Searches for Ultra-Low-Mass Dark Matter

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Dark Matter

Strong astrophysical evidence for existence of **dark matter** (~5 times more dark matter than ordinary matter)

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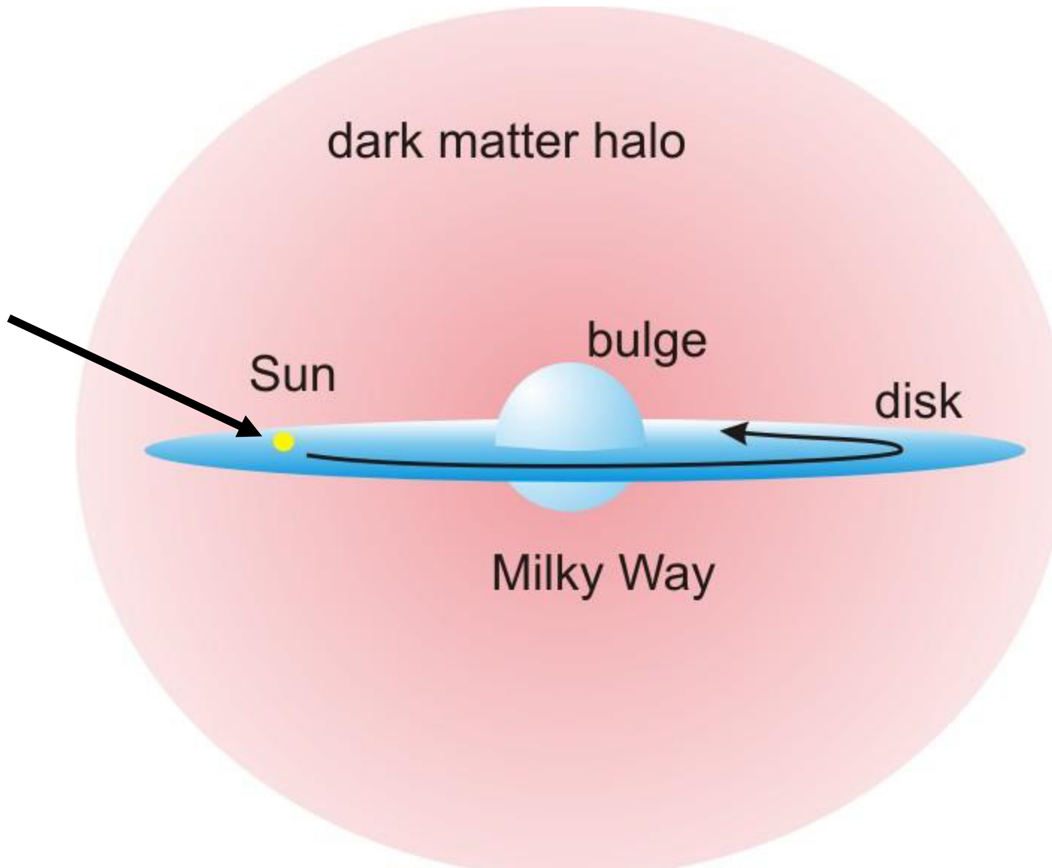

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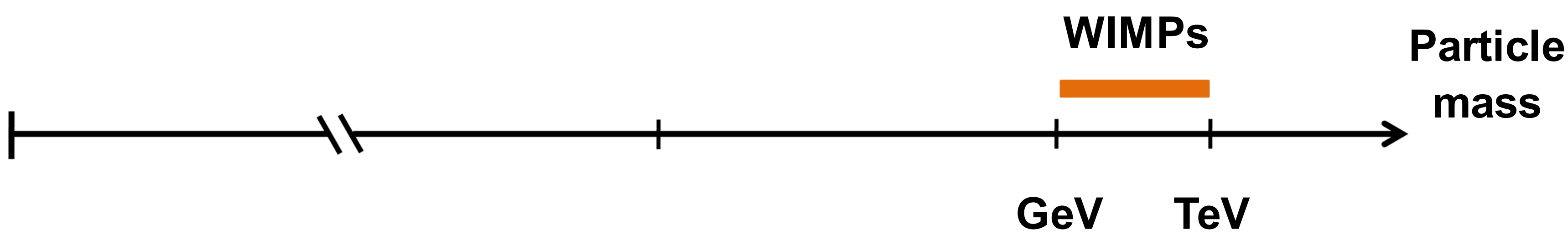

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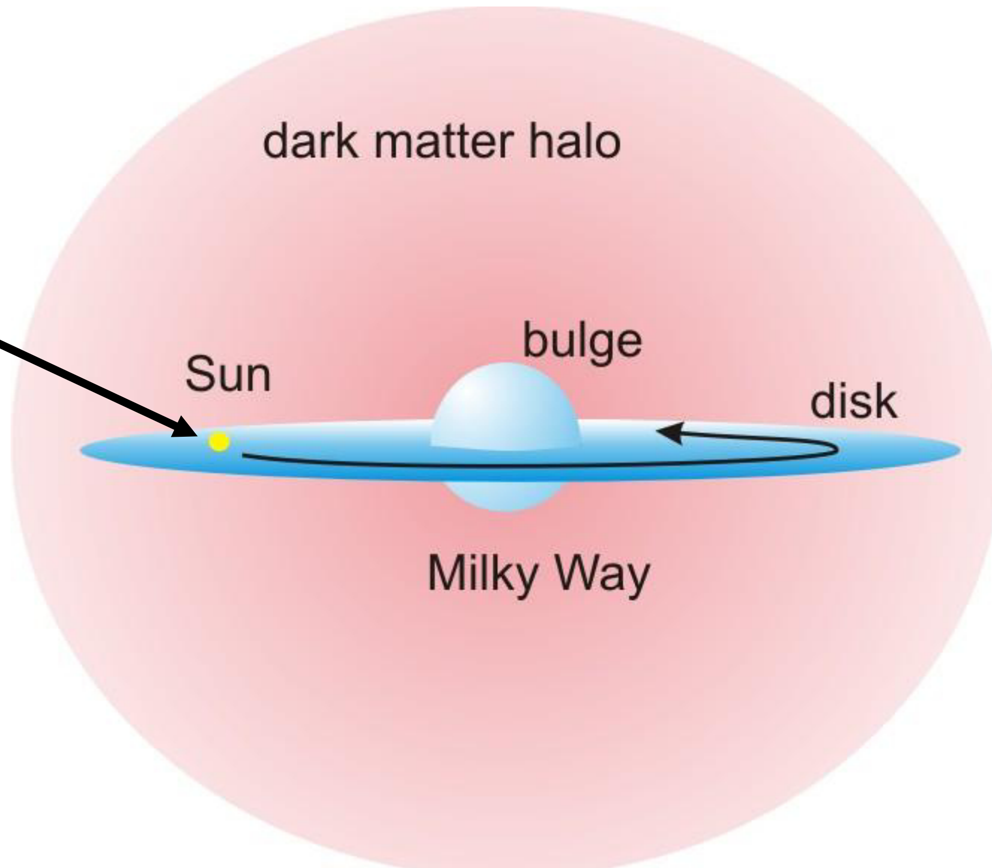

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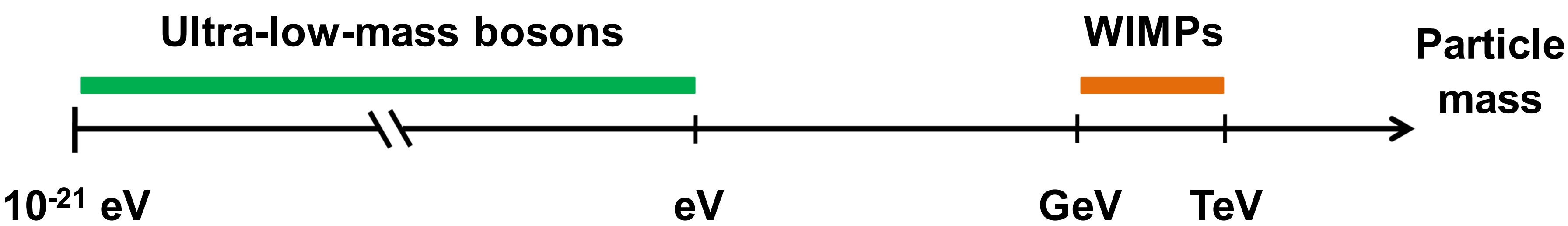

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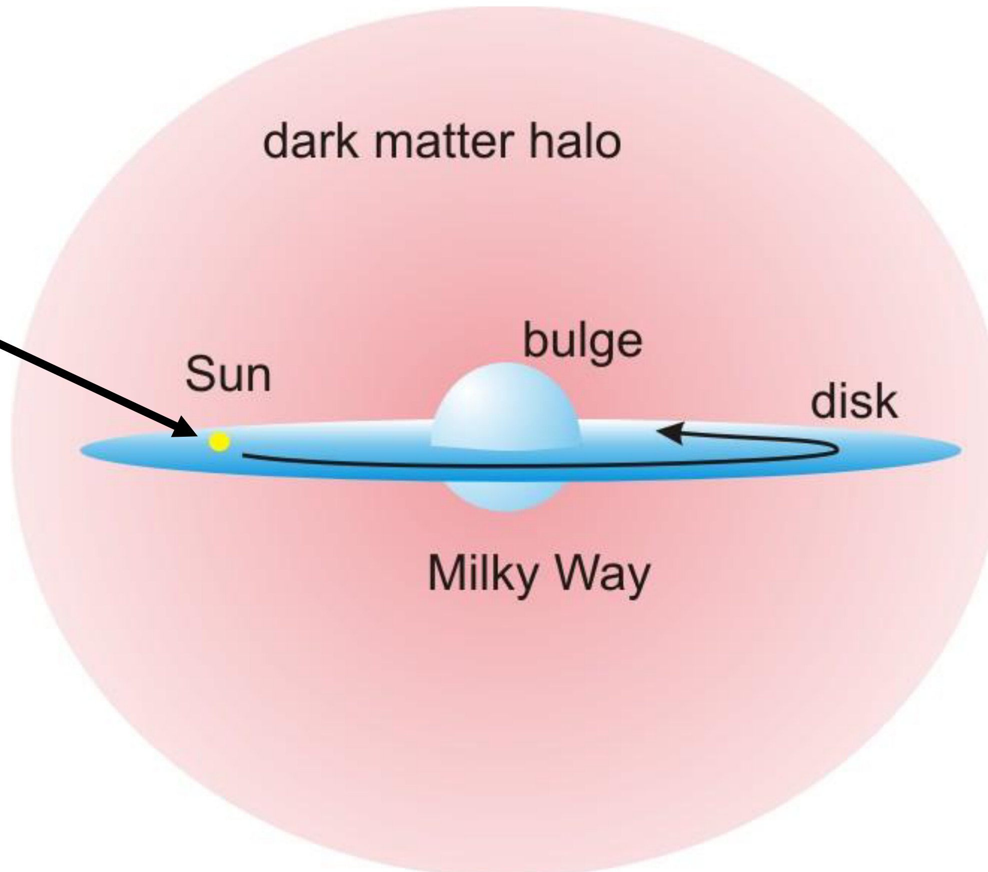

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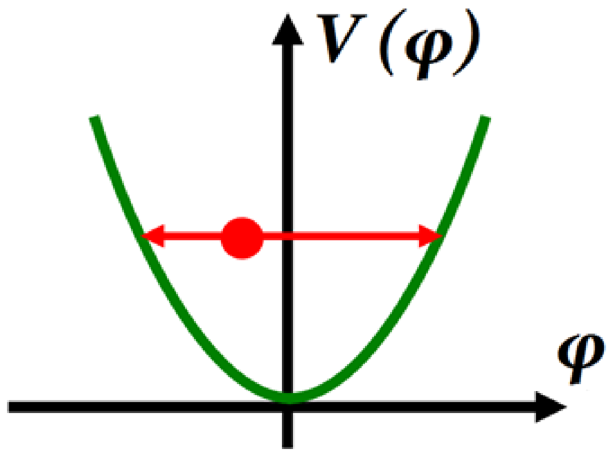

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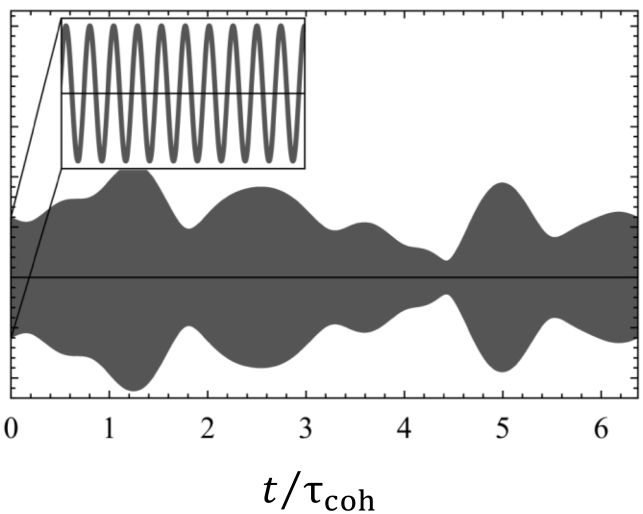
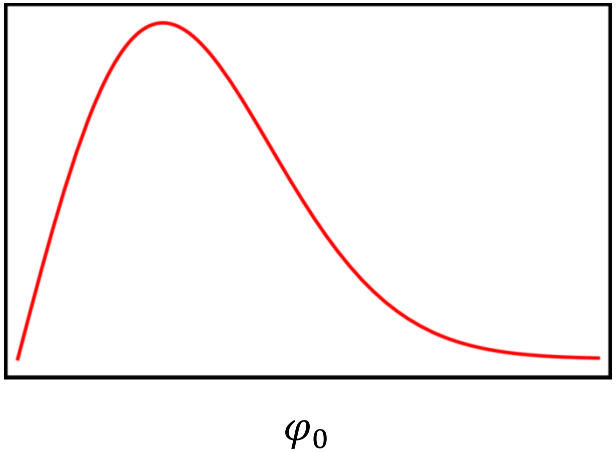
Evolution of φ_0 with time



Probability distribution function of φ_0
(e.g., Rayleigh distribution)



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$T_{\mathrm{osc}} \sim 1\ \mathrm{month}$ IR frequencies

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[Related figure-of-merit: $\lambda_{\mathrm{dB},\varphi}/2\pi \leq L_{\mathrm{dwarf\ galaxy}} \sim 100\ \mathrm{pc} \ \Rightarrow \ m_\varphi \gtrsim 10^{-21}\ \mathrm{eV}$]

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- *Wave-like* signatures [cf. *particle-like* signatures of WIMP DM]

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$\varphi \xrightarrow{P} +\varphi$	$\varphi \xrightarrow{P} -\varphi$
→ Time-varying fundamental constants	**→ Time-varying spin-dependent effects**
• Atomic clocks	• Co-magnetometers
• Cavities and interferometers	• Particle g-factors
• Torsion pendula	• Spin-polarised torsion pendula
• Astrophysics (e.g., BBN)	• Spin resonance (NMR, ESR)

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Solar System (and lab) move through stationary dark matter halo

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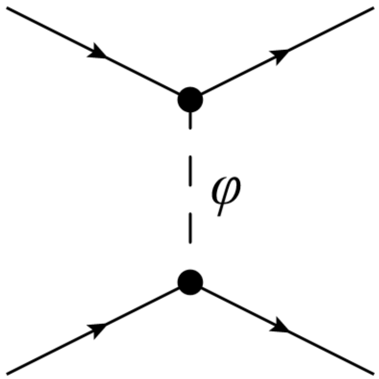

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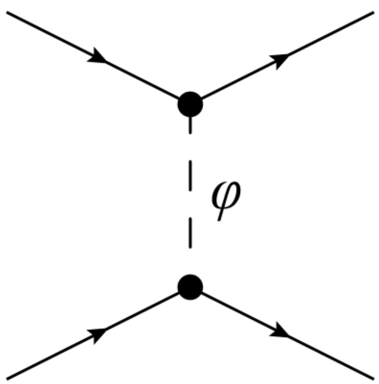

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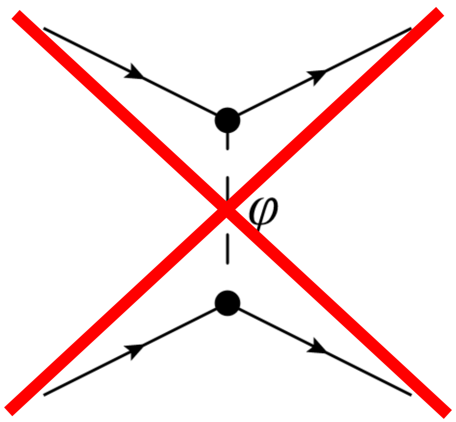

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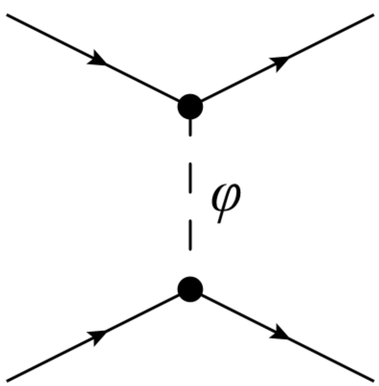

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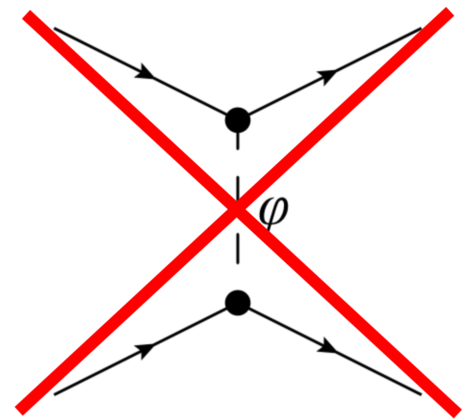

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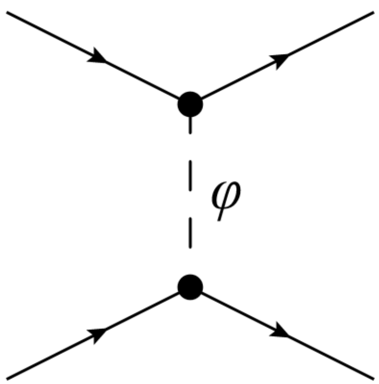

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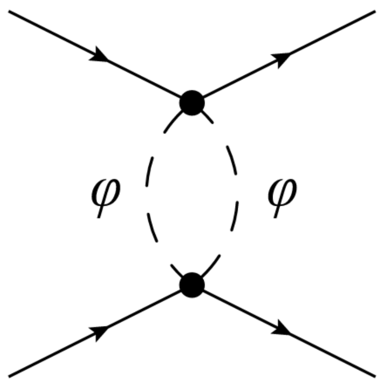

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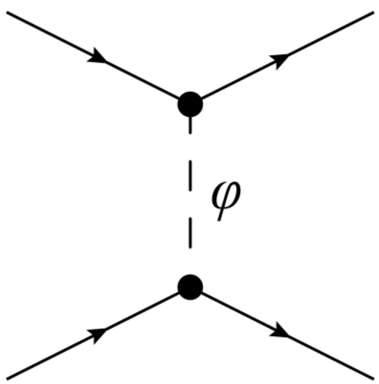

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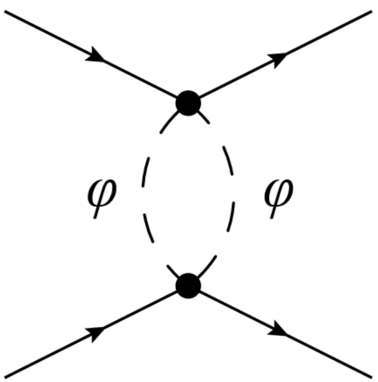

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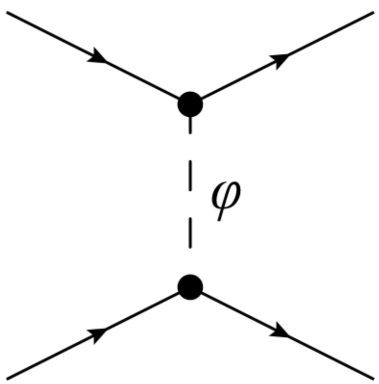

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"Fifth-force" experiments: torsion pendula, atom interferometry

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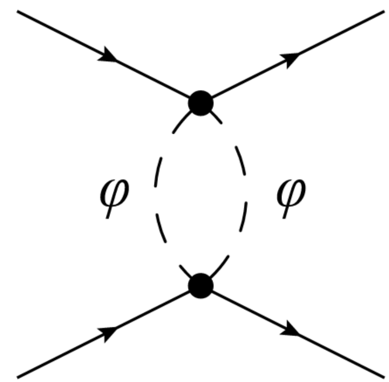

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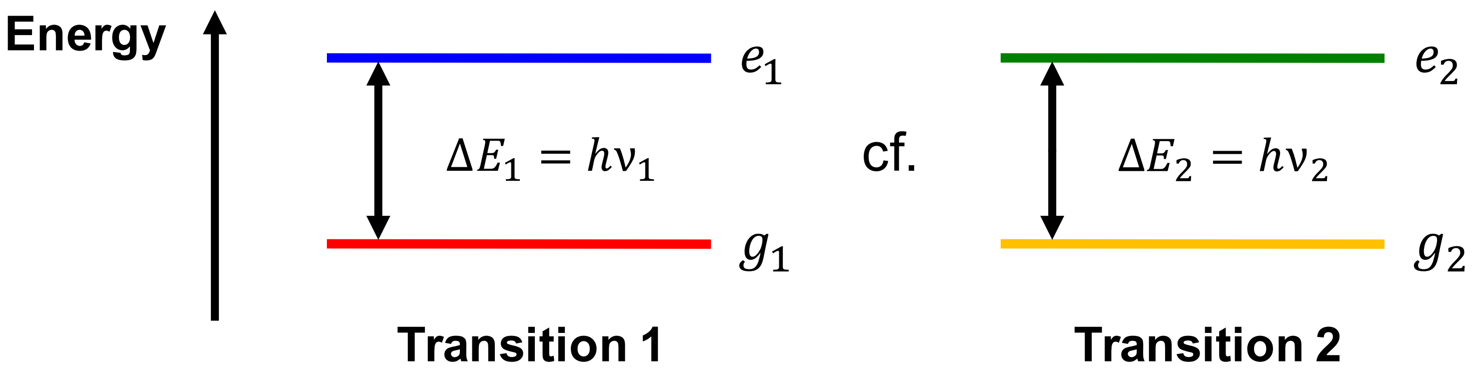

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Atomic spectroscopy (including clocks) has been used for decades to search for "slow drifts" in fundamental constants

Recent overview: [Ludlow, Boyd, Ye, Peik, Schmidt, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **87**, 637 (2015)]

"Sensitivity coefficients" K_X required for the interpretation of experimental data have been calculated extensively by Flambaum group

Reviews: [Flambaum, Dzuba, *Can. J. Phys.* **87**, 25 (2009); *Hyperfine Interac.* **236**, 79 (2015)]

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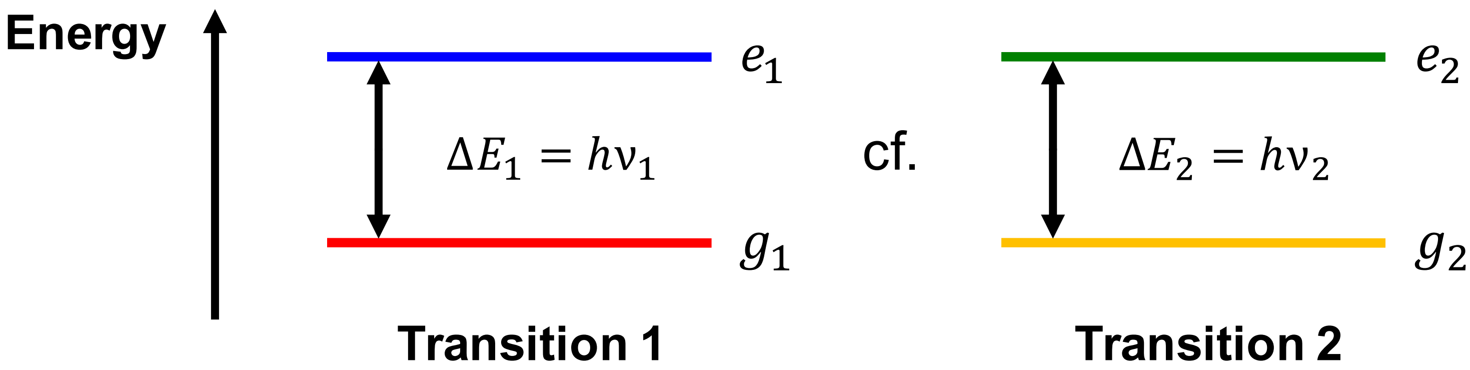

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- **Dy/Cs [Mainz]:** [Van Tilburg *et al.*, *PRL* **115**, 011802 (2015)], [Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRL* **115**, 201301 (2015)]
- **Rb/Cs [SYRTE]:** [Hees *et al.*, *PRL* **117**, 061301 (2016)], [Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRA* **94**, 022111 (2016)]
- **Yb$^+$(E3)/Sr [PTB]:** [Huntemann, Peik *et al.*, In preparation]
- **Al$^+$/Yb, Yb/Sr, Al$^+$/Hg$^+$ [NIST + JILA]:** [Hume, Leibrandt *et al.*, In preparation]

Cavity-Based Searches for Oscillating Variations of Fundamental Constants induced by Dark Matter

[Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRL* **114**, 161301 (2015); *PRA* **93**, 063630 (2016)]

Solid material

$$L_{\text{solid}} \propto a_{\text{B}} = 1/(m_e \alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ \nu_{\text{solid}} \propto 1/L_{\text{solid}} \propto m_e \alpha$$

(adiabatic regime)

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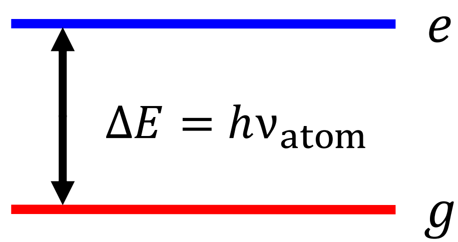
Solid material cf. **Electronic transition**



$L_{\mathrm{solid}} \propto a_{\mathrm{B}} = 1/(m_e \alpha)$

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$\nu_{\mathrm{atom}} \propto \mathrm{Ry} \propto m_e \alpha^2$

$$\frac{\nu_{\mathrm{atom}}}{\nu_{\mathrm{solid}}} \propto \alpha$$

- **Sr vs Glass cavity [Torun]:** [Wcislo *et al*., *Nature Astronomy* **1**, 0009 (2016)]
- **Various combinations [worldwide]:** [Wcislo *et al*., *Science Advances* **4**, eaau4869 (2018)]
- **Cs vs Steel cavity [Mainz]:** [Antypas *et al*., *PRL* **123**, 141102 (2019)]
- **Sr^+ vs Glass cavity [Weizmann]:** [Aharony *et al*., arXiv:1902.02788]
- **Sr/H vs Silicon cavity [JILA + PTB]:** [Kennedy *et al*., *PRL* **125**, 201302 (2020)]
- **H vs Sapphire/Quartz cavities [UWA]:** [Campbell *et al*., arXiv:2010.08107]

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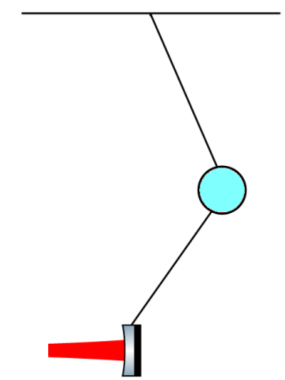
cf.

Freely-suspended mirrors

$$L_{\text{free}} \approx \text{const. for } f_{\text{DM}} > f_{\text{natural}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ \nu_{\text{free}} \approx \text{constant}$$

Double-pendulum suspensions



$$\frac{\nu_{\text{solid}}}{\nu_{\text{free}}} \propto m_e \alpha \quad \text{cf.} \quad \frac{\nu_{\text{atom}}}{\nu_{\text{solid}}} \propto \alpha$$

Small-scale experiment currently under development at Northwestern University

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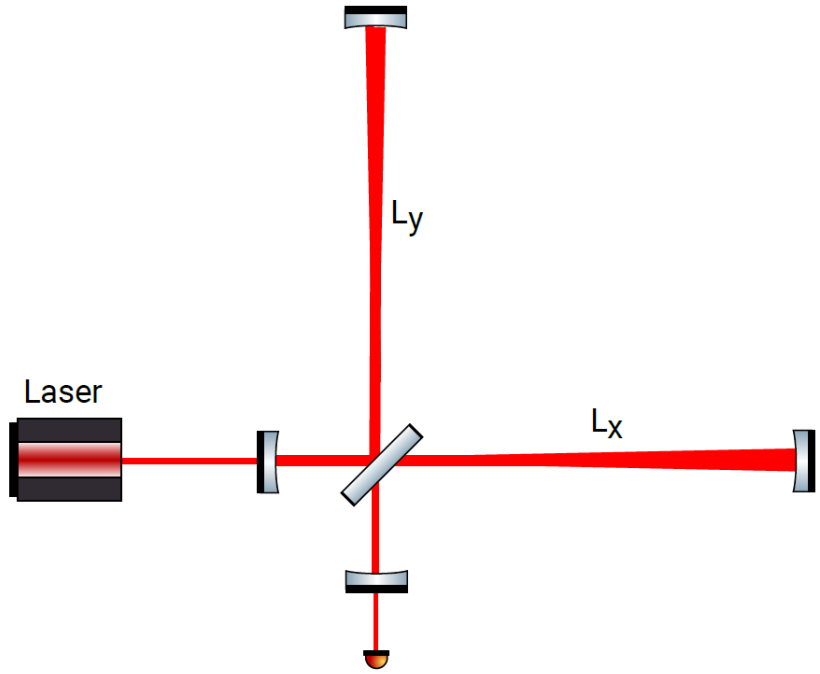

Michelson interferometer (GEO 600)

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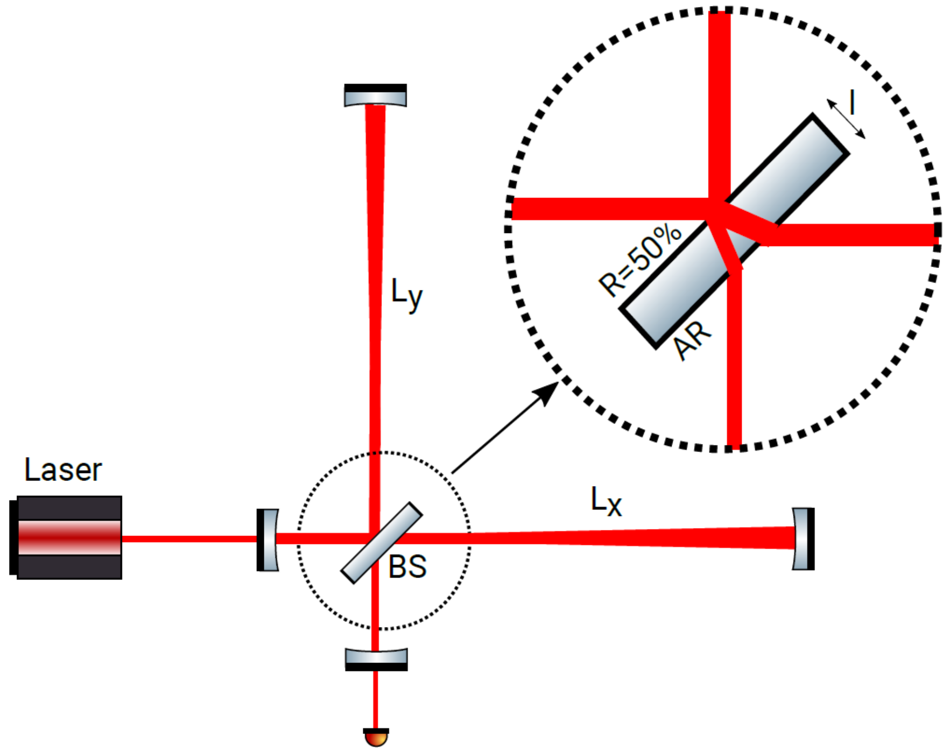

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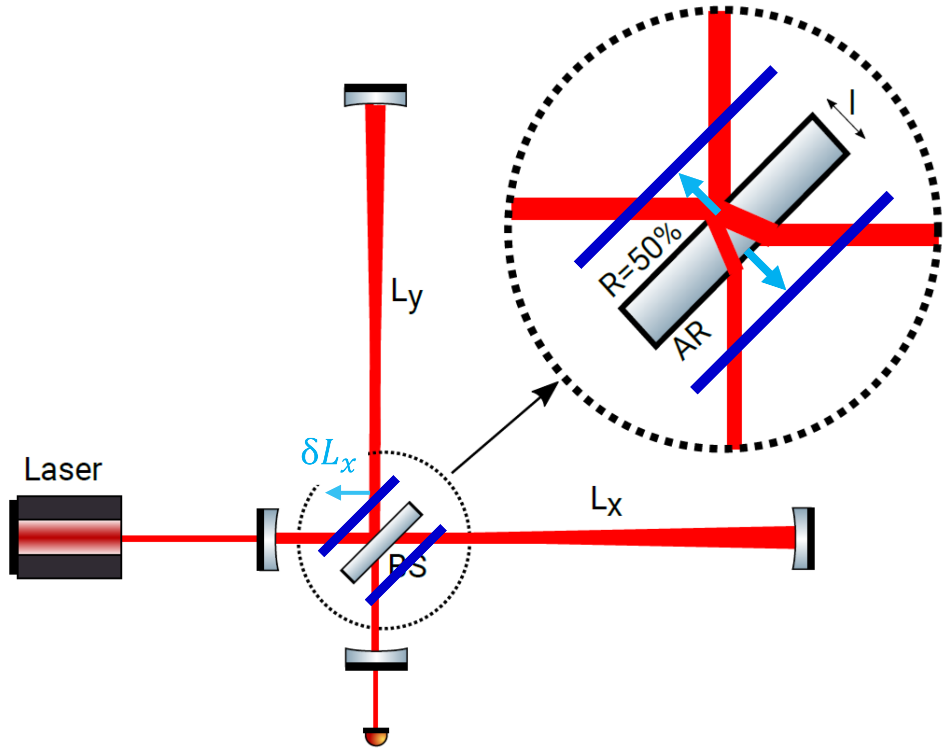

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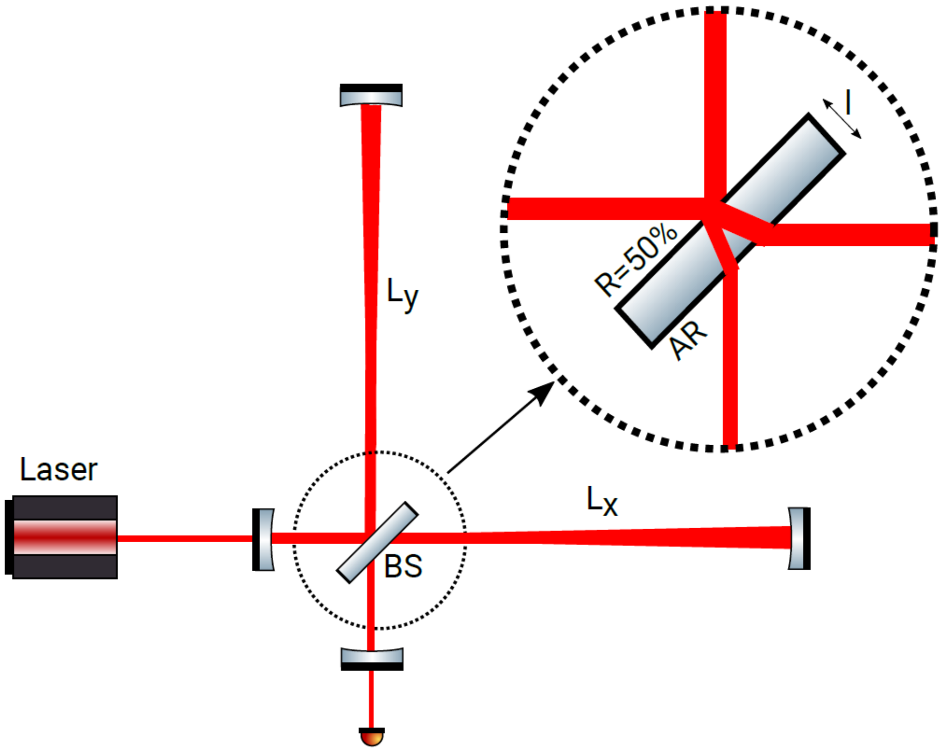

- Geometric asymmetry from beam-splitter: $\delta\left(L_x - L_y\right) \sim \delta(nl)$
- Both broadband and resonant narrowband searches possible:

$$f_{\mathrm{DM}} \approx f_{\mathrm{vibr,BS}}(T) \sim v_{\mathrm{sound}}/l \;\Rightarrow\; Q \sim 10^6 \text{ enhancement}$$

Michelson vs Fabry-Perot-Michelson Interferometers

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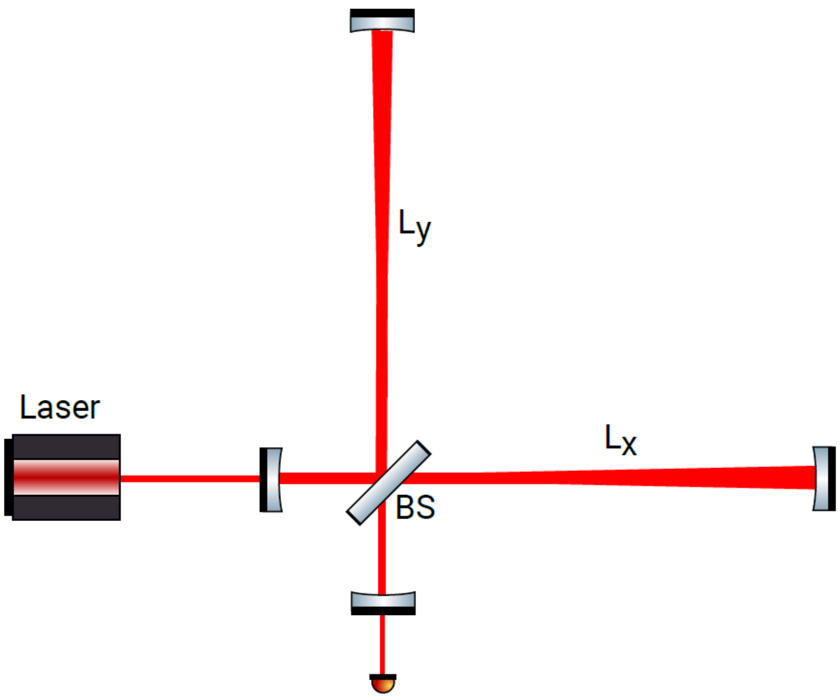

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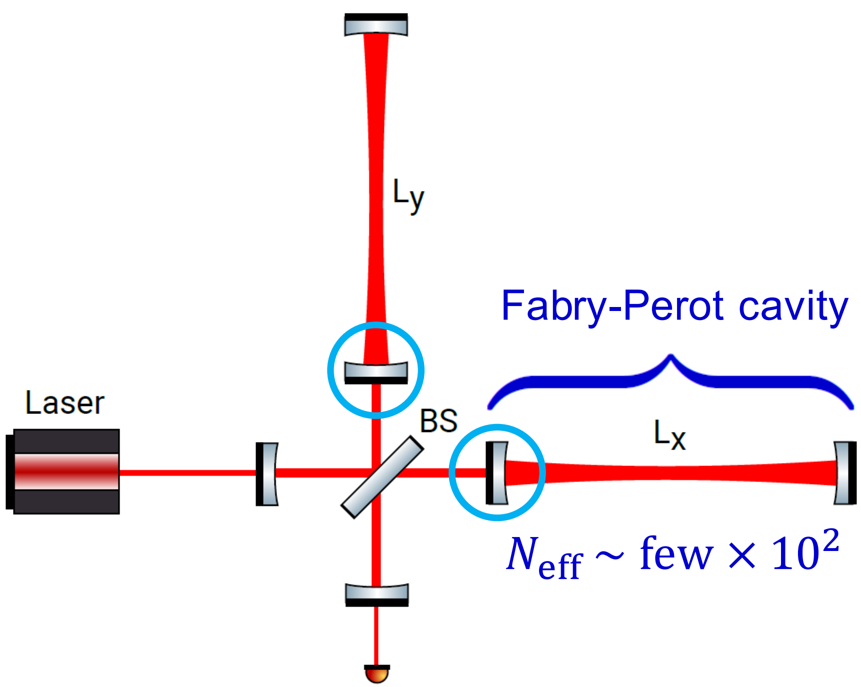

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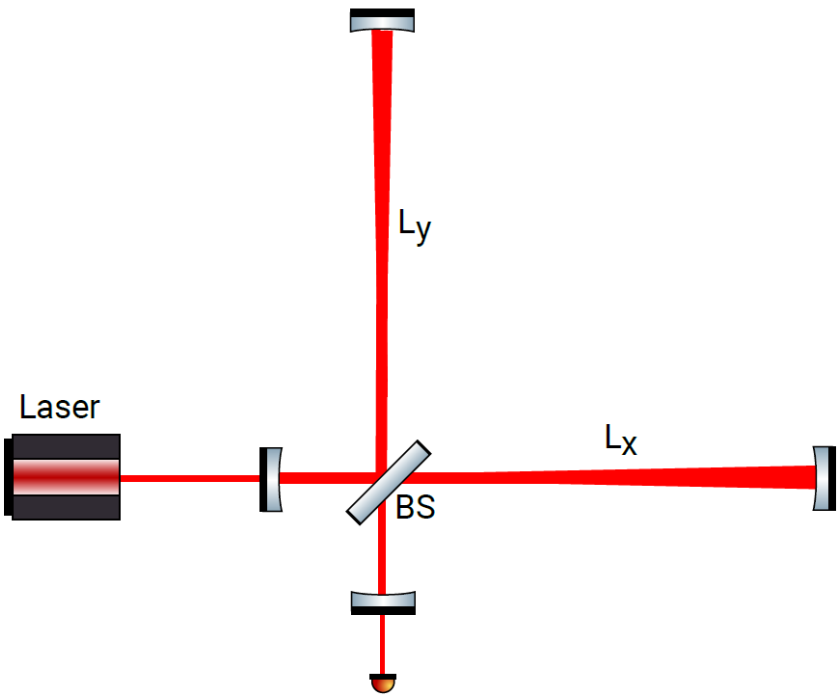

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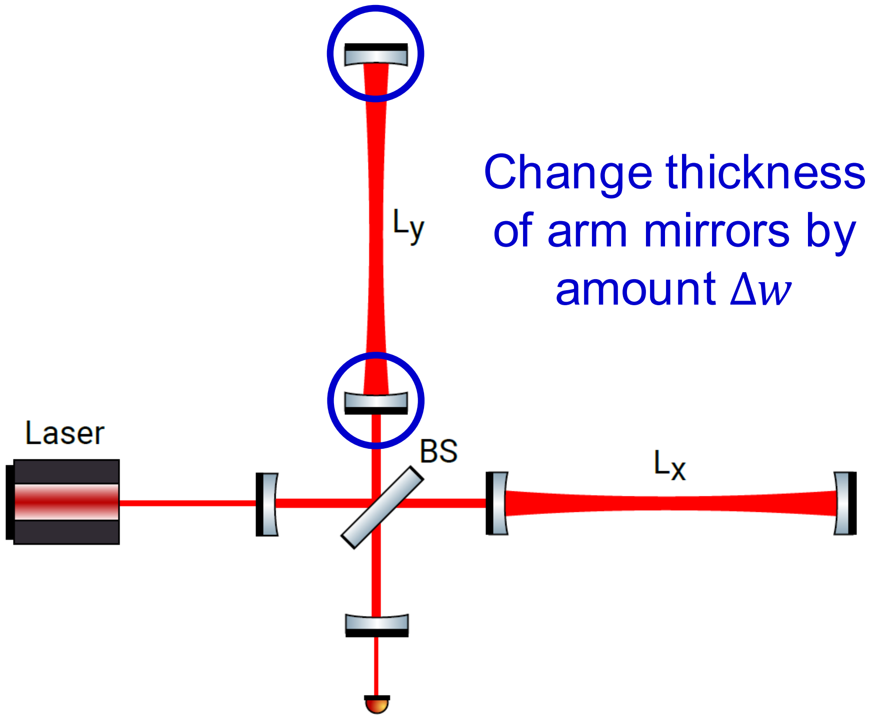

Change thickness of arm mirrors by amount Δw

$$\delta(L_x - L_y) \approx \delta(\Delta w)$$

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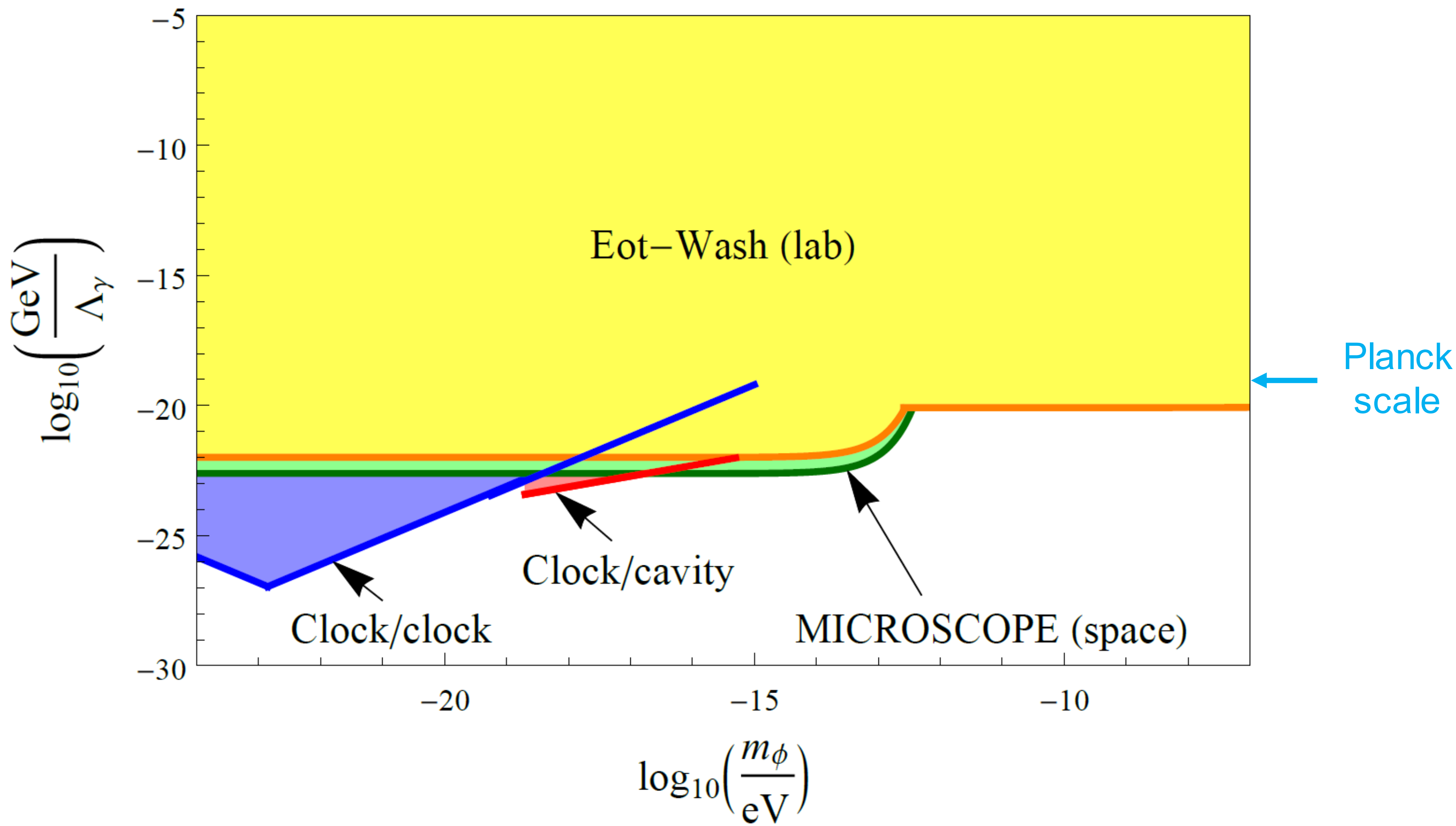

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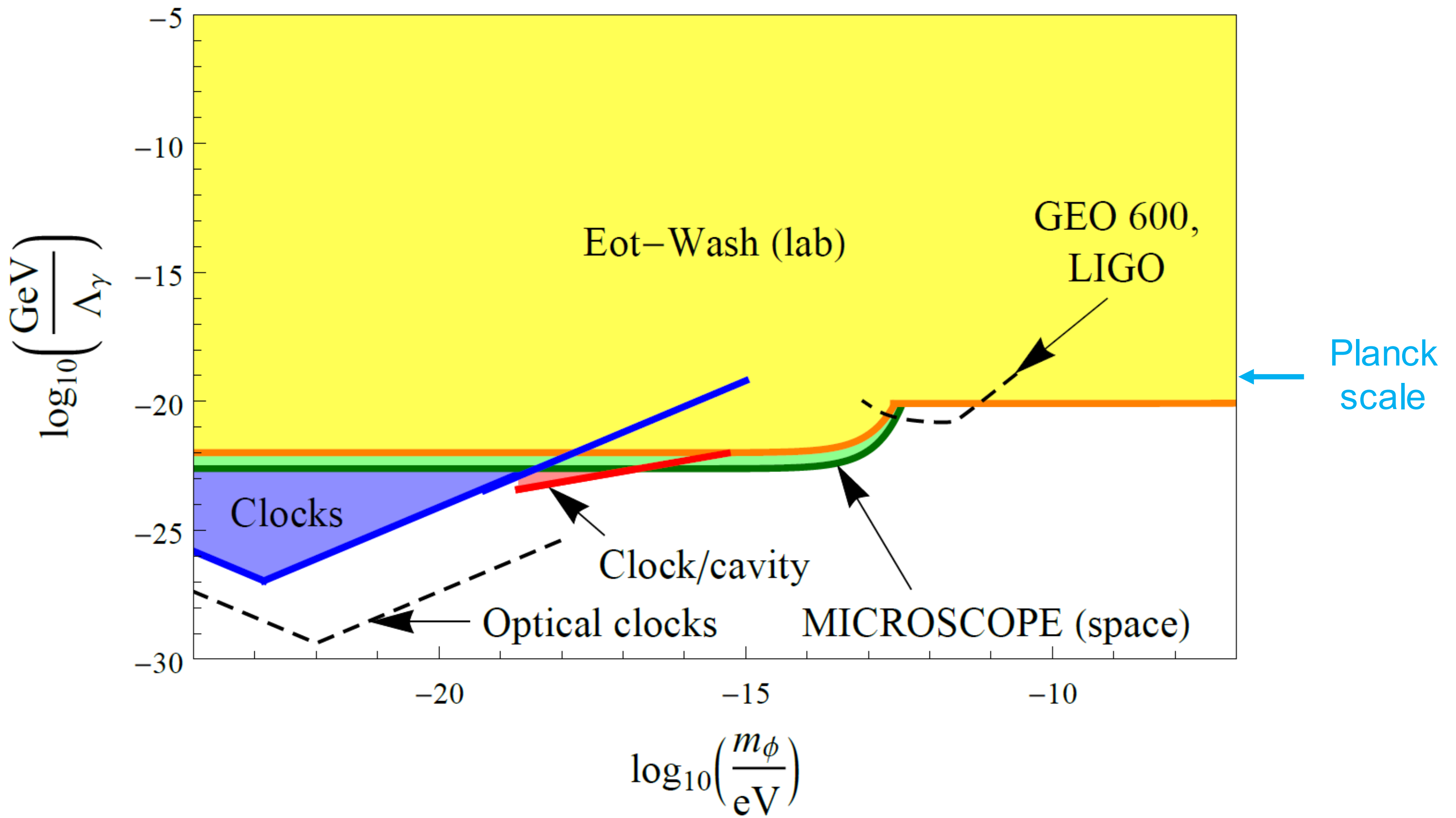

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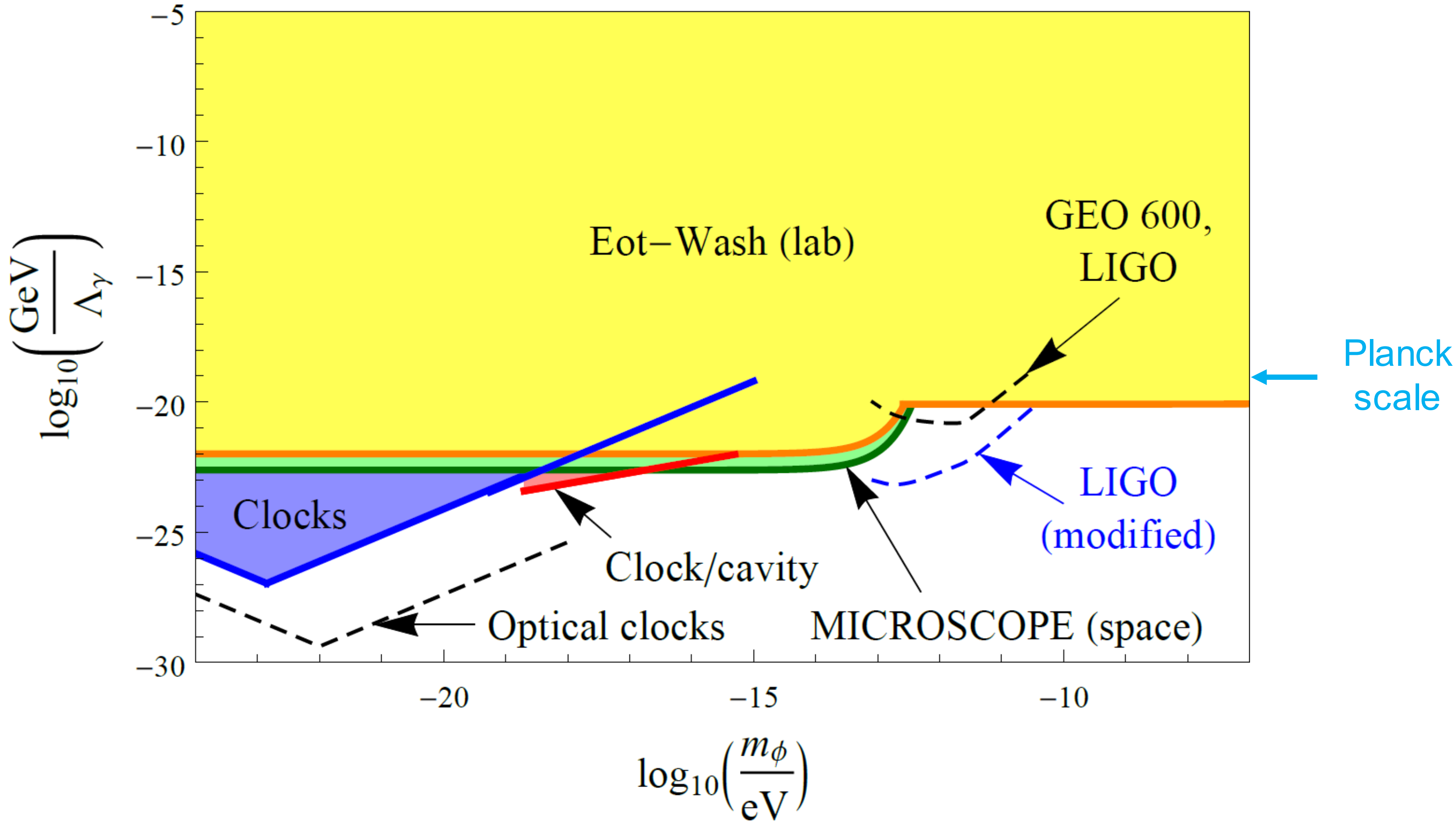

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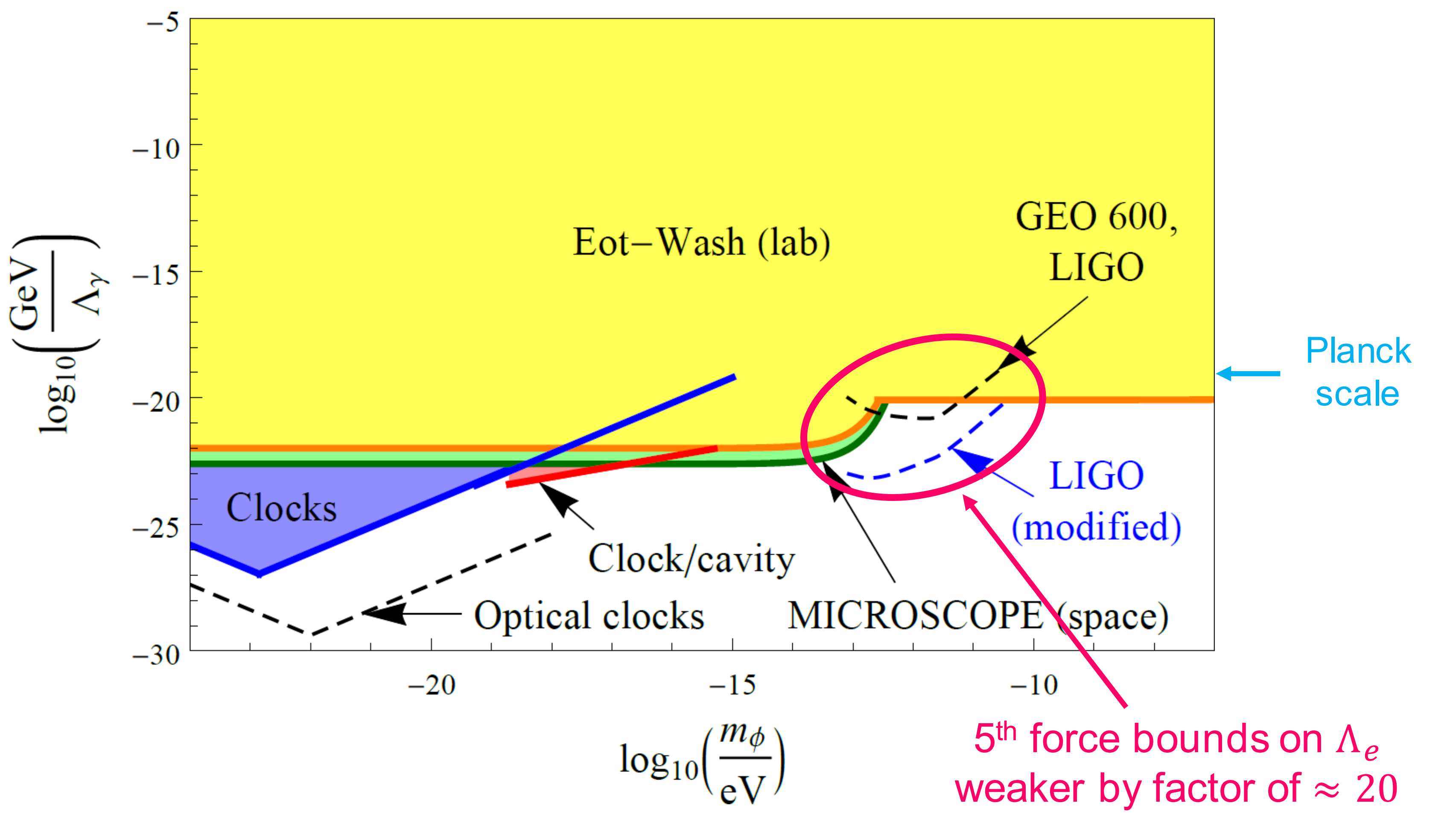

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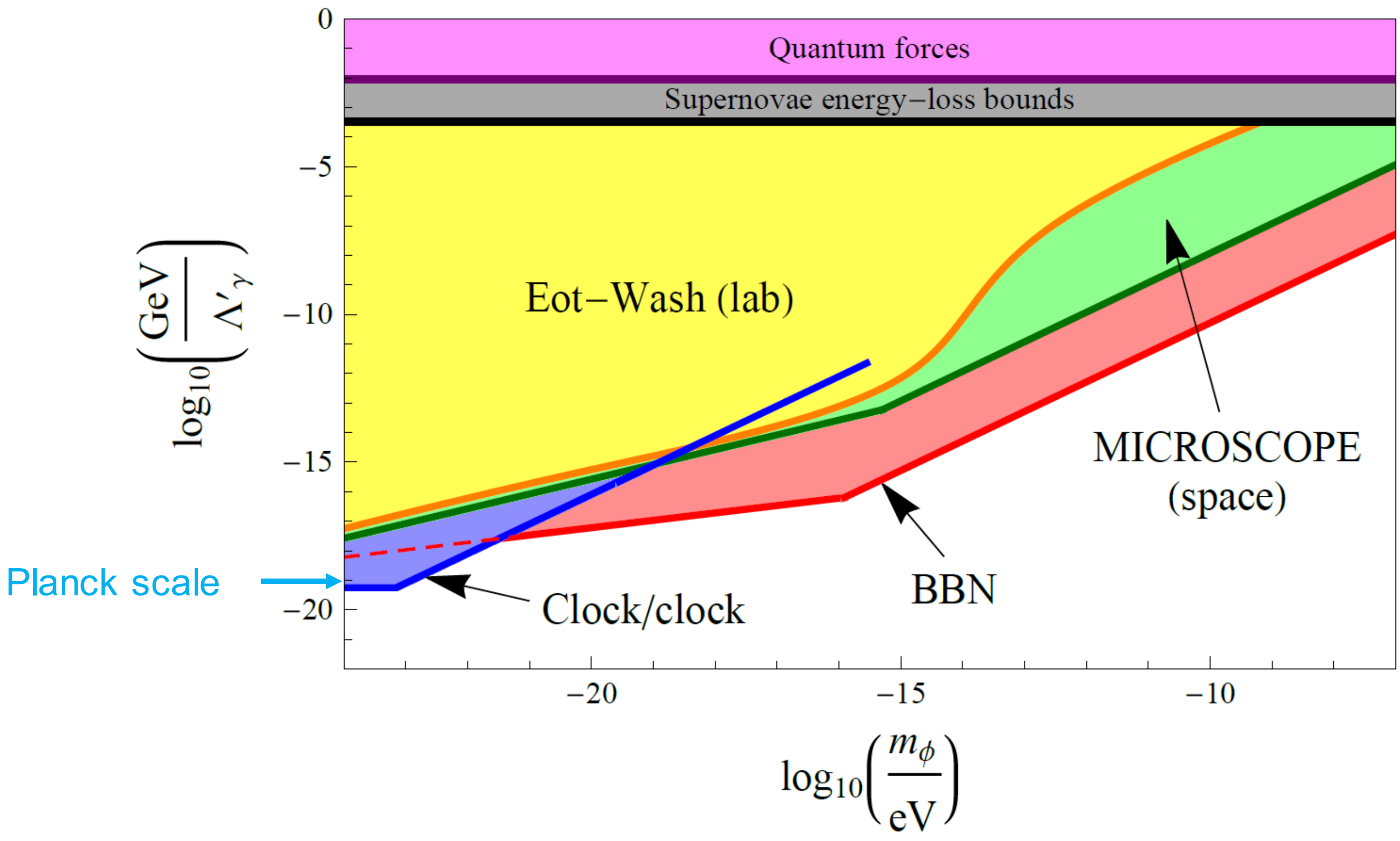

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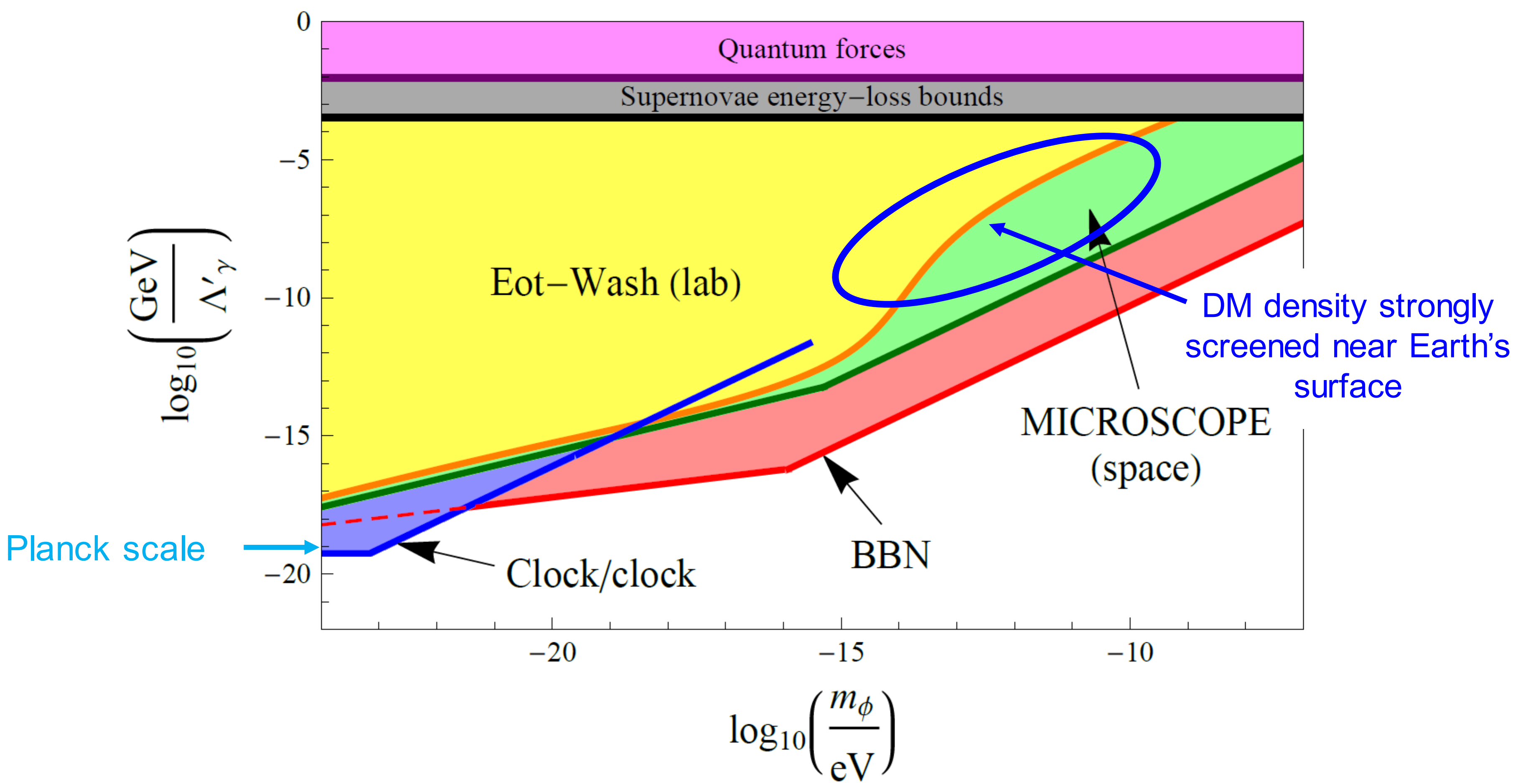


Low-mass Spin-0 Dark Matter

Dark Matter

Pseudoscalars (Axions):

$\varphi \xrightarrow{P} -\varphi$

More traditional axion detection methods tend to focus on the ***electromagnetic*** *coupling*

Here I focus on relatively new detection methods based on ***non-electromagnetic*** *couplings* →

Time-varying spin-dependent effects

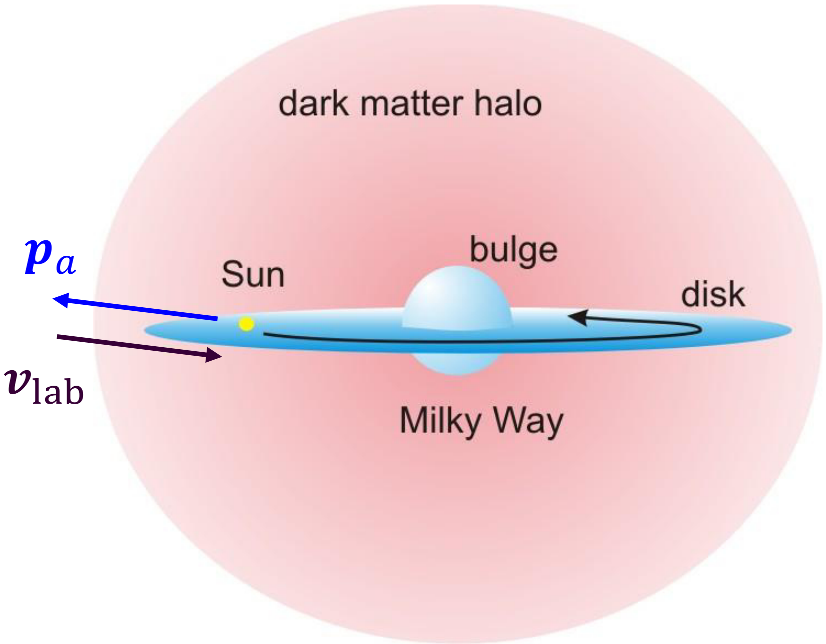
- Co-magnetometers
- Particle g-factors
- Spin-polarised torsion pendula
- Spin resonance (NMR, ESR)

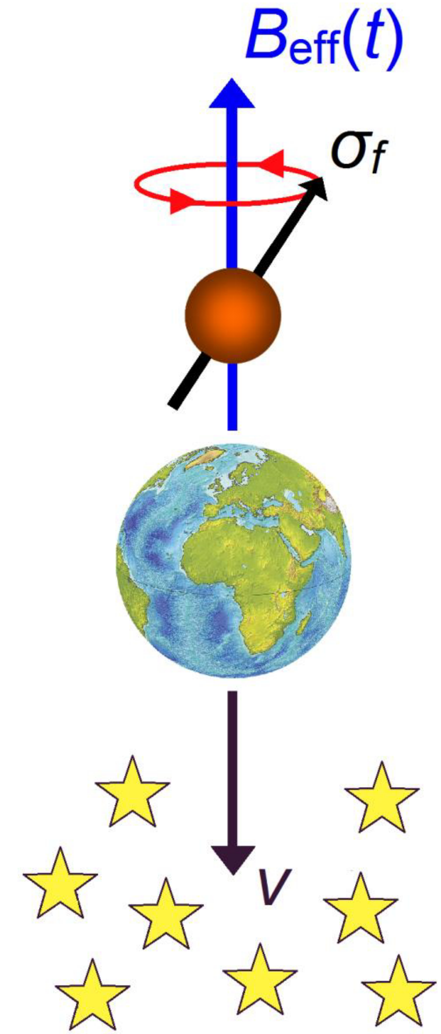
"Axion Wind" Spin-Precession Effect

[Flambaum, talk at *Patras Workshop*, 2013], [Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRD* **89**, 043522 (2014)]

$$\mathcal{L}_f = -\frac{C_f}{2f_a}\,\partial_i[a_0\cos(m_a t - \boldsymbol{p}_a \cdot \boldsymbol{x})]\,\bar{f}\gamma^i\gamma^5 f$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad H_{\text{wind}}(t) = \boldsymbol{\sigma}_f \cdot \boldsymbol{B}_{\text{eff}}(t) \propto \boldsymbol{\sigma}_f \cdot \boldsymbol{p}_a \sin(m_a t)$$





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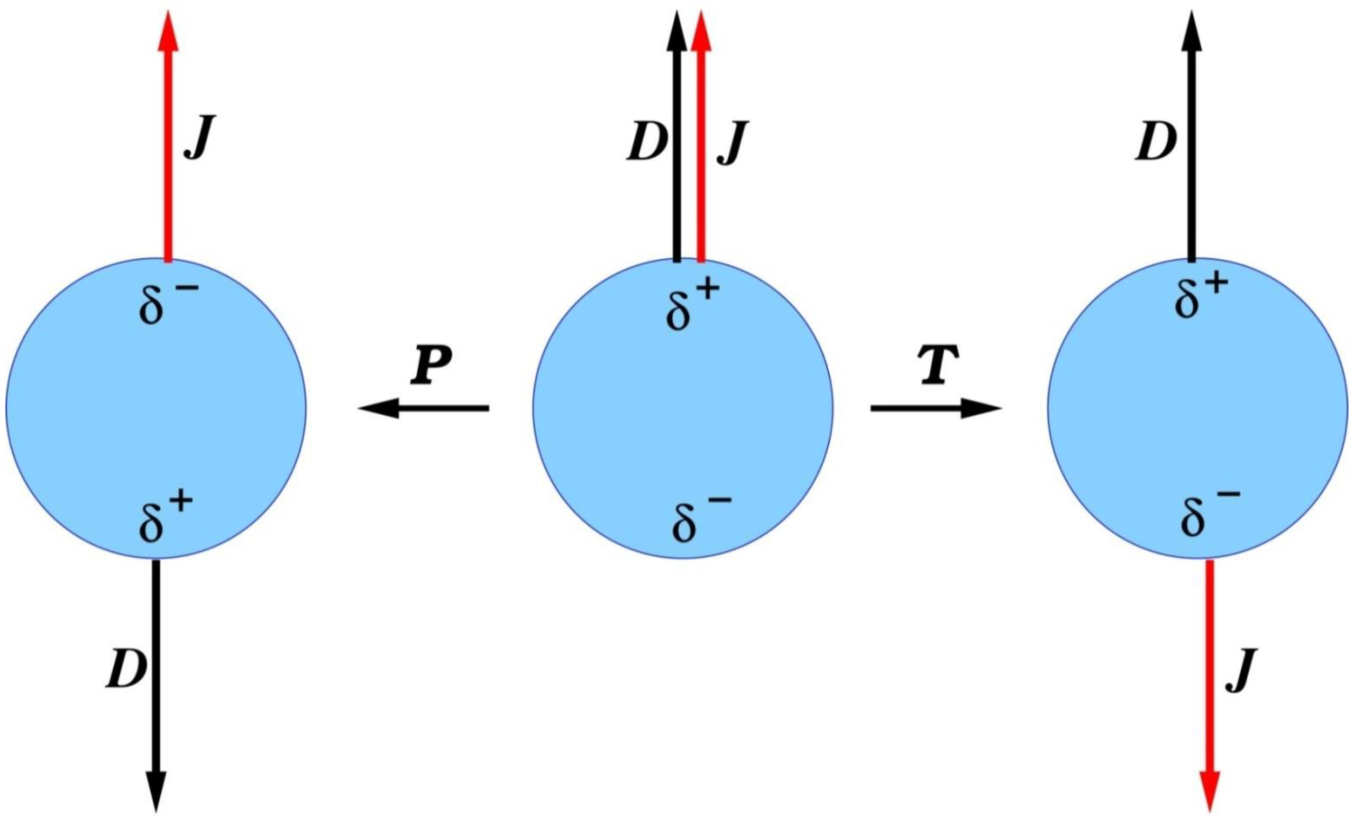
Atoms and molecules: [Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRD* **89**, 043522 (2014)]

Electric Dipole Moment (EDM) = parity (P) and time-reversal-invariance (T) violating electric moment



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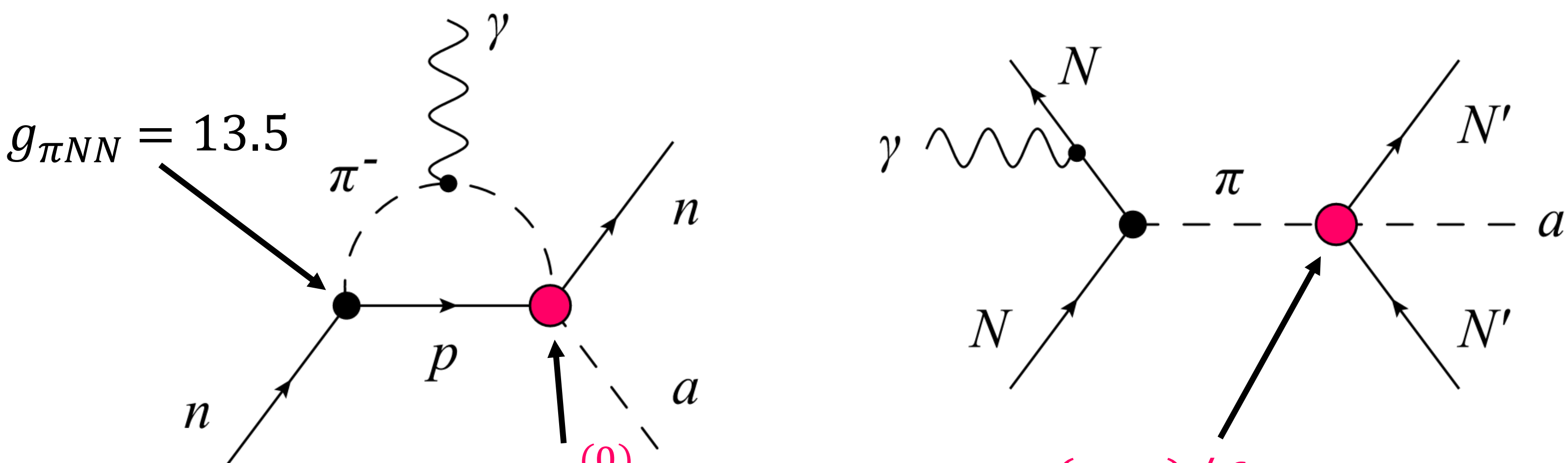
$$\mathcal{L}_G = \frac{C_G g^2}{32\pi^2 f_a} a_0 \cos(m_a t) G\tilde{G} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} H_{\mathrm{EDM}}(t) = \boldsymbol{d}(t) \cdot \boldsymbol{E}, \\ \boldsymbol{d}(t) \propto \boldsymbol{J} \cos(m_a t) \end{array}$$

Nucleon EDMs | ***CP*-violating intranuclear forces**



$\bar{g}_{\pi NN}^{(0)} \approx 0.016\, C_G a_0 \cos(m_a t)/f_a$

In nuclei, ***tree-level*** *CP*-violating intranuclear forces dominate over ***loop-induced*** nucleon EDMs [loop factor = $1/(8\pi^2)$].

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Similar to previous searches for Lorentz-invariance violation

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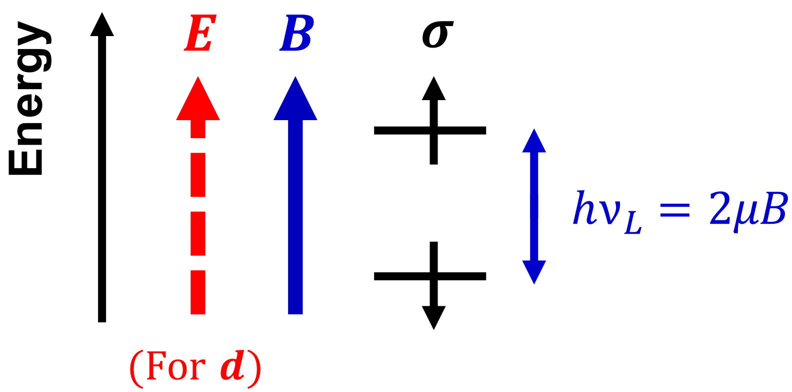

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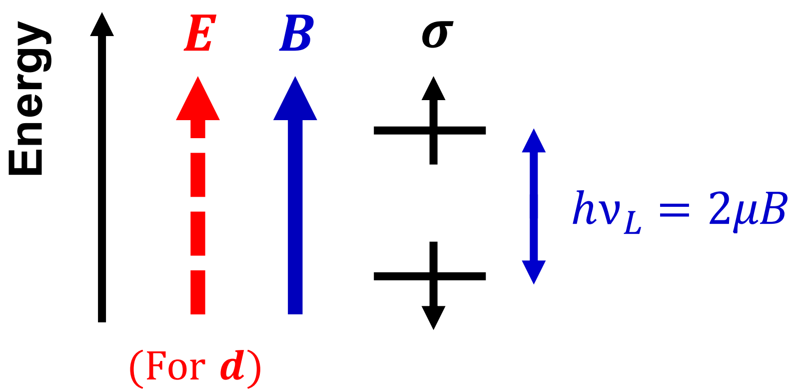

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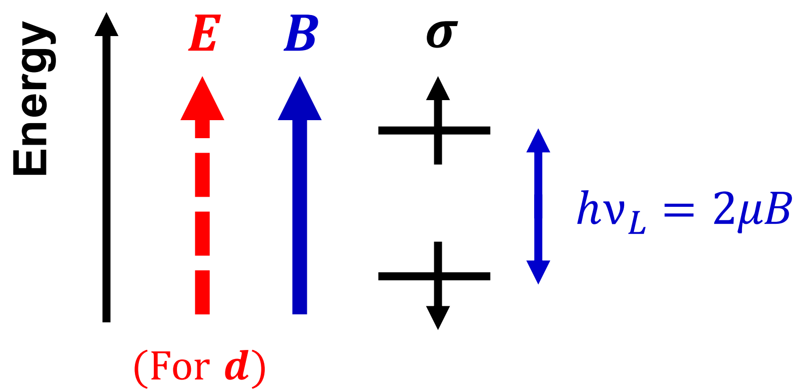

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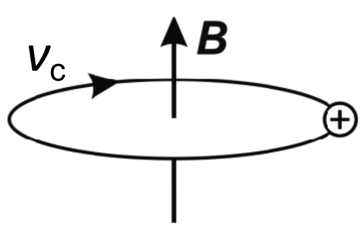

$$\left(\frac{\nu_L}{\nu_c}\right)_{\bar{p}} = \frac{|g_{\bar{p}}|}{2} + R(t)$$

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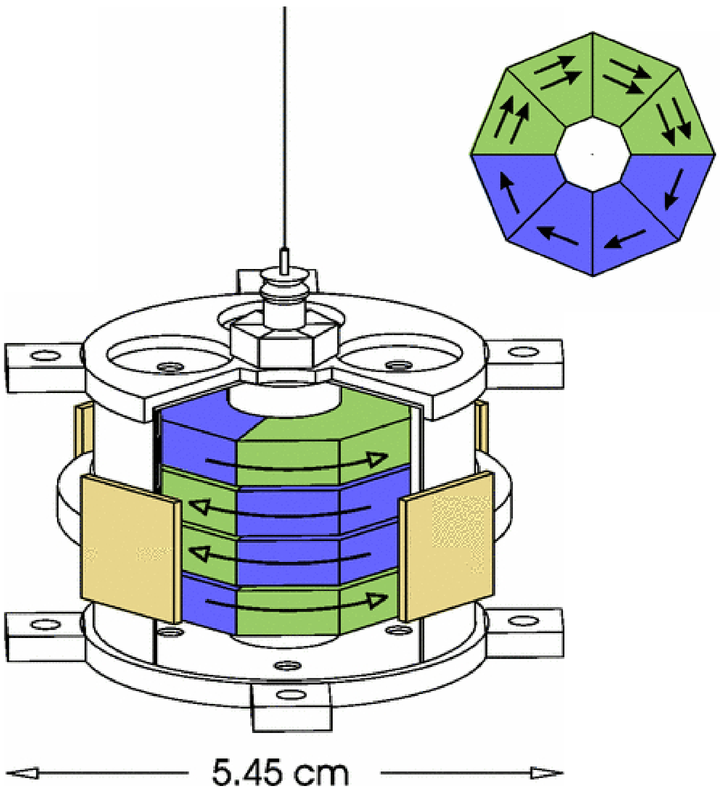
Experiment (Alnico/SmCo$_5$): [Terrano *et al.*, *PRL* **122**, 231301 (2019)]



$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathrm{Alnico}}$ (→), $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathrm{SmCo_5}}$ (←)

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathrm{pendulum}} \approx \mathbf{0}$$

$(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_e)_{\mathrm{Alnico}}$ (→), $(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_e)_{\mathrm{SmCo_5}}$ (←)

$$(\boldsymbol{\sigma}_e)_{\mathrm{pendulum}} \neq \mathbf{0}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}(t) \propto (\boldsymbol{\sigma}_e)_{\mathrm{pendulum}} \times \boldsymbol{B}_{\mathrm{eff}}(t)$$

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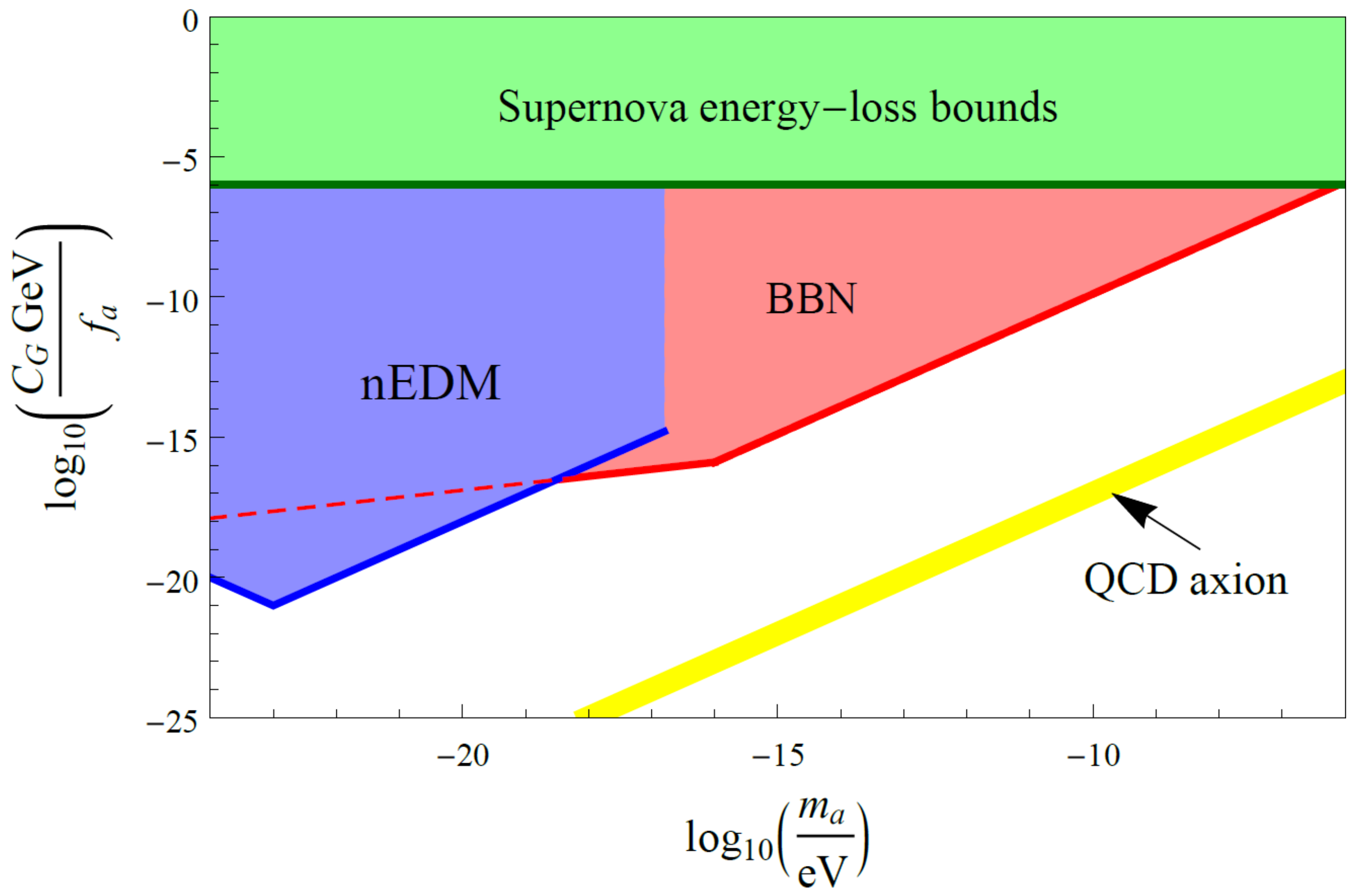
3 orders of magnitude improvement!



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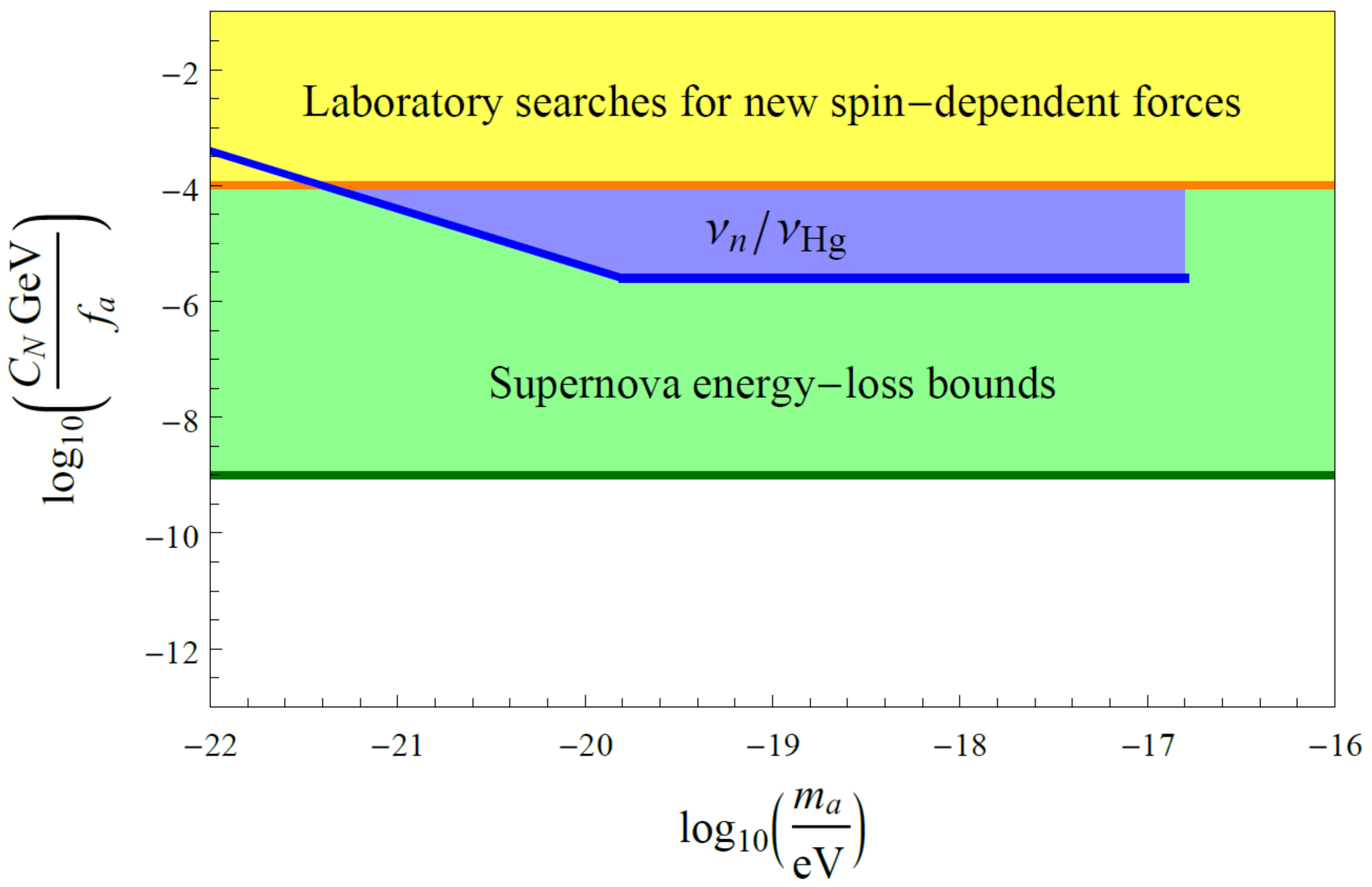
40-fold improvement (laboratory bounds)



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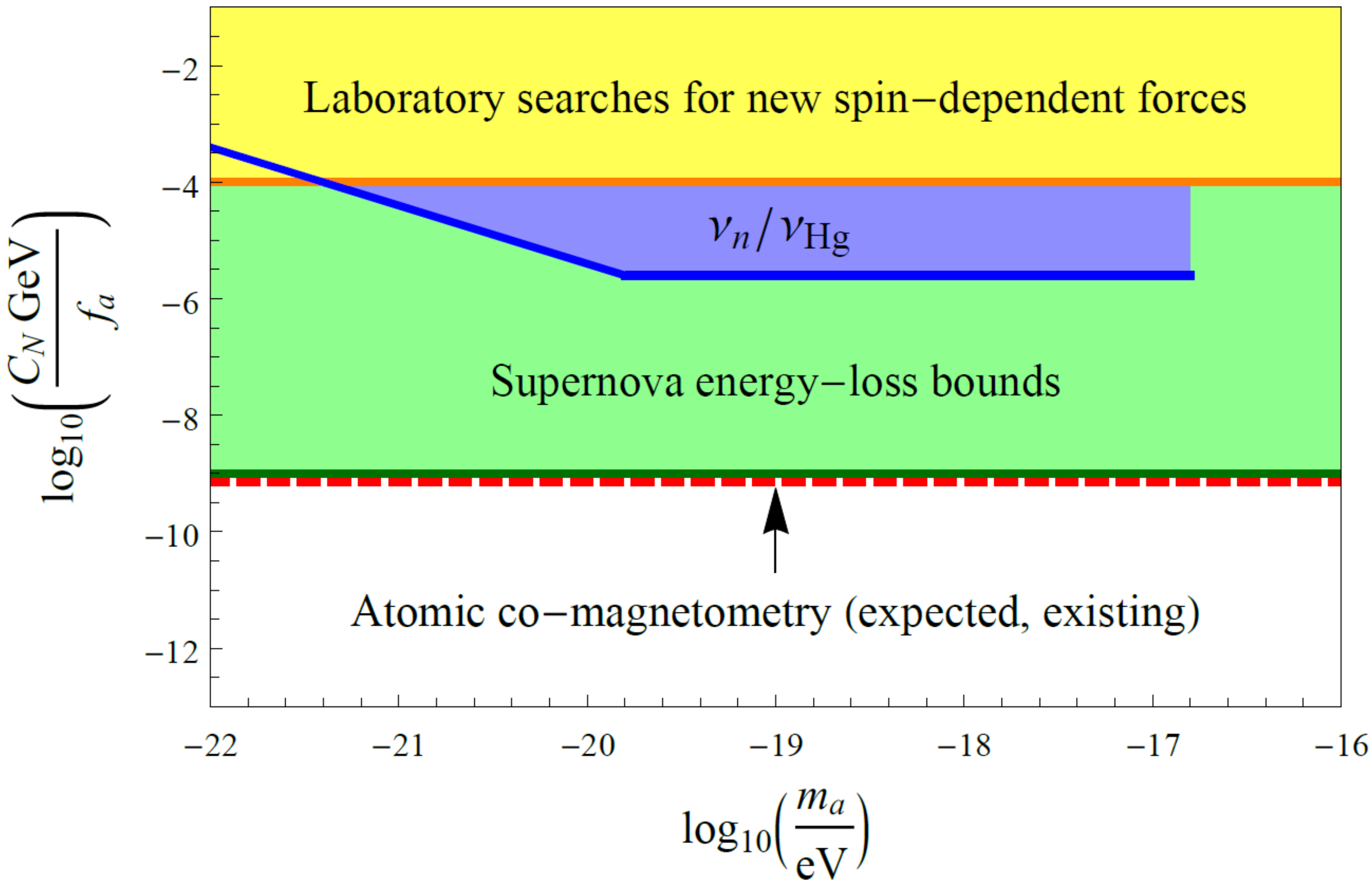
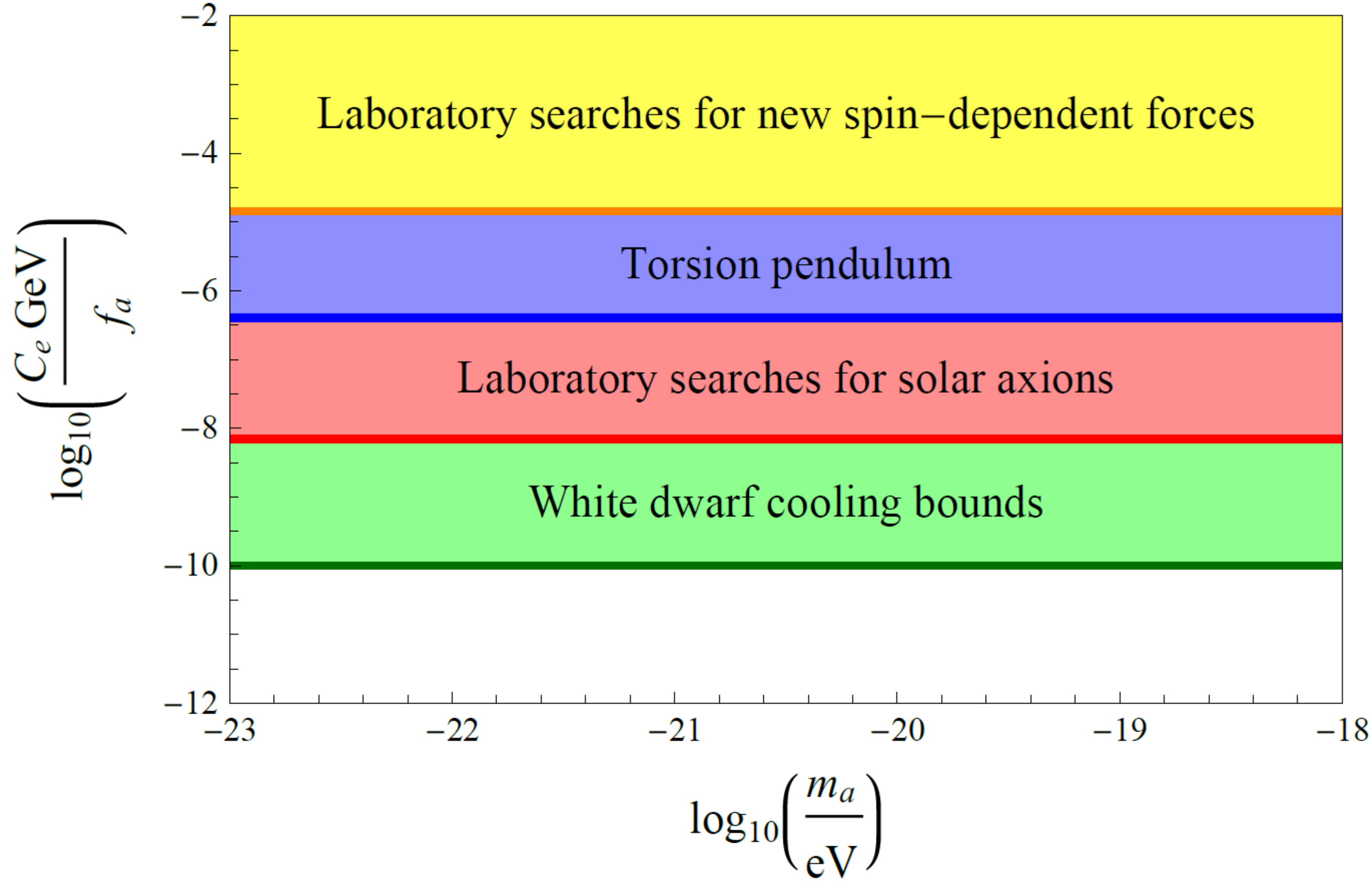


Constraints on Interaction of Axion Dark Matter with the Electron

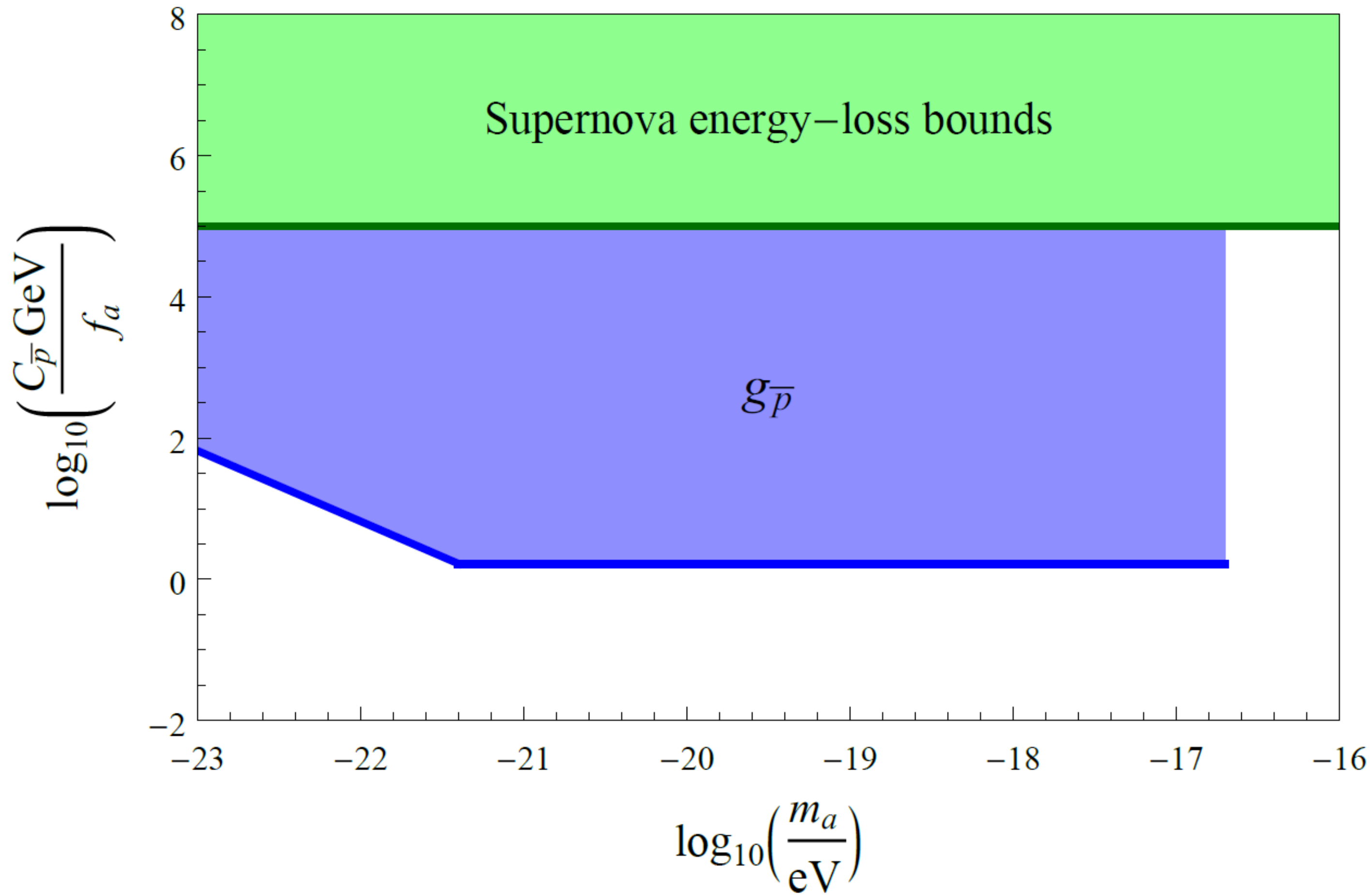
Torsion pendulum constraints: [Terrano *et al.*, *PRL* **122**, 231301 (2019)]



Constraints on Interaction of Axion Dark Matter with the Antiproton

Antiproton constraints: [BASE collaboration, *Nature* **575**, 310 (2019)]

5 orders of magnitude improvement!



Summary

- We have identified new signatures of ultra-low-mass dark matter that have allowed us and other groups to improve the sensitivity to underlying interaction strengths by up to **15 orders of magnitude**
- Novel approaches based on precision low-energy experiments (often table-top scale):
  - Spectroscopy (clocks) [Scalars]
  - Optical cavities and interferometry [Scalars]
  - Magnetometry and particle g-factors [Pseudoscalars]
  - Torsion pendula [Scalars and pseudoscalars]

Back-Up Slides

Low-mass Spin-0 Dark Matter

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$\varphi \xrightarrow{P} +\varphi$

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$$\mathcal{L}_\gamma = \frac{\varphi}{\Lambda_\gamma}\frac{F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}}{4} \approx \frac{\varphi_0 \cos(m_\varphi t)}{\Lambda_\gamma}\frac{F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}}{4} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\delta\alpha}{\alpha} \approx \frac{\varphi_0 \cos(m_\varphi t)}{\Lambda_\gamma}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_f = -\frac{\varphi}{\Lambda_f} m_f \bar{f} f \approx -\frac{\varphi_0 \cos(m_\varphi t)}{\Lambda_f} m_f \bar{f} f \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\delta m_f}{m_f} \approx \frac{\varphi_0 \cos(m_\varphi t)}{\Lambda_f}$$

$$\varphi = \varphi_0 \cos(m_\varphi t - \boldsymbol{p}_\varphi \cdot \boldsymbol{x}) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boldsymbol{F} \propto \boldsymbol{p}_\varphi \sin(m_\varphi t)$$

$$\left.\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}'_\gamma &= \frac{\varphi^2}{(\Lambda'_\gamma)^2}\frac{F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}}{4} \\ \mathcal{L}'_f &= -\frac{\varphi^2}{(\Lambda'_f)^2} m_f \bar{f} f \end{aligned}\right\} \Rightarrow \left\{\begin{aligned} &\frac{\delta\alpha}{\alpha} \propto \frac{\delta m_f}{m_f} \propto \Delta\rho_\varphi \\ &\boldsymbol{F} \propto \boldsymbol{\nabla}\rho_\varphi \end{aligned}\right.$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_f = -\frac{\phi^2}{(\Lambda'_f)^2} m_f \bar{f} f \quad \text{c.f.} \quad \mathcal{L}_f^{\text{SM}} = -m_f \bar{f} f \quad => \quad m_f \to m_f \left[1 + \frac{\phi^2}{(\Lambda'_f)^2}\right]$$

$$=> \frac{\delta m_f}{m_f} = \frac{\phi_0^2}{(\Lambda'_f)^2} \cos^2(m_\phi t) = \boxed{\frac{\phi_0^2}{2(\Lambda'_f)^2}} + \boxed{\frac{\phi_0^2}{2(\Lambda'_f)^2} \cos(2 m_\phi t)}$$

$$\rho_\phi = \frac{m_\phi^2 \phi_0^2}{2} \quad => \quad \phi_0^2 \propto \rho_\phi$$

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[Hees, Minazzoli, Savalle, Stadnik, Wolf, *PRD* **98**, 064051 (2018)]

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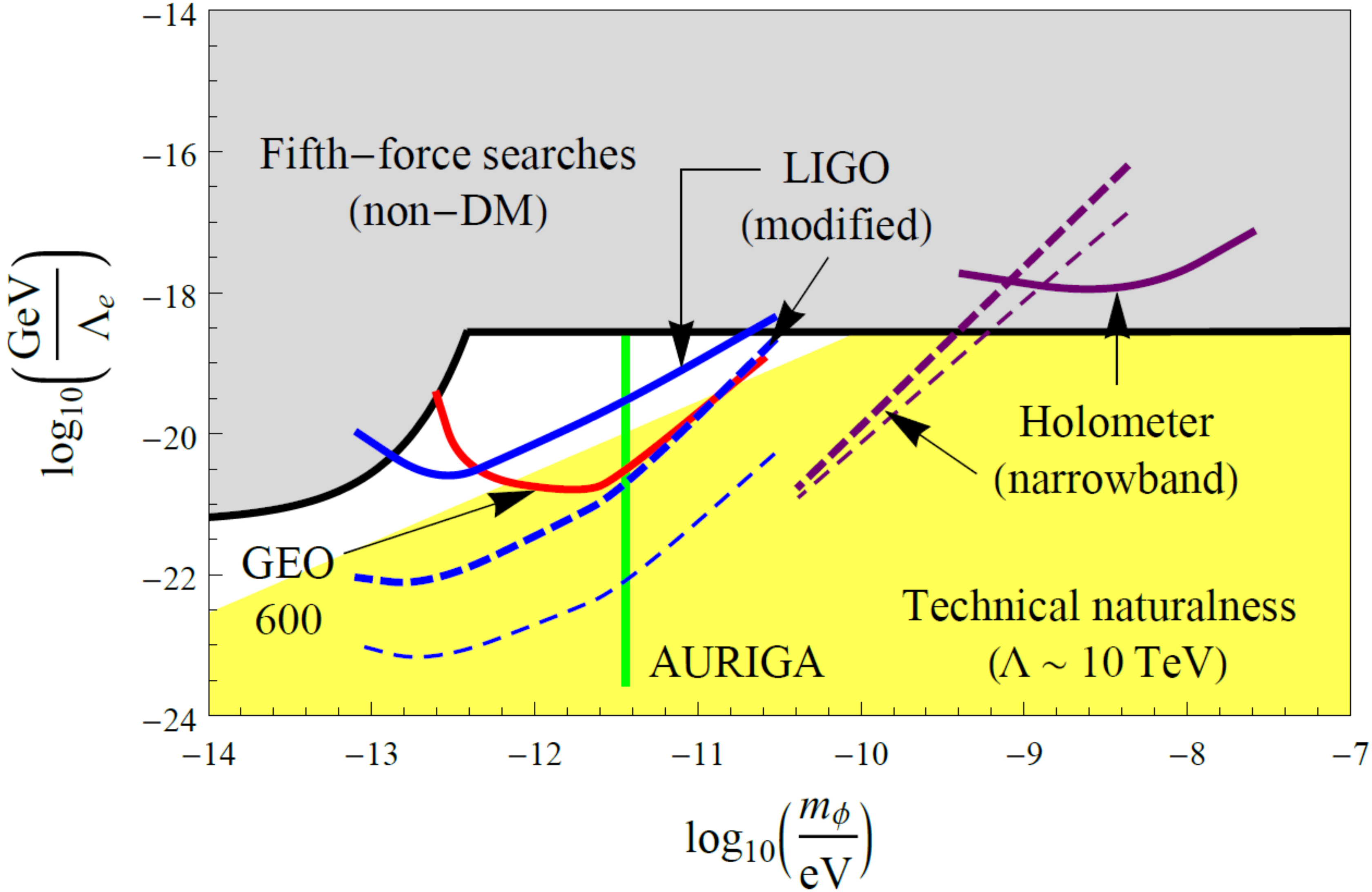
$$\mathcal{L}_f = -\frac{\phi^2}{(\Lambda'_f)^2} m_f \bar{f} f \quad \text{c.f.} \quad \mathcal{L}_f^{\mathrm{SM}} = -m_f \bar{f} f \quad => \quad m_f \to m_f \left[1 + \frac{\phi^2}{(\Lambda'_f)^2} \right]$$

$$=> \frac{\delta m_f}{m_f} = \frac{\phi_0^2}{(\Lambda'_f)^2} \cos^2(m_\phi t) = \boxed{\frac{\phi_0^2}{2(\Lambda'_f)^2}} + \boxed{\frac{\phi_0^2}{2(\Lambda'_f)^2} \cos(2 m_\phi t)}$$

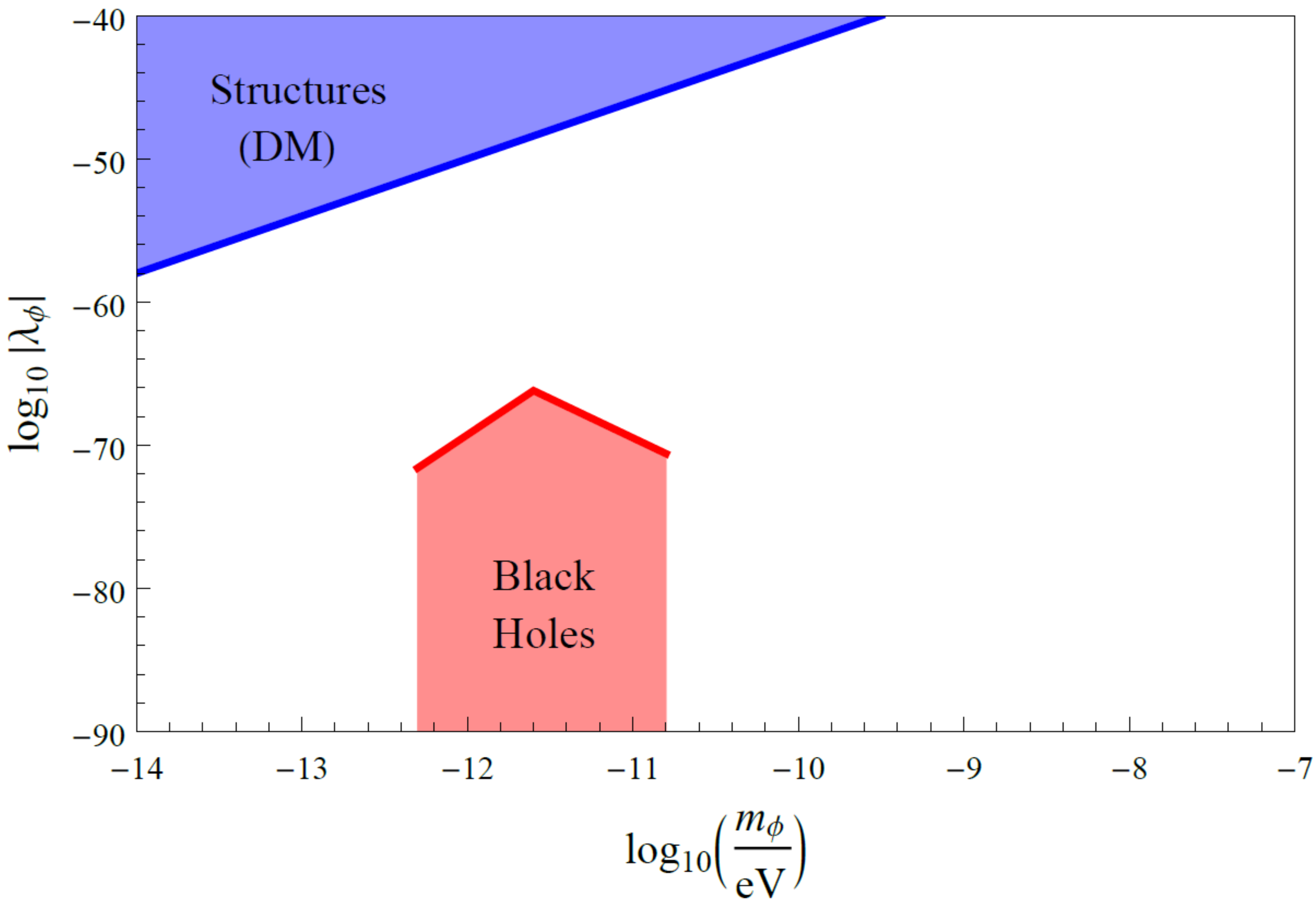
'Slow' drifts [Astrophysics (high ρ_{DM}): BBN, CMB]
+ Gradients [Fifth forces]

Oscillating variations
[Laboratory (high precision)]

Linear Interaction of Scalar Dark Matter with the Electron



Quartic Self-Interaction of Scalar

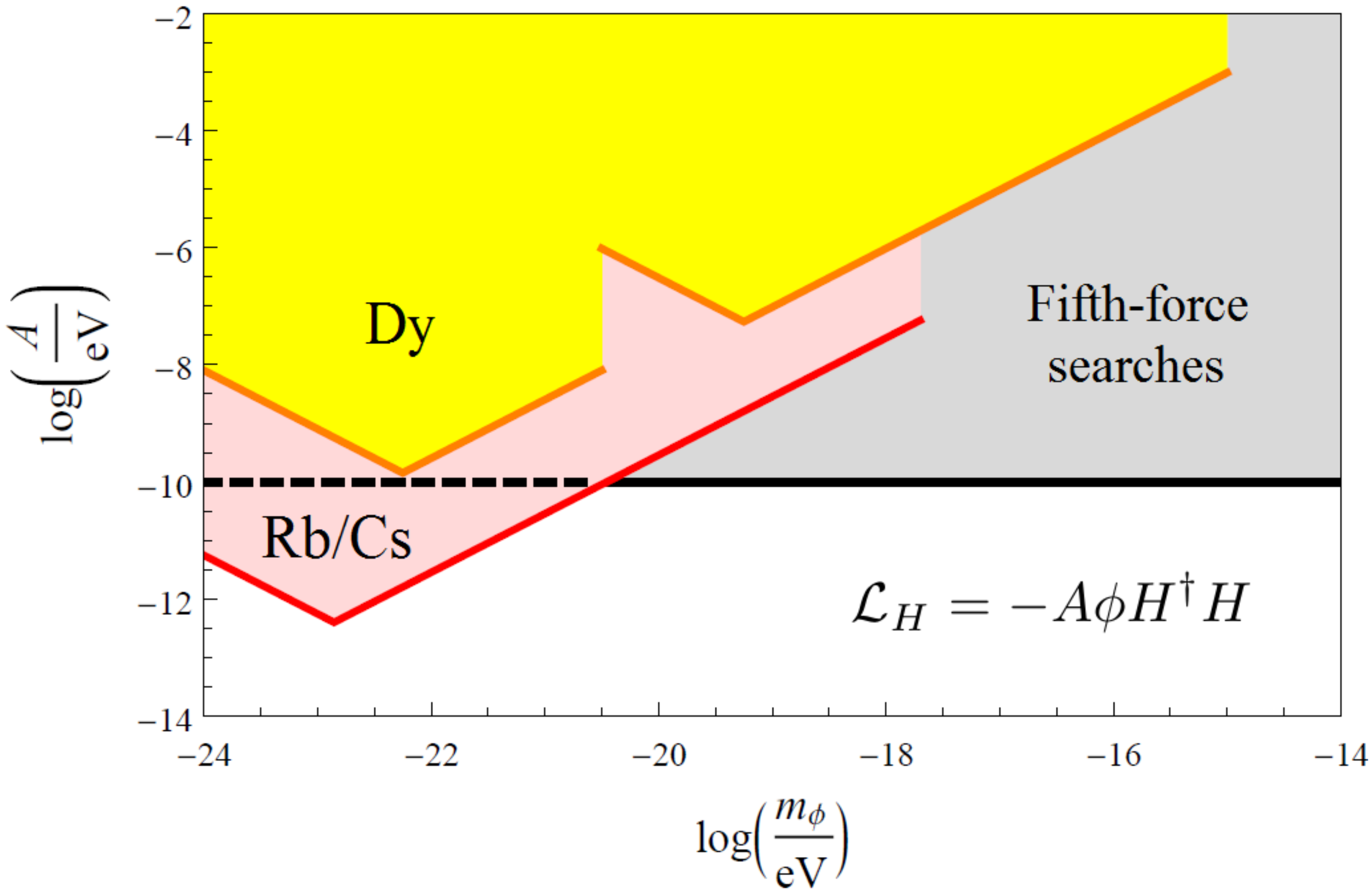


Constraints on Linear Interaction of Scalar Dark Matter with the Higgs Boson

Rb/Cs constraints:

[Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRA* **94**, 022111 (2016)]

2 – 3 orders of magnitude improvement!



BBN Constraints on 'Slow' Drifts in Fundamental Constants due to Dark Matter

[Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRL* **115**, 201301 (2015)]

- Largest effects of DM in early Universe (highest ρ_{DM})
- Big Bang nucleosynthesis ($t_{\mathrm{weak}} \approx 1\ \mathrm{s} - t_{\mathrm{BBN}} \approx 3\ \mathrm{min}$)
- Primordial ^{4}He abundance sensitive to n/p ratio (almost all neutrons bound in ^{4}He after BBN)

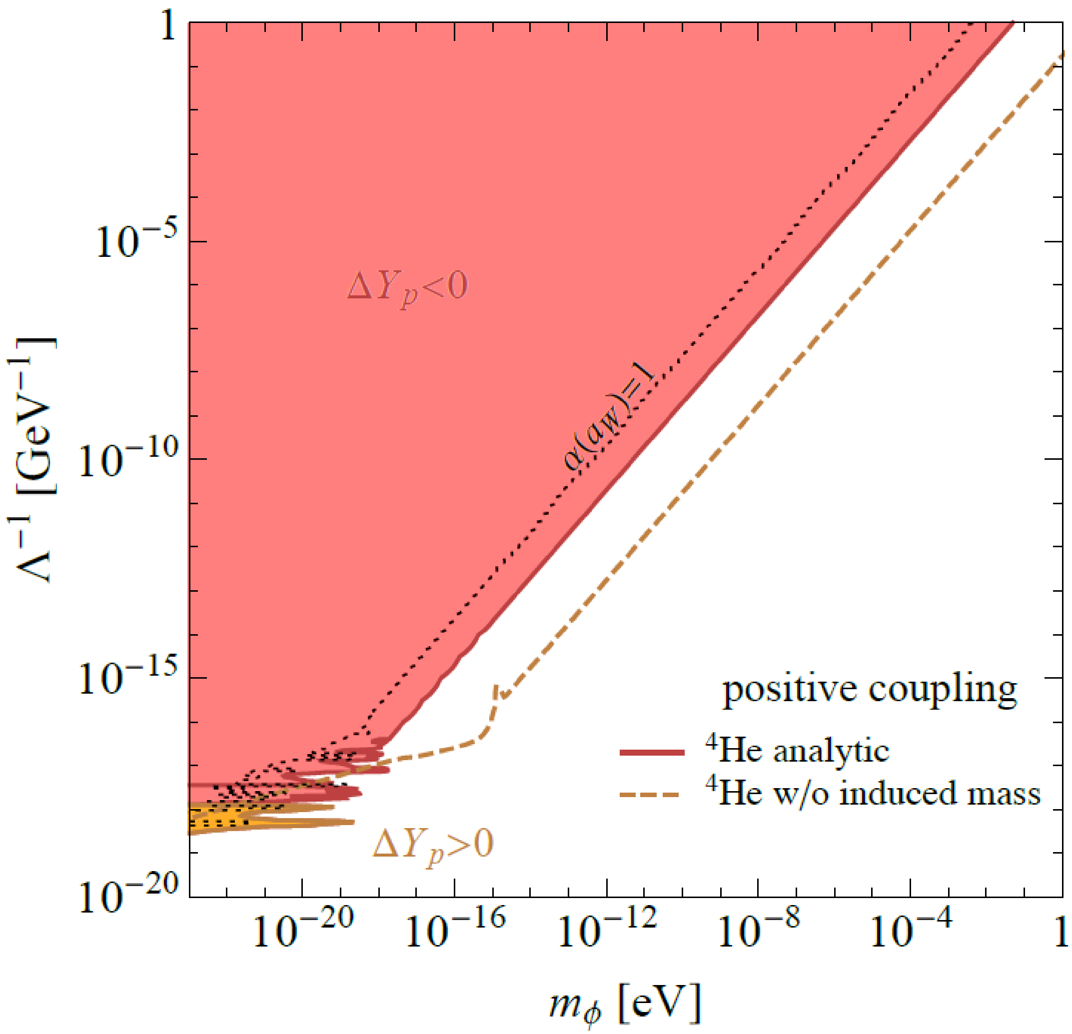
$$\frac{\Delta Y_p(^4\mathrm{He})}{Y_p(^4\mathrm{He})} \approx \frac{\Delta(n/p)_{\mathrm{weak}}}{(n/p)_{\mathrm{weak}}} - \Delta\left[\int_{t_{\mathrm{weak}}}^{t_{\mathrm{BBN}}} \Gamma_n(t)\,dt\right]$$

$$p + e^- \rightleftharpoons n + \nu_e$$
$$n + e^+ \rightleftharpoons p + \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$n \to p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$$

Back-Reaction Effects in BBN (Universal φ^2 Coupling)

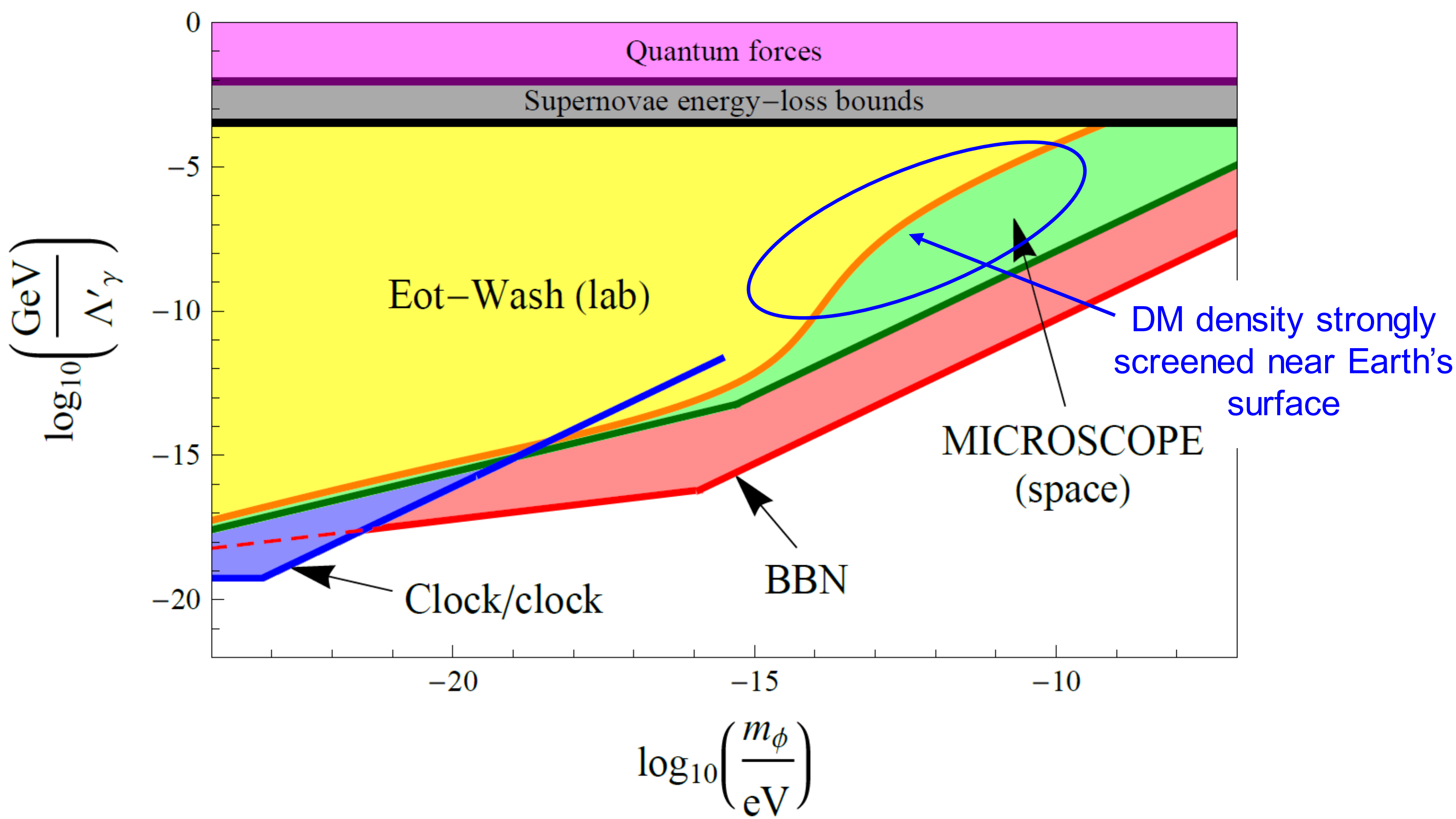
[Sibiryakov, Sörensen, Yu, arXiv:2006.04820]



Constraints on Quadratic Interaction of Scalar Dark Matter with the Photon

Clock/clock + BBN constraints: [Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRL* **115**, 201301 (2015); *PRA* **94**, 022111 (2016)]; **MICROSCOPE + Eöt-Wash constraints:** [Hees *et al.*, *PRD* **98**, 064051 (2018)]

15 orders of magnitude improvement!



Low-mass Spin-0 Dark Matter

Dark Matter

Pseudoscalars (Axions):

$$\varphi \xrightarrow{P} -\varphi$$

More traditional axion detection methods tend to focus on the ***electromagnetic*** *coupling*

Here I focus on relatively new detection methods based on ***non-electromagnetic*** *couplings* →

Time-varying spin-dependent effects

- Co-magnetometers
- Particle g-factors
- Spin-polarised torsion pendula
- Spin resonance (NMR, ESR)

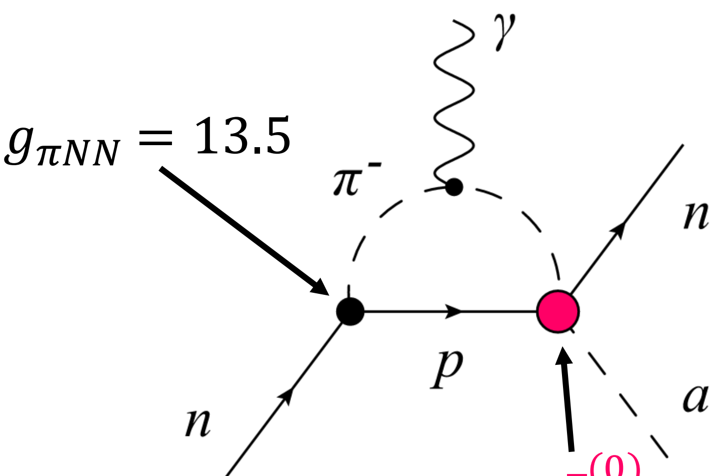
Oscillating Electric Dipole Moments

Nucleons: [Graham, Rajendran, *PRD* **84**, 055013 (2011)]

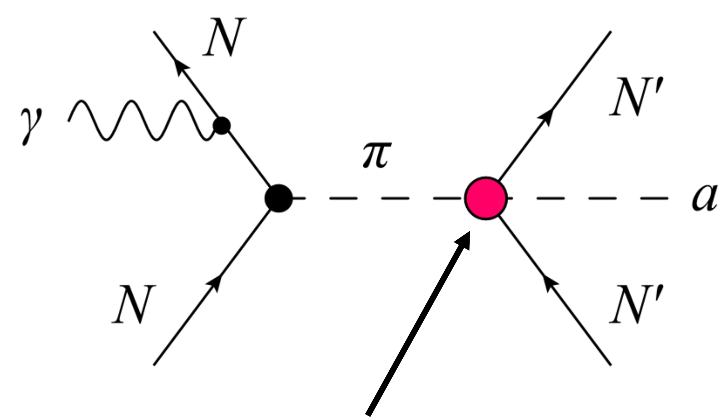
Atoms and molecules: [Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRD* **89**, 043522 (2014)]

$$\mathcal{L}_G = \frac{C_G g^2}{32\pi^2 f_a} a_0 \cos(m_a t) G\tilde{G} \quad \Rightarrow \quad H_{\mathrm{EDM}}(t) = \boldsymbol{d}(t) \cdot \boldsymbol{E}, \quad \boldsymbol{d}(t) \propto \boldsymbol{J} \cos(m_a t)$$

Nucleon EDMs



***CP*-violating intranuclear forces**



$\bar{g}^{(0)}_{\pi NN} \approx 0.016\, C_G a_0 \cos(m_a t)/f_a$

In nuclei, ***tree-level*** *CP*-violating intranuclear forces dominate over ***loop-induced*** nucleon EDMs [loop factor = $1/(8\pi^2)$].

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[Schiff, *Phys. Rev.* **132**, 2194 (1963)]

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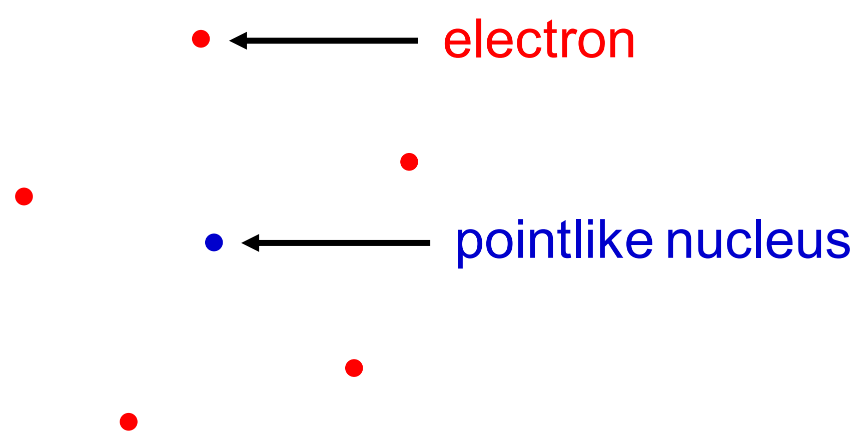

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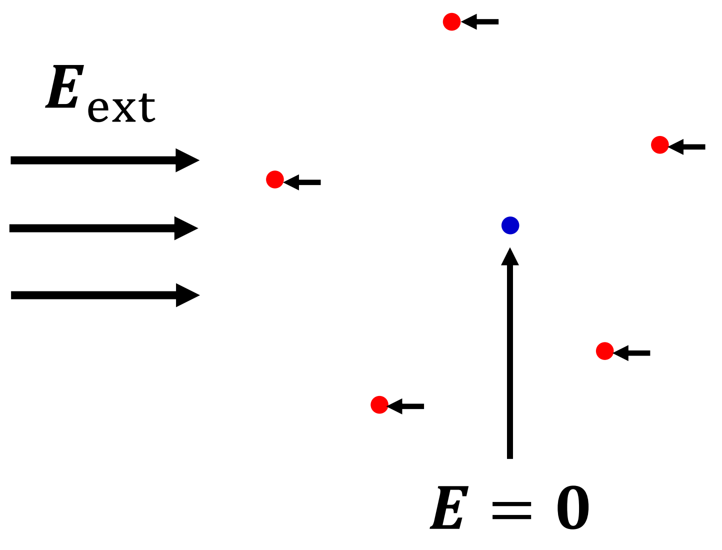

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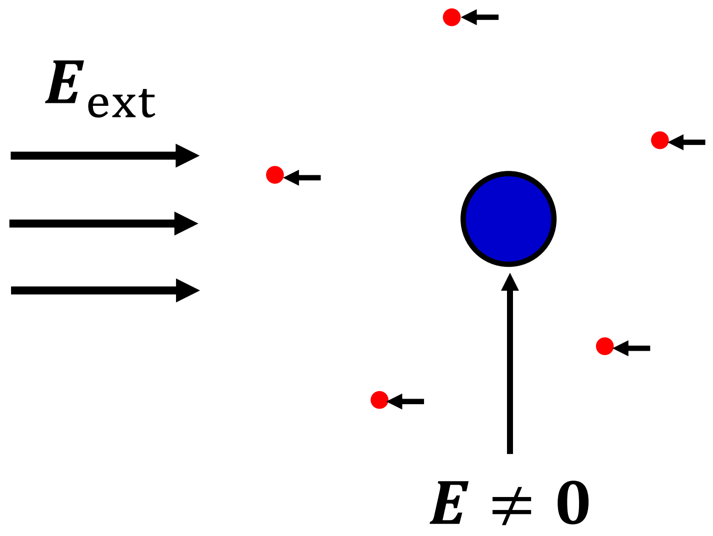
Lifting of Schiff's Theorem

[Sandars, *PRL* **19**, 1396 (1967)],
[O. Sushkov, Flambaum, Khriplovich, *JETP* **60**, 873 (1984)]

In real (heavy) atoms: Incomplete screening of external electric field due to finite nuclear size, parametrised by *nuclear Schiff moment*.



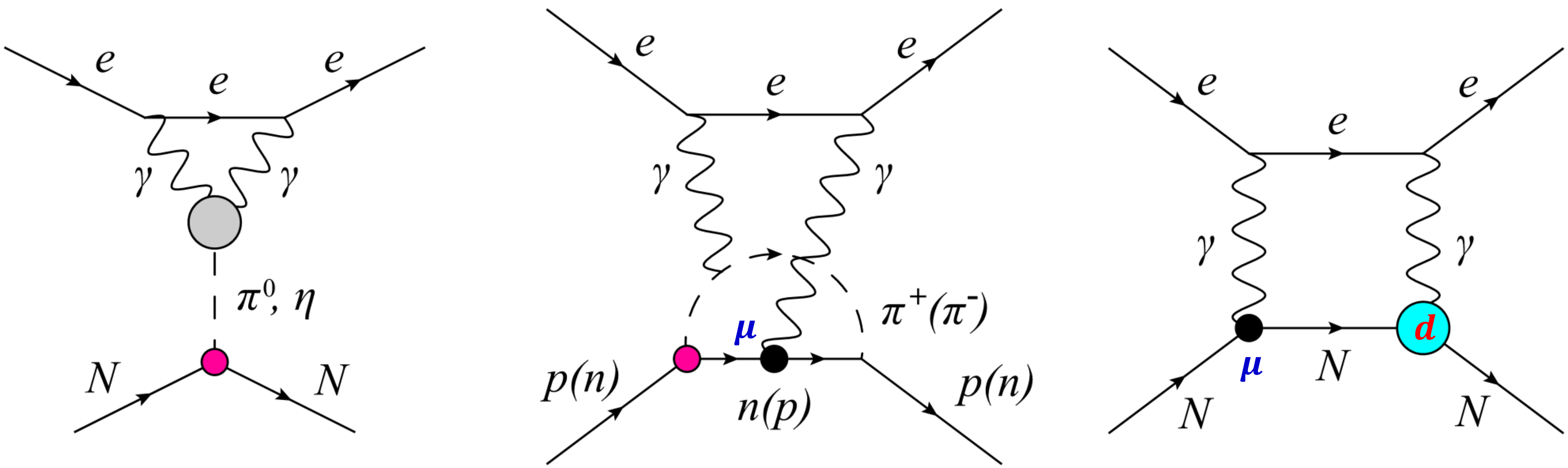
Hadronic CP Violation in Paramagnetic Molecules

[Flambaum, Pospelov, Ritz, Stadnik, *PRD* **102**, 035001 (2020)]

Hadronic CP-violating effects arise at 2-loop level, $\mathcal{O}(A)$ enhanced

Interaction of one of photons with nucleus is *magnetic* $\Rightarrow$ no Schiff screening

LO: $\mathcal{O}(m_\pi^{-2})$ **NLO:** $\mathcal{O}(m_\pi^{-1})$ $\boldsymbol{\mu - d}$: $\mathcal{O}[\ln(A)/p_F]$



π^0, η contributions: *opposite sign*

p, n contributions: *same sign*

<u>Example</u> – $\bar{\theta}_{\text{QCD}}$ term [$\bar{\theta} \leftrightarrow C_G a_0 \cos(m_a t)/f_a$]:

For $Z \sim 80$ & $A \sim 200$: $C_{\text{SP}}(\bar{\theta}) \approx \left[0.1_{\text{LO}} + 1.0_{\text{NLO}} + 1.7_{(\mu d)}\right] \times 10^{-2}\bar{\theta} \approx 0.03\bar{\theta}$