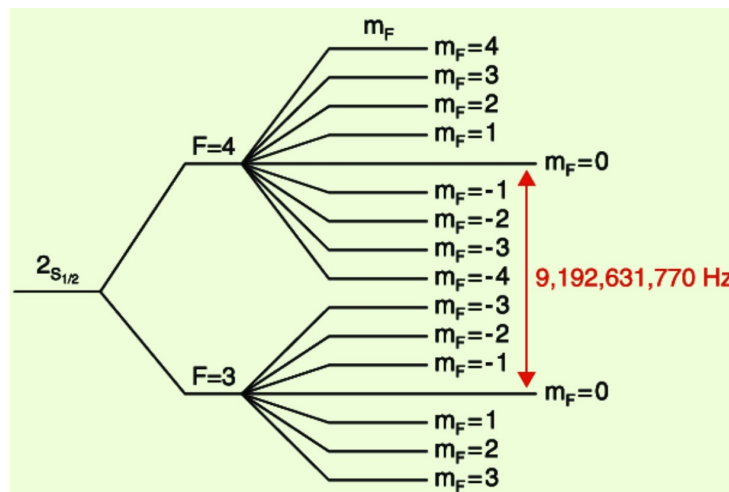
**Kasper, Klein, Lichko, Huang, Chen, Badman et al.,**

Parker solar probe enters the magnetically dominated solar corona, Phys. Rev. Lett. (2021)

- **Why don't we put a quantum clock on a solar probe?**  
**What can we do with that?**

# Atomic Clock & Caesium Standard

- Atomic clocks: used to measure the distance between objects by timing how long it takes a signal to travel from A to B.
- For space exploration, clocks must be extremely precise:
- **An error of even one second can mean the difference between landing on Mars or missing it by hundreds of thousands of miles.**



Definition of a second!

<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/acloc.html>

Reference: U.S. Naval Observatory, Cesium Clocks



Will use Natural Units for the talk,

$$\hbar = 1, c = 1$$

but recover the full unit in papers

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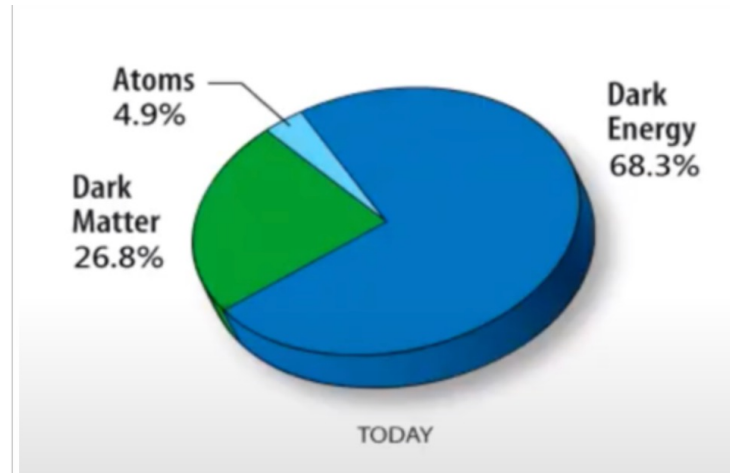
# Wave-Like Particles as Dark Matter

$$\lambda_{\text{dB}} \equiv \frac{2\pi}{mv}$$

$$N_{\text{dB}} \sim \left(\frac{34 \text{ eV}}{m}\right)^4 \left(\frac{250 \text{ km/s}}{v}\right)^3 \text{ in } \lambda_{\text{dB}}^3$$

- For  $m \ll 30 \text{ eV}$ , the occupancy  $N_{\text{dB}}$  is so large that the particles are best described by classical waves
- like electromagnetism, a state with a large number of photons is described by the classical EM fields.

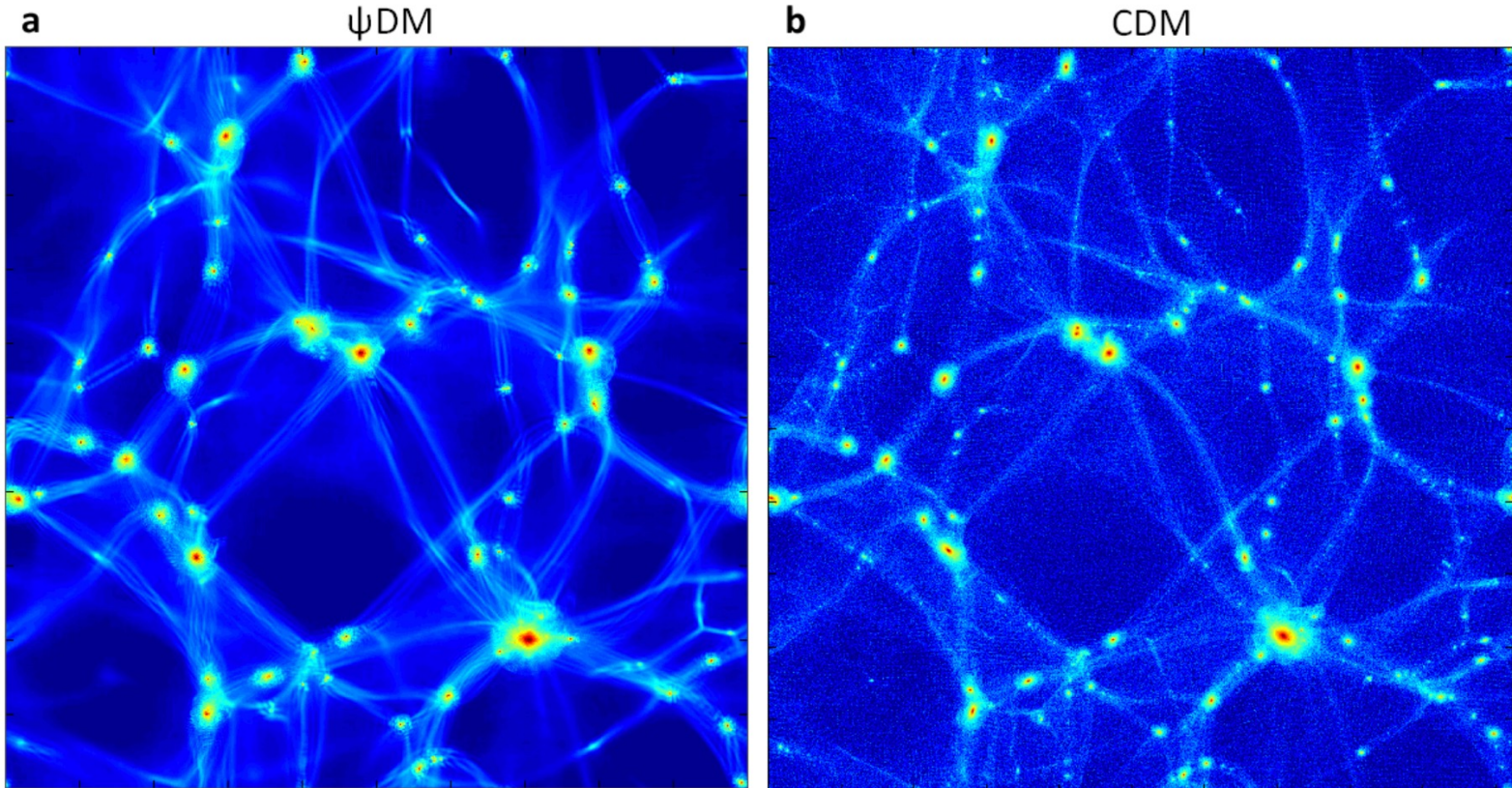
# (Fuzzy) Dark Matter Candidate



UC Riverside Physics Department  
<https://physics.ucr.edu/image/dark-matter-dark-energy-pie-chart>

- Wave-like fuzzy dark matter candidate: hypothetical form of cold dark matter proposed to solve the cuspy halo problem.
- It would consist of extremely light scalar particles with masses go **as low as  $10^{-22}$  eV (rough lower bound):**  
de Broglie wavelength  $\lambda \sim 1\text{kpc}$ : affect **structure formation**.

# Ultralight Fuzzy Dark Matter



**Schive, Chiueh, Broadhurst, Nature Physics '14 arXiv:1406.6586,** demonstrated the large-scale structure of this  $\psi$ DM simulation is indistinguishable from CDM, as desired, but differs radically inside galaxies.



# Oscillation of Wave-like Scalars

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 + \frac{1}{3}a_\phi\phi^3 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_\phi\phi^4.$$

**Dark matter potential**

$$\phi(t, \vec{x}) = \phi_0 \cos(m_\phi t - \vec{k}_\phi \cdot \vec{x} + \dots).$$

**(Non-relativistic solutions)**

$$\omega \simeq m_\phi.$$

**Oscillation frequency  $\sim$  dark matter mass**



# Atomic Physics Probe

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \kappa\phi \left( d_{m_e} m_e \bar{e}e + \frac{d_\alpha}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{d_g \beta_3}{2g_s} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} \right), \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\phi) &\simeq \mu_0 (1 + d_{m_e} \kappa\phi), & \alpha(\phi) &\simeq \alpha_0 (1 - d_\alpha \kappa\phi) \\ \alpha_s(\phi) &\simeq \alpha_{s,0} \left( 1 - \frac{2d_g \beta_3}{g_s} \kappa\phi \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where  $\mu = m_e/m_p$  is the electron-proton mass ratio, and the subscript  $_0$  denotes the central (time-independent) value of  $\mu$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\alpha_s$ .

# Atomic Probe Basics

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \kappa\phi \left( d_{m_e} m_e \bar{e}e + \frac{d_\alpha}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{d_g \beta_3}{2g_s} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu} \right), \quad (1)$$

Turning off  $d_{m_e}$  and  $d_g$  for demonstrations,

$f_A \propto \alpha^{\xi_A+2}$ ,  $f$  is the frequency of a (clock) transition.

$$\alpha = \alpha_0(1 + d_\alpha \kappa\phi(t)).$$

$$\frac{\delta(f_A/f_B)}{f_A/f_B} \simeq (\xi_A - \xi_B) d_\alpha \kappa\phi(t).$$

- **Experimental observable!** See [arXiv:1405.2925](https://arxiv.org/abs/1405.2925), Arvanitaki, Huang, Tilburg, PRD 15
- For example, if **A** is a **hyperfine microwave transition** and **B** is an **electronic optical transition**,  $\zeta_A = 1$  and  $\zeta_B = 0$ .
- Clock ( $\sim 10^{-15}$  for DSAC) stability translate to how well we can measure  $\frac{\delta(f_A/f_B)}{f_A/f_B}$

# Solar Bound-State Halo

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# Scalar DM Halo

Stable solution can be supported by external potential

$$V_{\text{ext}} = \begin{cases} -\frac{G m_\phi M_{\text{ext}}}{r} & \text{for } R_\star > R_{\text{ext}}, \\ -\frac{3 G m_\phi M_{\text{ext}}}{2 R_{\text{ext}}} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{r}{R_{\text{ext}}} \right)^2 \right] & \text{for } R_\star \leq R_{\text{ext}}, \end{cases}$$

$$\rho(r) \simeq \rho_\star \exp(-2r/R_\star), \quad \text{for } R_\star > R_{\text{ext}}$$

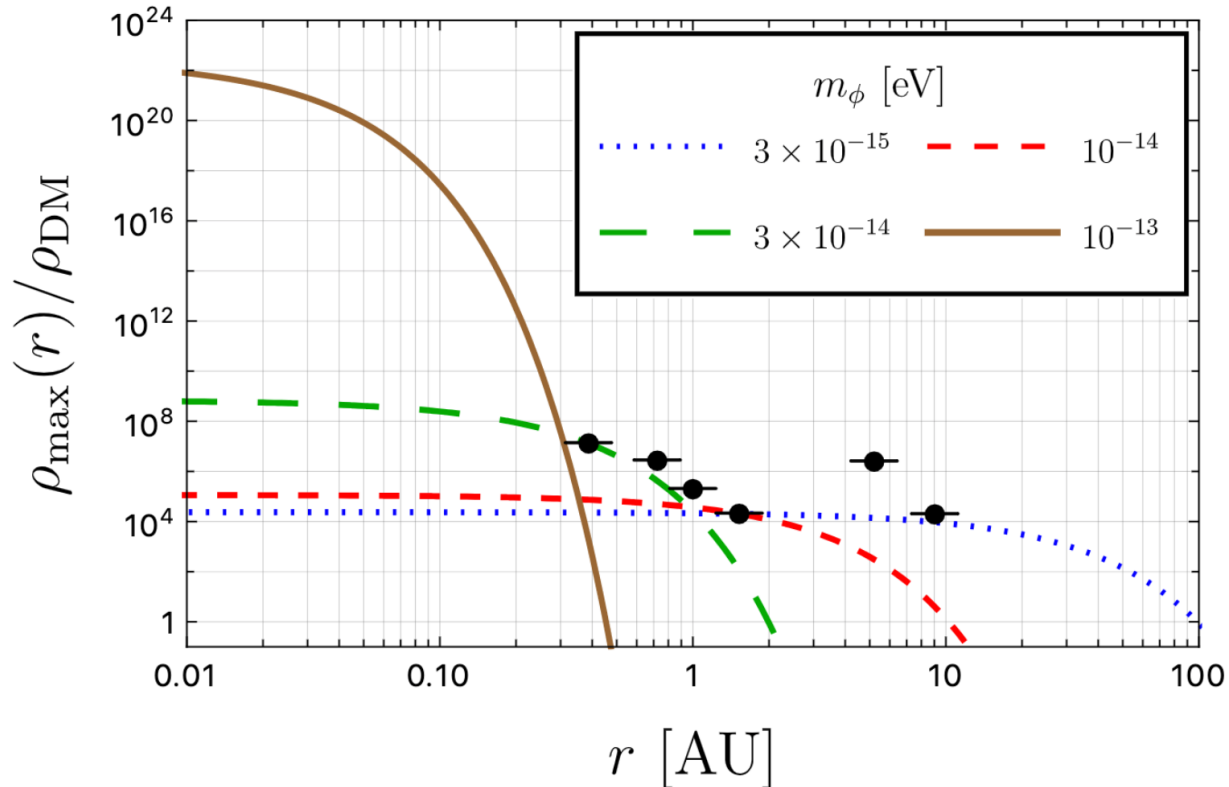
$$R_\star \simeq \frac{M_P^2}{M_{\text{ext}} m_\phi^2}, \quad \text{where } M_{\text{ext}} = M_\odot \text{ is the mass of the external host body;}$$

note that  $R_\star$  is independent of the total mass in the halo

$$v_\star = (m_\phi R_\star)^{-1},$$

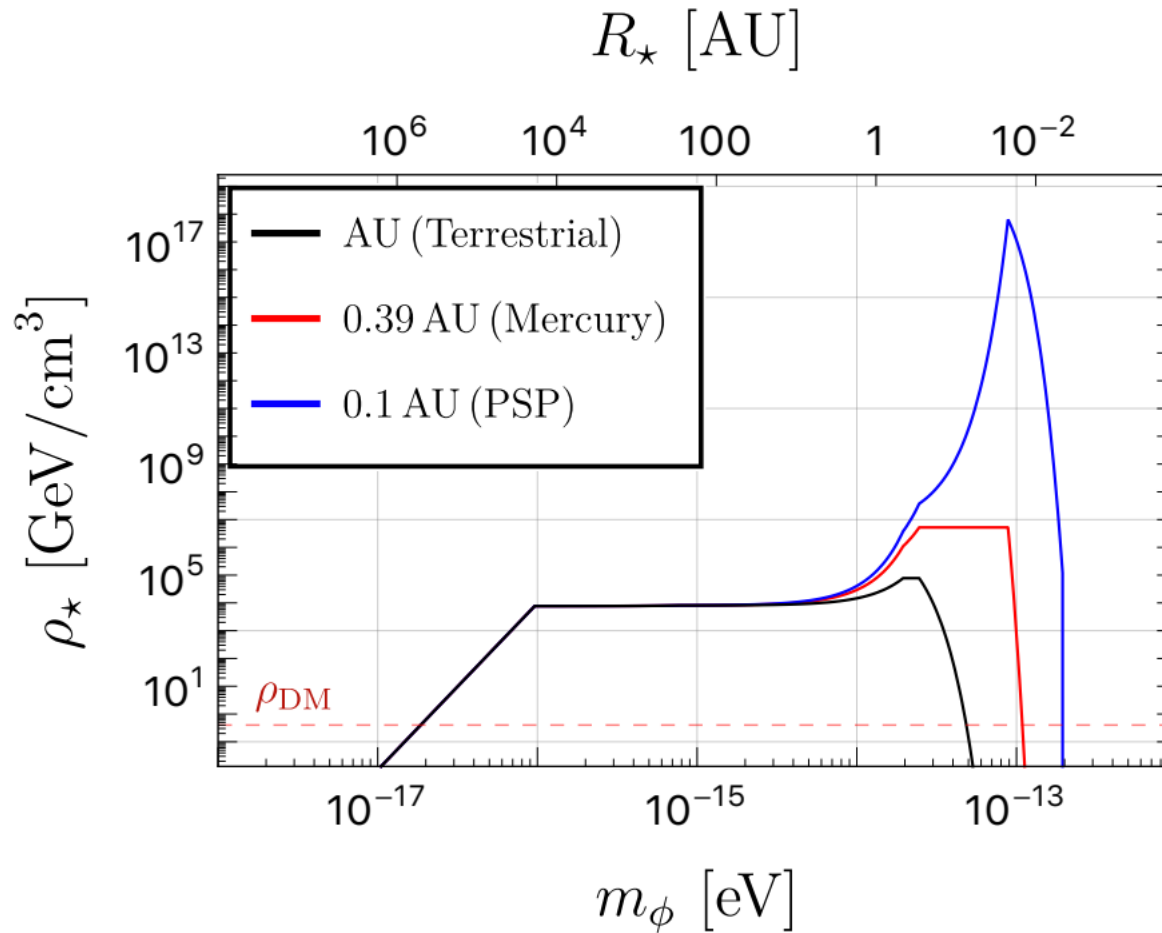
Banerjee, Budker, Eby, Flambaum, Kim, Matsedonskyi, and Perez, 1912.04295

# Dark matter in solar system? **Planetary constraint!**



- **Black data points are model-independent constraints!**
- **Dark matter induce precessions to the planets**  
Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn  
[Pitjev, Pitjeva, 1306.5534, Astronomy Letters '13](#)  
[Tsai, Eby, Safronova, 2112.07674](#)

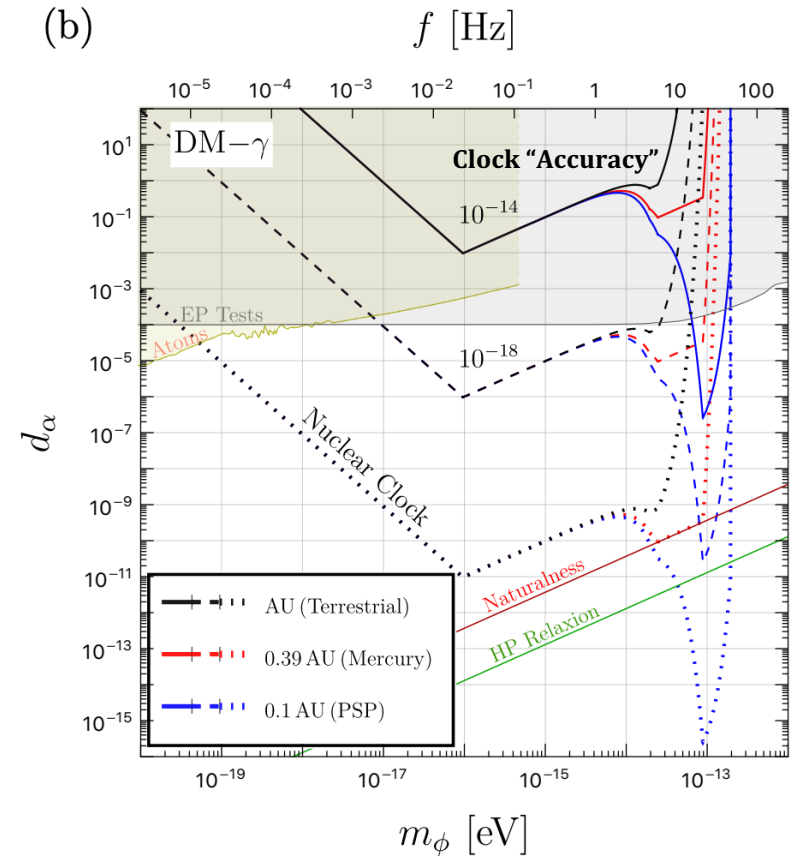
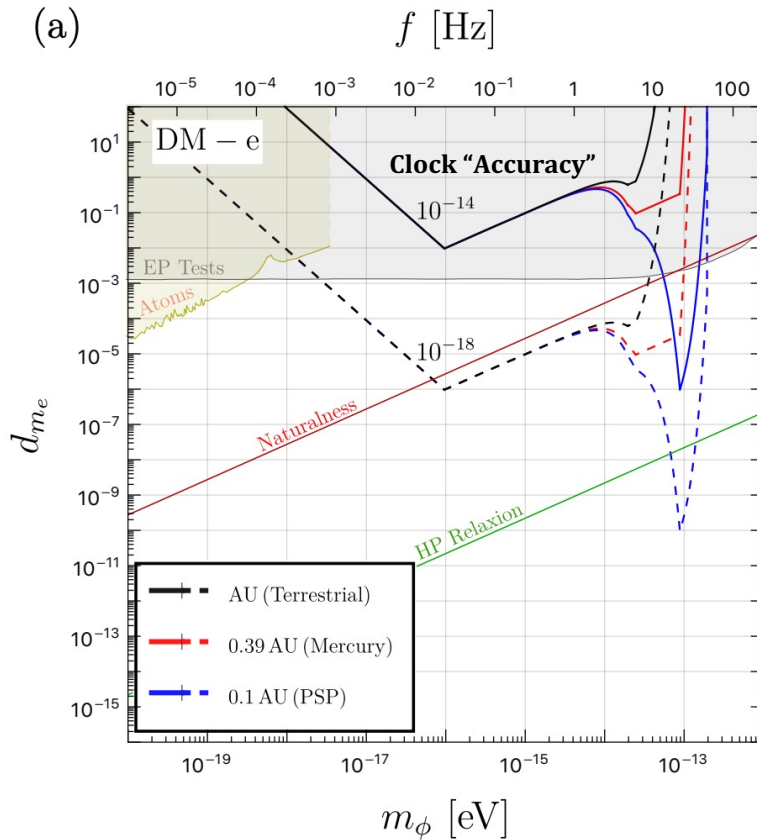
# Enhancement of the DM Density



**PSP: Parker Solar Probe**

**Tsai, Eby, Safronova, arXiv:2112.07674**

# Results



- Motivate **Specific Frequency Region!**
- Motivate **Nuclear Clocks!**
- **Tsai, Eby, Safronova, arXv:2112.07674**

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$$\frac{g_e^2 \Lambda^2}{(4\pi)^2} \lesssim m_\phi^2, \quad \Lambda = 4\pi v_{EW} \simeq 3 \text{ TeV.}$$

Naturalness condition

# Relaxion Line

- For the Higgs portal-like theories, scalar couplings to matter are generated by mixing with the Higgs, and so can be parameterized by a relaxion  **$\phi$ -higgs mixing angle  $\sin\theta$** ;
- One has  $g_e = y_e \sin\theta$  and  $g_\gamma \sim (\alpha/4\pi v) \sin\theta$ , where  $y_e$  is the Higgs Yukawa coupling to the electron,  $v$  is the Electroweak vacuum expectation value (??).
- The green line is assuming maximum relaxion-higgs mixing, which is of order  **$g_e \sim y_e (m_\phi/m_H)$**
- see, e.g. , Banerjee, Budker, Eby, Kim, Perez , 1902.08212 for more discussions.



# Spatial Variation of Fundamental Constants

$$k_X \equiv c^2 \frac{\delta X}{X \delta U}. \quad X = \alpha, \mu, \text{ or } m_q / \Lambda_{QCD}.$$

$\delta U$ : change in gravitational potential .

$$\delta U / c^2 \simeq 3.3 \times 10^{-10}, \quad \text{Earth variation.}$$

$$\delta U / c^2 \sim 9 \times 10^{-8}, \quad \text{from Earth to Solar probe at 0.1 AU.}$$

- Achieve constraints on  $k_X$  that are a factor of  $\sim 300$  stronger!

# More on the Planetary Constraints: Ultralight Dark Sector & Fifth Forces

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# Extended SM Symmetries & Fifth Forces

Gauged  $U(1)_{EM}$  (Standard Model)  $\rightarrow$  photons

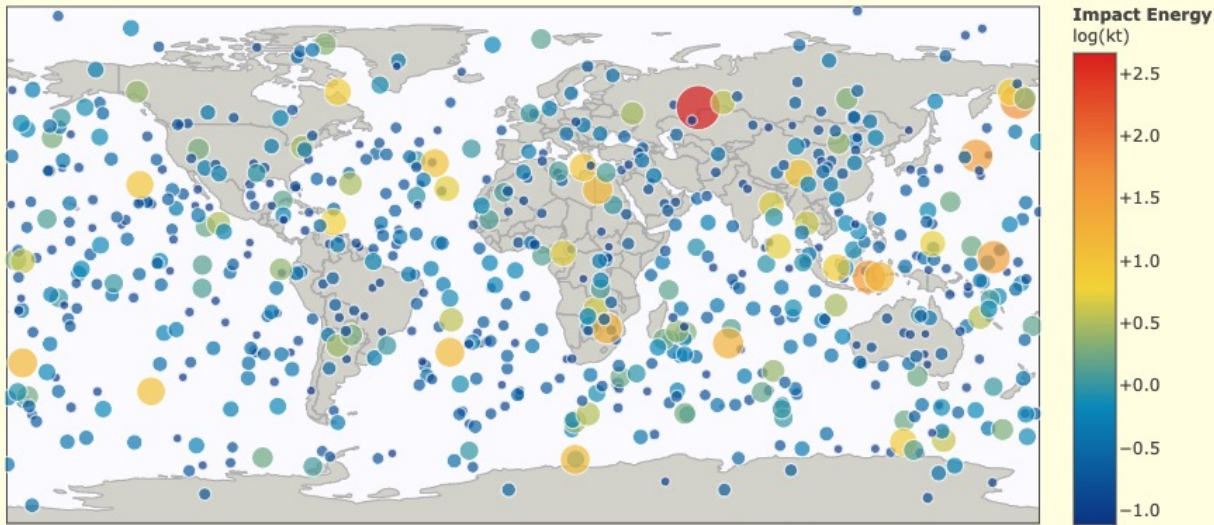
“Gauged”  $U(1)_{X's}$  (hypothetical)  $\rightarrow$  “Dark” photons

- **X can be baryon number, lepton number, etc:**  
**Standard Model Global Symmetries**
- Motivated by baryogenesis (matter-anti matter asymmetry) & dark matter:  
The ultralight mediators **CAN** but does not have to be dark matter

# Asteroids hitting the earth

## Fireballs Reported by US Government Sensors

(1988-Apr-15 to 2021-Jul-30)



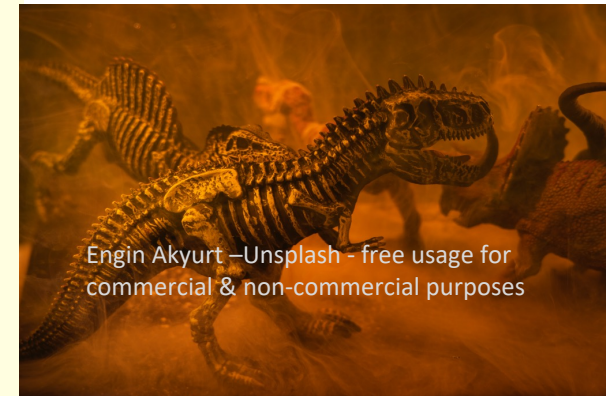
<https://cneos.jpl.nasa.gov/fireballs/>

Alan B. Chamberlin (JPL/Caltech)



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~ 65 million years ago

Tracking asteroids is extremely important

e.g., unexpected 2013 Chelyabinsk meteor injured >1500 people

Also, near-Earth asteroid search accidentally found 'Oumuamua

# Asteroids



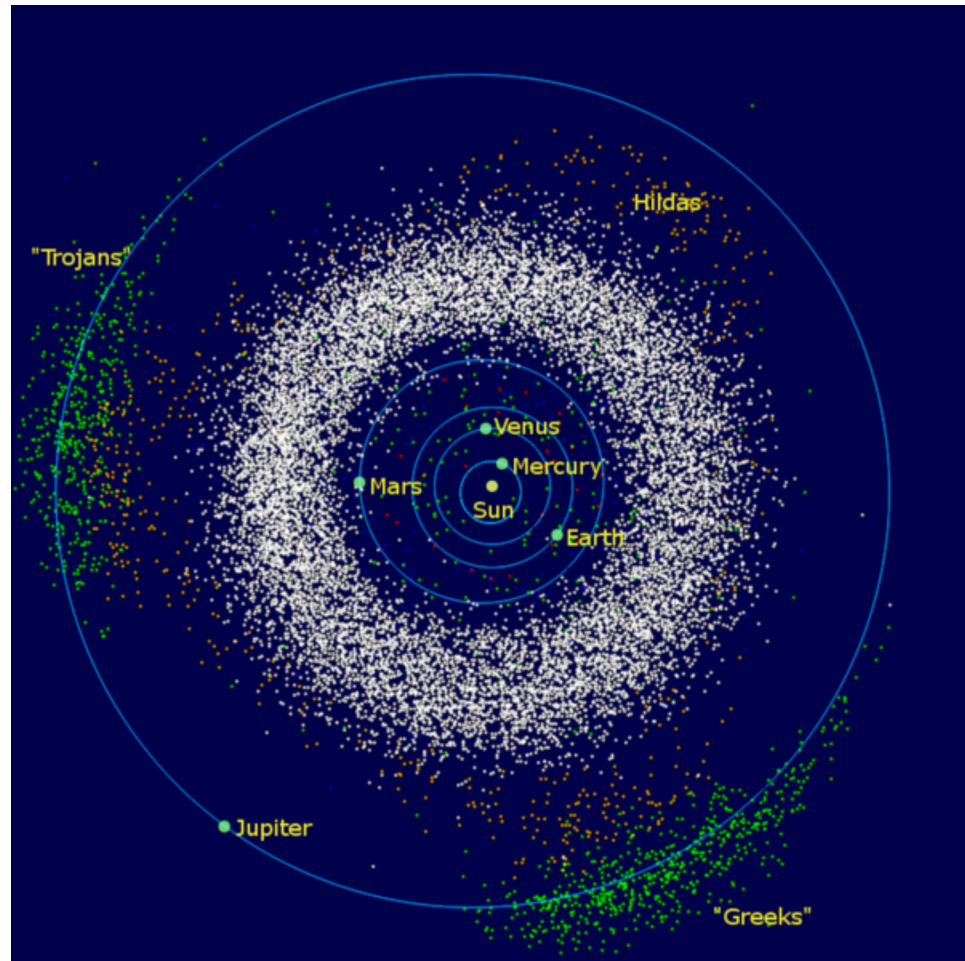
By Sidney Paget

"PROFESSOR MORIARTY STOOD BEFORE ME."

"Is he not the celebrated author of *The Dynamics of an Asteroid*, a book which ascends to such rarefied heights of pure mathematics that it is said that there was no man in the scientific press capable of criticizing it?

— *Sherlock Holmes, The Valley of Fear*

"The more hazardous the asteroids,  
the better for fundamental Physics"  
-- Professor Moriarty (maybe)

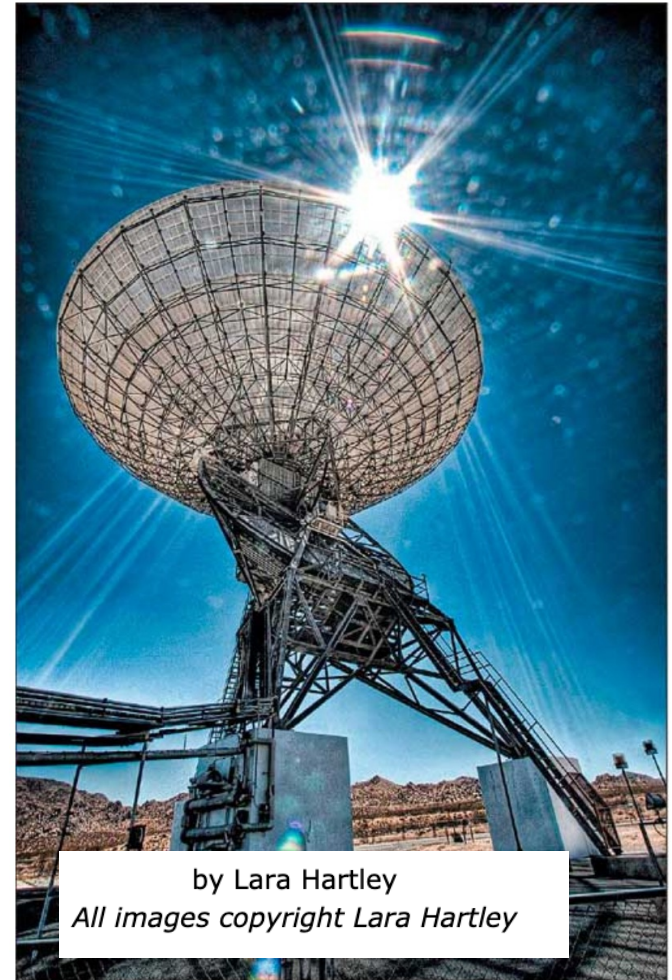


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# Radar Observations

- Radar – **Goldstone Observatory:**  
Provide very precise location and velocity information of the asteroids
- **Radar astronomy:**  
observing nearby astronomical objects by reflecting microwaves off target objects and analyzing the reflections.
- **Round-trip light time (RTLTL):** The elapsed time taken by a signal travelling from the Earth to a spacecraft or other celestial body
- **Doppler shift:**



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Students can control the huge Echo radio telescope to collect data from objects in the universe at which the antenna is pointed.

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doppler\\_effect#/media/File:Dopplerfrequenz.gif](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Doppler_effect#/media/File:Dopplerfrequenz.gif)

<https://www.desertusa.com/desert-california/goldstone-deep-space.html>

# Perihelion Precession: Einstein's Success

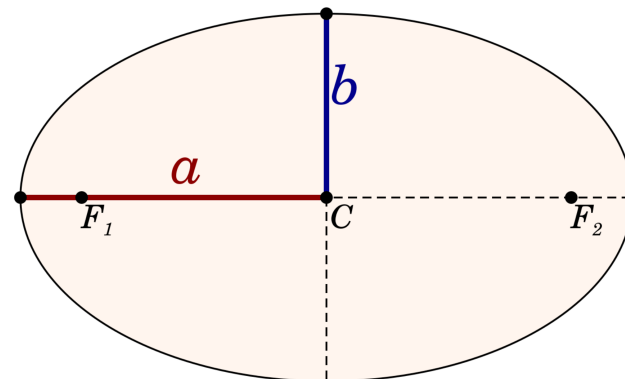
## Precession of Mercury's perihelion (closest point to the Sun)



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apsidal\\_precession#/media/File:Precession\\_Kepler\\_orbit\\_280frames\\_e0.6\\_smaller.gif](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apsidal_precession#/media/File:Precession_Kepler_orbit_280frames_e0.6_smaller.gif) under CC BY 3.0

$$\frac{d^2u}{d\varphi^2} + u - \frac{GM_{\odot}}{L^2} = \frac{3GM_{\odot}}{c^2}u^2. \quad (\text{GR})$$

- Consider planar motion and fix  $\theta = \pi/2$ .
- Define inverse radius variable  $u \equiv 1/r = u(\varphi)$
- $a = \frac{L^2}{M_{\odot}(1-e^2)}$ ,  $a$  is the semi-major axis



M. W. Toews (CC0)



# 5<sup>th</sup> force and Yukawa Potential

$$V(r) = \tilde{\alpha} \frac{GM_{\odot} M_{*}}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{r}{\lambda}\right),$$

$$V(r) = \mp \frac{g^2}{4\pi} \frac{Q_{\odot} Q_{*}}{r} \exp\left(-\frac{mc^2}{\hbar c} r\right),$$

$$\frac{d^2 u}{d\varphi^2} + u - \frac{GM_{\odot}}{L^2} = \frac{3GM_{\odot}}{c^2} u^2 + \tilde{\alpha} \frac{GM_{\odot}}{L^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\lambda u}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{\lambda u}},$$

**(fifth force)**

- Gauge boson, dark photon of  $U(1)_B$  or scalar coupled to baryon number
- $g$  is new physics coupling constant, and  $m$  is the mediator mass
- See, e.g., Poddar et al, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.02935>

# Ultralight Bosons

## 1. Spin 0: ultralight scalars coupled to Standard Model particles

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi \subset (g_{\phi,p}\bar{p}p + g_{\phi,n}\bar{n}n + g_{\phi,e}\bar{e}e)\phi$$

## 2. Spin 1: Dark photon of gauged $U(1)_B$ ,

with coupling  $g_A$ , charging all baryons equally

charge:  $q_p = q_n = 1$

$U(1)_B$  has chiral anomaly, so extra heavy particle is needed,

and there may be additional constraints & model building needed for those constraints

(Constraints: Dror, Lasenby, Pospelov, arXiv:1705.06726, arXiv:1707.01503)

(Models to alleviate bounds: Green, Schwarz, PLB 87, Kaplan, NPB 91)

## 3. Our study can also be applied to $U(1)_{B-L}$ , $L_e - L_{\mu,\tau}$ , etc. ,

Need to understand the asteroid compositions for these.

# Precession (Analytical) at Low-Mass Limit

$$|\Delta\varphi_{\phi,A'}| \simeq \frac{2\pi}{1 + \frac{g^2}{4\pi G m_p^2}} \frac{g^2}{4\pi G m_p^2} \left(\frac{amc}{\hbar}\right)^2 (1 - e).$$

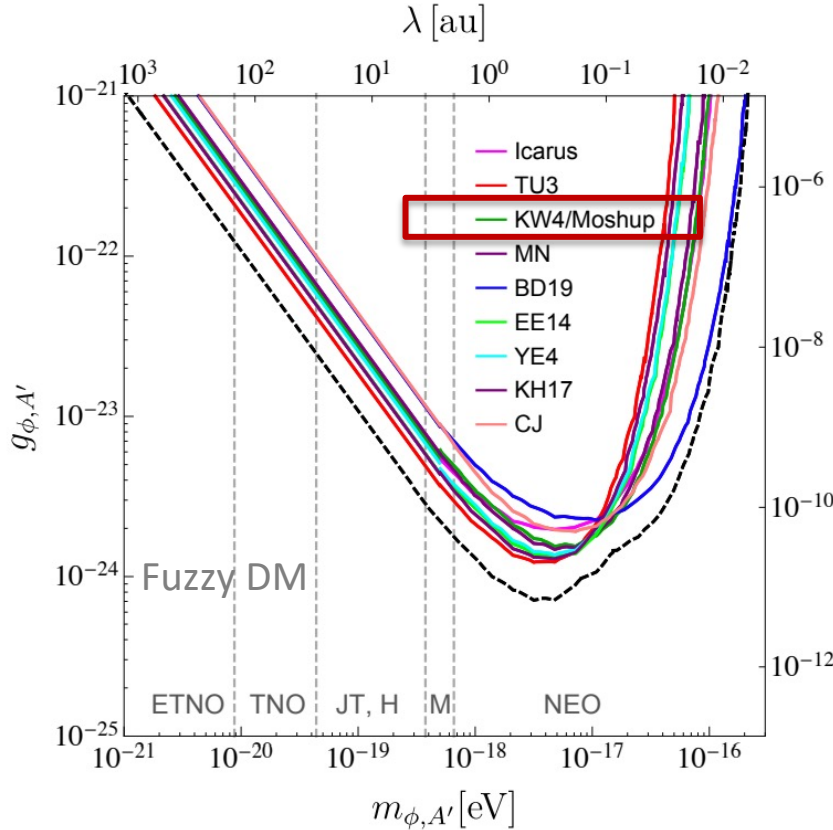
(fifth force)

- $m_p$  is proton mass
- for low mass,  $m \ll 1/\alpha$  (Natural Unit)
- The term gets larger with  $a$
- That's why we should explore **objects further away from the Sun:**  
not just Mercury or other planets
- **Not depending on target celestial bodies' mass**

$$\Delta\varphi_0 = \frac{6\pi GM_\odot}{\alpha(1 - e^2)c^2} \left[ \frac{2 - \beta + 2\gamma}{3} \right]$$

(GR)

# Results for the new physics



$$\frac{d^2 u}{d\varphi^2} + u - \frac{GM_{\odot}}{L^2} = \frac{3GM_{\odot}}{c^2} u^2 + \tilde{\alpha} \frac{GM_{\odot}}{L^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\lambda u}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{\lambda u}}, \quad (3)$$

## Recast

$$\sigma_{\beta} = 5.6 \times 10^{-4}, \quad \text{Verma, Margot, Greenberg, APJ '17}$$

## Optimal 2022 results,

$$\sigma_{\beta} \sim 2 \times 10^{-4},$$

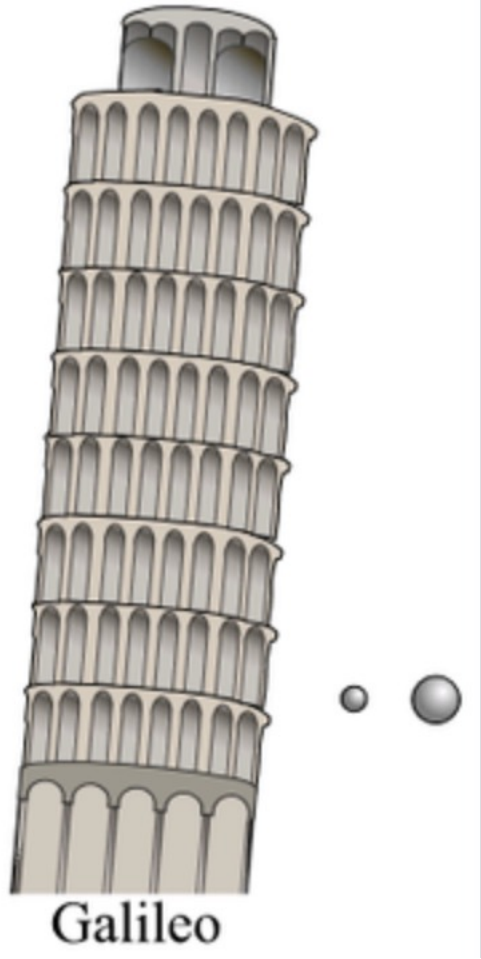
## Best reach:

**TU3, MN, BD19**

$$\Delta\varphi_{\phi, A'}^2 < \left| \frac{\partial \Delta\varphi_0}{\partial \beta} \right|^2 \sigma_{\beta}^2 + \left| \frac{\partial \Delta\varphi_0}{\partial J_2} \right|^2 \sigma_{J_2}^2 + 2\rho \left| \frac{\partial \Delta\varphi_0}{\partial \beta} \frac{\partial \Delta\varphi_0}{\partial J_2} \right| \sigma_{J_2} \sigma_{\beta}.$$

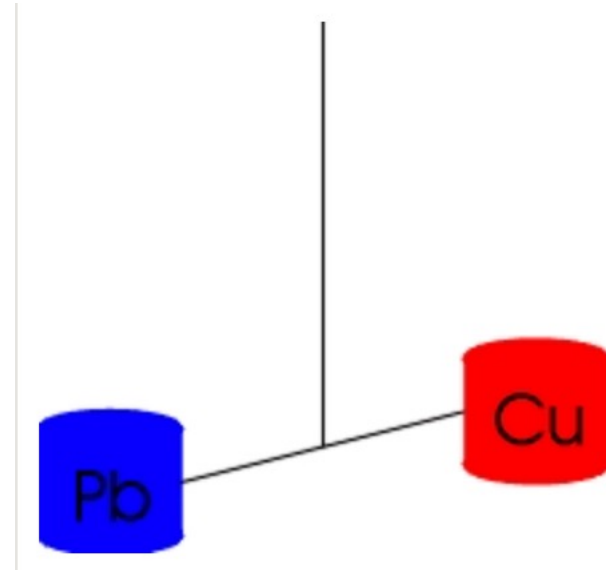
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# Torsion Balance: Modern-Day Tower of Pisa experiment



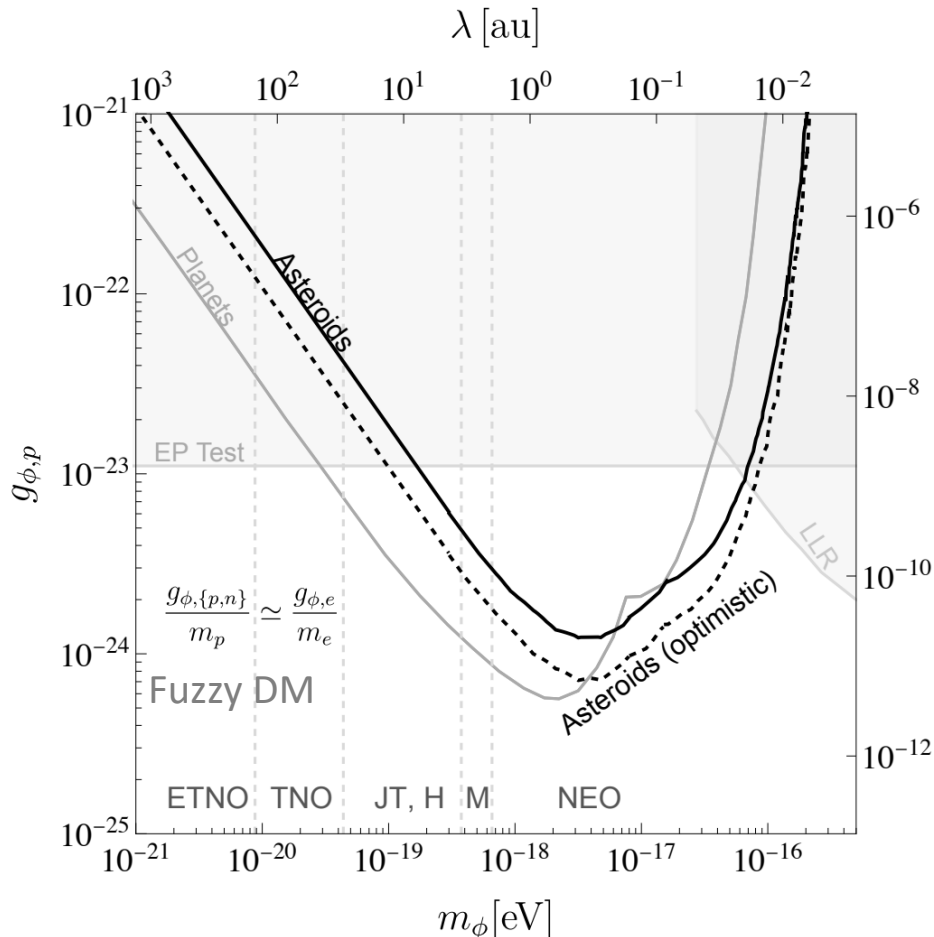
Galileo

Wikipedia



The Eöt-Wash Group, University of Washington  
<https://www.npl.washington.edu/eotwash/torsion-balances>

# Asteroid Constrain EP Conserving 5<sup>th</sup> forces

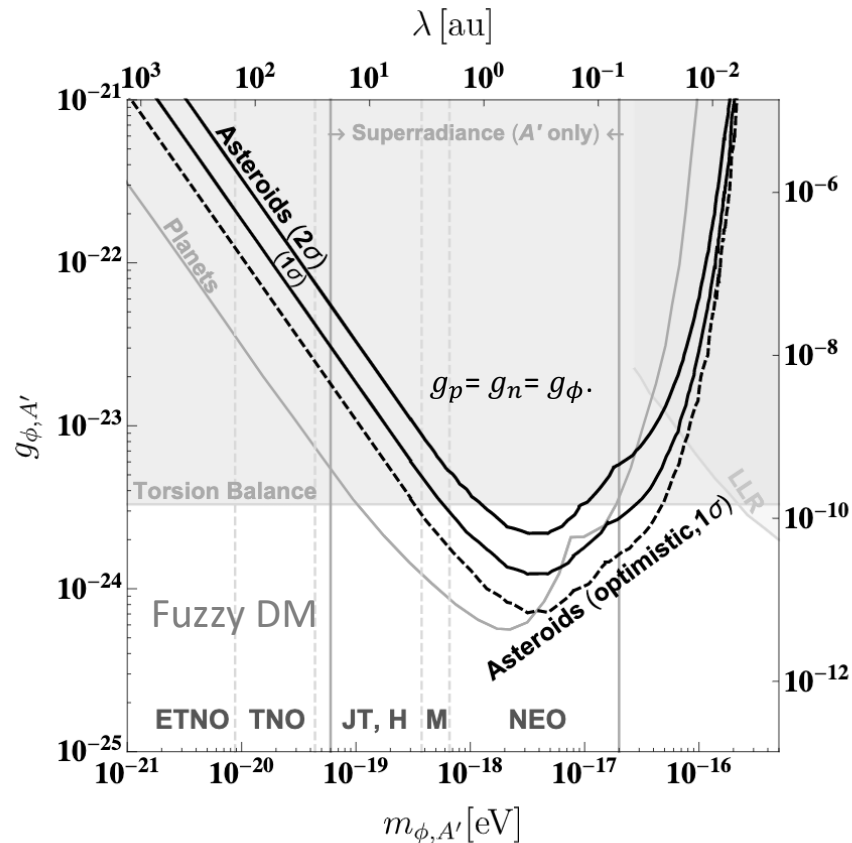


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- **Planets:**  
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# Equivalence Principle-Breaking Fifth Forces



- **Best reach: TU3, MN, BD19**
- **Torsion Balance Exp:**  
Schlamminger, Choi, Wagner, Gundlach, Adelberger, PRL 08
- **Superradiance:**  
Baryakhtar, Galanis, Lasenby, and Simon, PRD 21
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# Future objects of interest

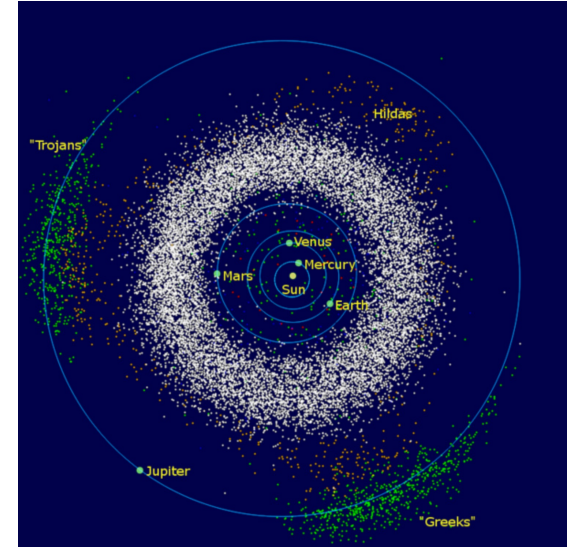
Minor Planets	$a$ [au]	$\sim$ Numbers
Near-Earth Object (NEO)	$< 1.3^*$	$> 25000$
Main-Belt Asteroid (M)	$\sim 2 - 3$	$\sim 1$ million
Hilda (H)	$3.7 - 4.2$	$> 4000$
Jupiter Trojan (JT)	$5.2$	$> 9800$
Trans-Neptunian Object (TNO)	$> 30$	$2700$
Extreme TNO (ETNO)	$> 150$	$12$

TABLE I. Targets for our future studies, for which exciting opportunities are provided by sheer numbers and observational programs, classified roughly based on their typical semi-major axes.

\*NEOs are defined as having perihelia  $a(1 - e) < 1.3$  au.

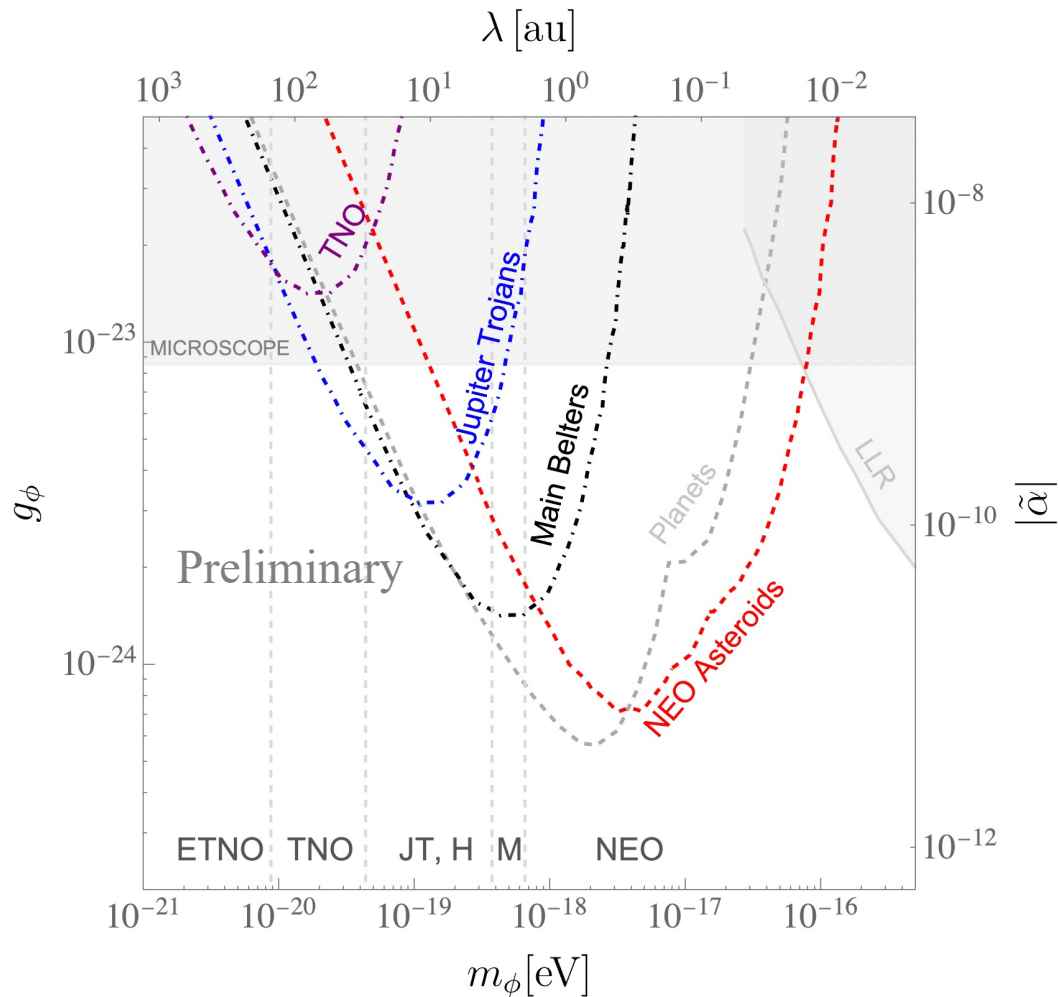
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- *Can also probe dark matter, primordial black hole, etc*





# Compilations of Various Probes



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Poddar, Mohanty, Jana, EPJC 21
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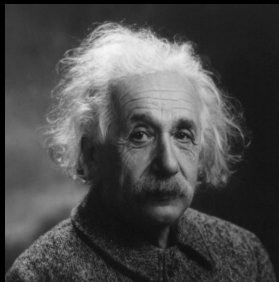
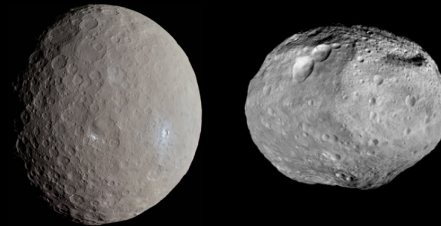
We are conducting a **detailed study** using **MONTE** with people from **JPL & ESA**

# Robust Analysis (NEW): High-fidelity force model

JPL Planetary Ephemerides DE441



Small-body  
perturbers



PPN formulation  
for relativity



Oblateness, ...

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# Uncertainties

- Errors in planetary trajectories and masses
- Missing perturbers, errors in perturber masses & trajectories
- Higher order relativistic terms
- Higher order gravity terms
- Poynting-Robertson drag
- Simplifying assumptions in nongravitational force model (non-spherical effects, Yarkovsky, solar torque, physical parameter evolution, etc)
- Solar mass loss and solar wind
- Meteoroid impacts
- Spacecraft interaction
- Whatever else could be missing...

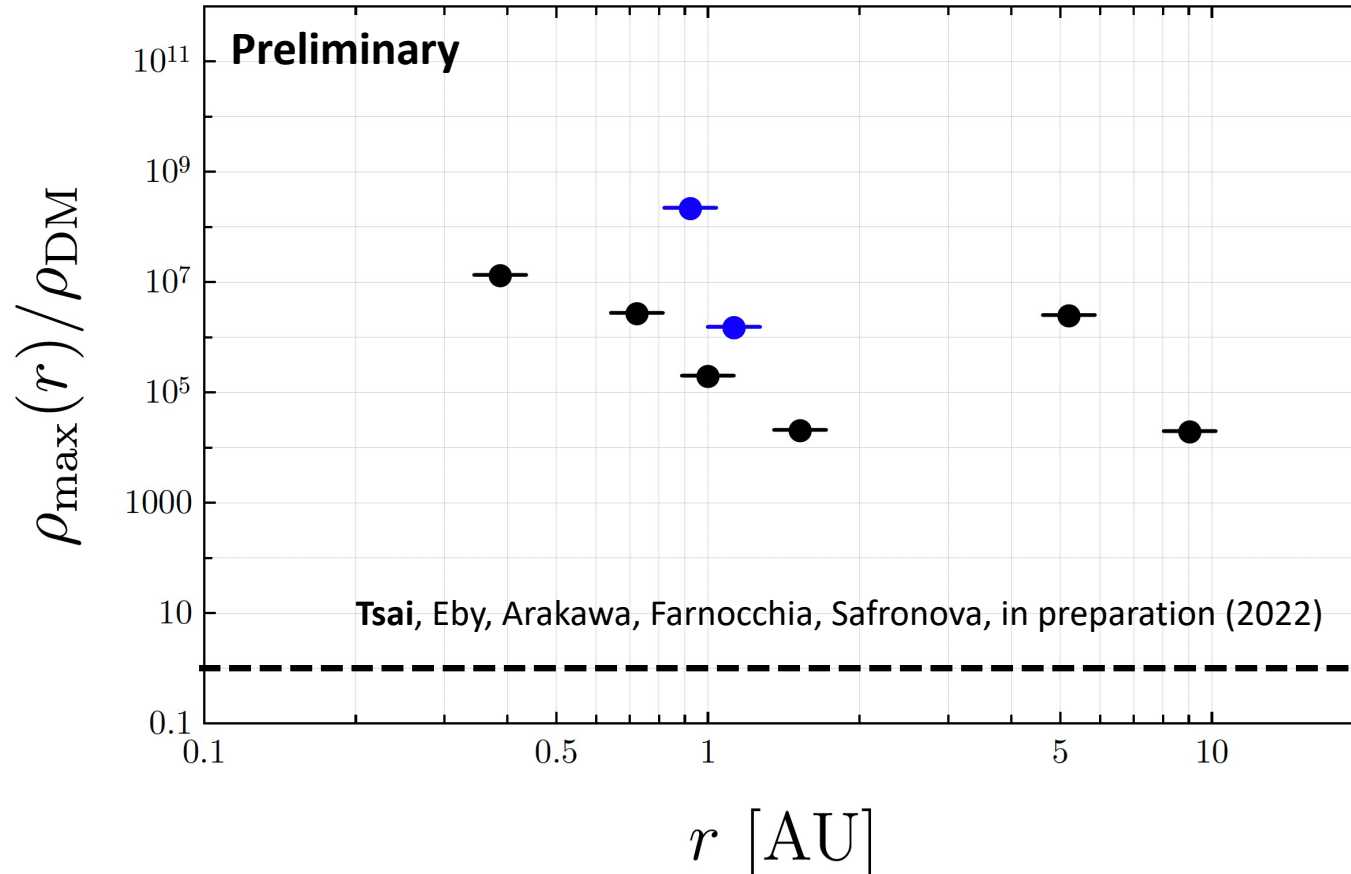
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# Model-Independent Constraints on Dark Matter

## Preliminary Results

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# New Project: New Model Independent Constraints!



**New project!**

**Improve the constraint with asteroid data! Model independent!**

Tsai, Eby, Arakawa, Farnocchia, Safronova, in preparation

**Preliminary results from NASA JPL code & collected data**

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# Space Mission & Telescopes



An artist's impression of the Lucy spacecraft performing a flyby of a Jupiter trojan.

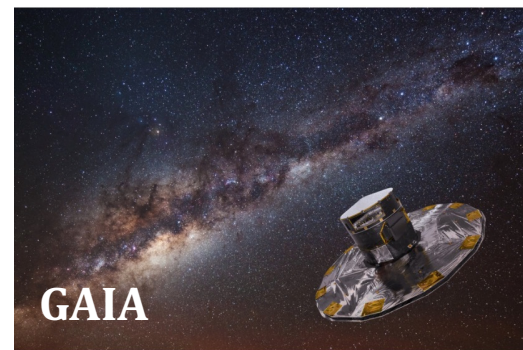
NASA/SwRI and SSL/Peter Rubin -  
<https://www.nasa.gov/press-release/nasa-selects-two-missions-to-explore-the-early-solar-system>

**Lucy** is a planned NASA space probe that will complete a 12-year journey to seven different **asteroids**. **Human landing?**



A photograph and rendering mix of the exterior of the Vera C. Rubin Observatory building on Cerro Pachón in Chile. Image credit: Rubin Obs./NSF/AURA

- **Optical – Vera Rubin Observatory:** increase the **number of solar-system objects by 5 times**.



— Gaia mapping the stars of the Milky Way

Optical – **GAIA** provides stellar reference for asteroid localization



# New Ideas for Discussions

- **Asteroidal/Planetary Tracking Array**  
develop a tracking array to study **bosonic ultralight dark matter** (possible) and **gravitational wave** (difficult);
- **Probing dark energy,  $f(R)$  Gauss-Bonnet gravity, and other modified gravity theories**
- **Consider non-gravitational dark matter-SM interactions**

# Big Picture & Outlook

- Bridging **planetary science, space (quantum) technology, and fundamental physics**
- **Our result is exciting now and has significant potential given the future measurements:**  
**radar, optical, and space missions** will bring tremendous progress!
- **Atomic clocks on the moon, spacecraft, satellite, Asteroid Tracking Array, and Advanced Lunar Ranging:**  
**Many exciting projects forward!**  
Collaborating with NIST, NASA, ESA, etc people on proposals

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# Exciting Research Directions for Discussions

- **Asteroidal/Planetary Tracking Array;**
  - Develop a tracking array to study bosonic ultralight dark matter (possible) and gravitational wave (difficult)
  - Model independent DM constraint
- **Interesting Projects with the Parker Solar Probe or Similar Solar Probes?**
- **Advanced Lunar Laser + Radar Ranging**  
**LASER + transponder + quantum technology?**
- **Quantum technologies in Space: [Q-SEnSE](#) + [SpaceQ](#) informal meeting**



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## We can also discuss & collaborate on ...

- LHC Forward Experiments: Forward Physics Facility, FORMOSA (an experiment I proposed), with [Feng et al, arXiv:2010.07941 \(PRD 21\)](#)
- Dark matter model building (Dark sector QCD, Strongly Self-Interacting Dark Matter), [arXiv:2008.08608 \(PRL 22\)](#), [arXiv:1512.04545 \(PRL 16\)](#)
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- Neutrino physics (cosmic neutrino background) & neutrino BSM, [arXiv:2007.05513 \(PRD 21\)](#)

Let's protect the Earth & find dark matter;  
happy to discuss more

Thank you!

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Public outreach interview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDX9XwLHBuM> (> 73K views!)

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