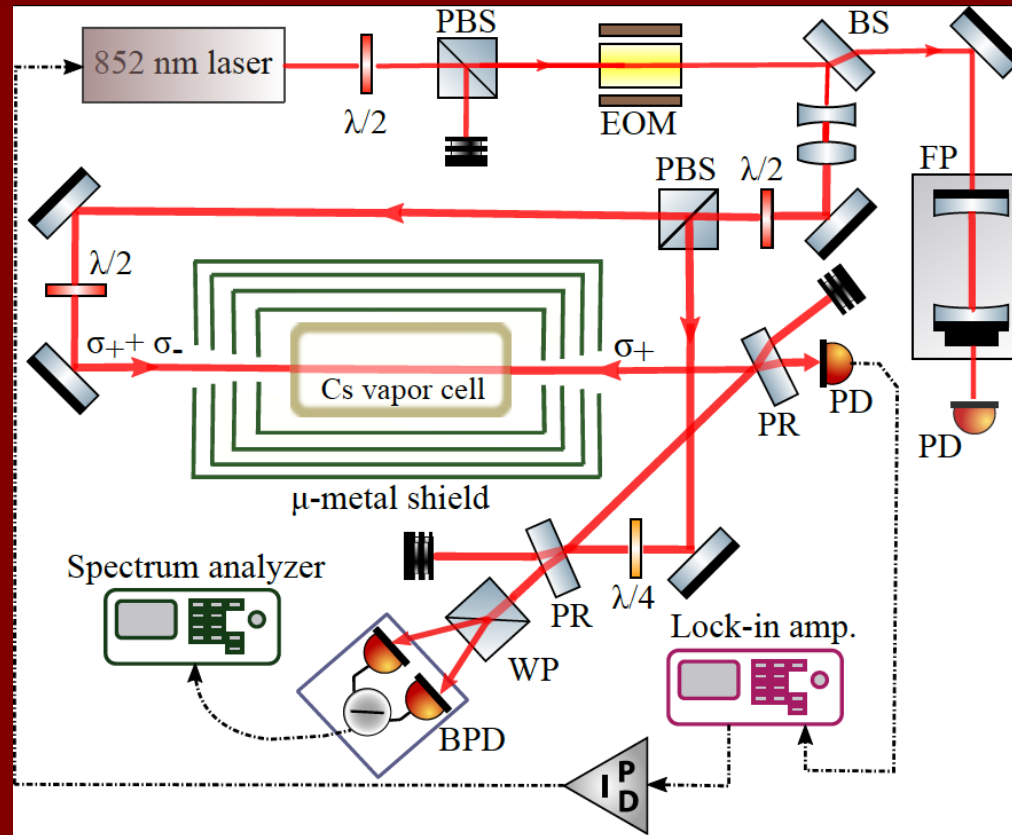


Some new ways to look for dark matter



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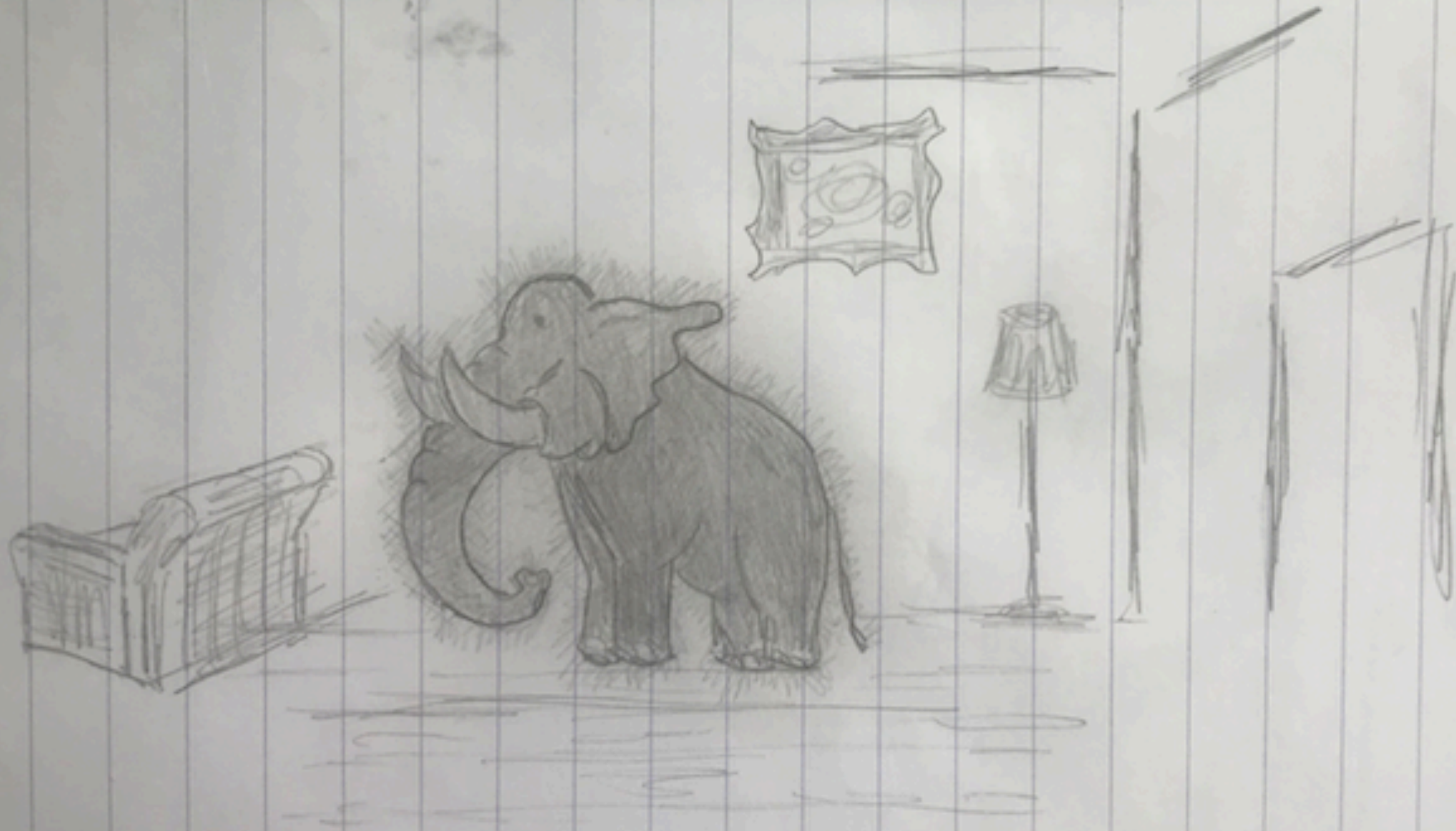
Some new ways to look for dark matter

- NMR based searches
- Atomic clock searches
- Sensor networks
- Fast oscillation of fundamental constants (WRESL)
- Gravimeters
- Axion Quark Nuggets (AQN)
- Dark Matter search with **antimatter**

Dark Matter and axions



Axel Lindner Marie Curie
Bela Majorowits Ariel Zhitnitsky Pierre Sikivie



Vasiliki Demas

DARK MATTER "THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM"

More Elephants!



Matter-antimatter Asymmetry

Similar amount of matter and DM

Dark Energy



One and the same Elephant ?

Strong-CP problem

Hierarchy problem

So what is DM or what mimics it ?

- ▣ A gross misunderstanding of gravity (MOND, ...) ☹?
- ▣ Proca MHD (finite photon mass) ☹?
- ▣ Black holes, dark planets, interstellar gas, ... ☹?
- ▣ WIMPS ☺
- ▣ Ultralight bosonic particles
 - Axions (pseudoscalar) ☺
 - ALPs (pseudoscalar) ☺
 - Dilatons (scalar) ☺
 - Vector particles ☺
 - Tensor particles ???
- ▣ Antiquark Nuggets (AQN) !!!☺!!!

“Most Wanted” file on DM

What do we know?

- ▣ Galactic DM density: $\sim 0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$ (10 GeV/cm^3 d.g.)
- ▣ Has to be nonrelativistic: $v/c \sim 10^{-3}$ (cold DM)
- ▣ Has to be **bosonic** if $m < \sim 20 \text{ eV}$ (1 keV dwarf galaxies)
- ▣ “Bosonic Oscillator” with $Q \sim (v/c)^{-2} \sim 10^6$
- ▣ Cannot be lighter than $\sim 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$
- ▣ ... (e.g., BEC ?)

Ultralight Bosonic DM

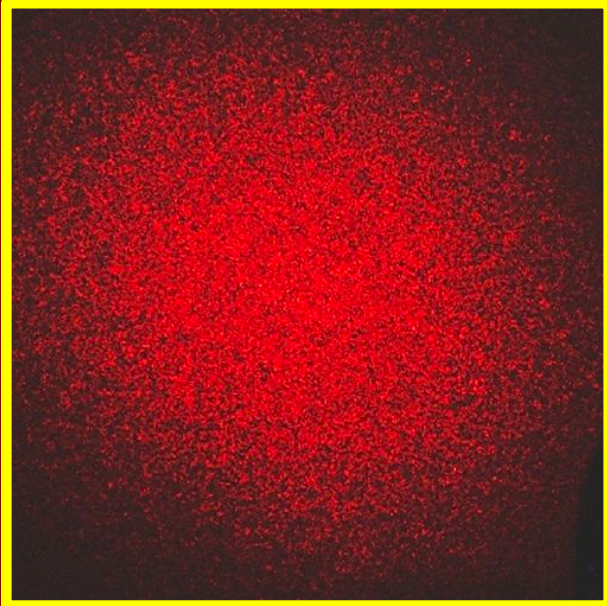
Density

(a) The number density of the dark-matter particles, under the assumption that all dark matter consists of particles of the same mass m is

$$n_{dm} \approx \frac{0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3}{mc^2}. \quad (3.13)$$

The 1 MHz frequency corresponds to about $4 \cdot 10^{-9}$ eV, so the density of such particles should be $\approx 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. One cubic centimeter of air contains about $3 \cdot 10^{19}$ molecules, the majority of which are nitrogen with 28 nucleons each, which comes to about 10^{21} nucleons per cm^3 , several orders of magnitude more than the above estimate for 1 MHz dark-matter particles.

Spatial pattern = speckle



Coherence time and length

(b) The total energy of a nonrelativistic dark-matter particle is dominated by the rest energy mc^2 with an additional correction on the order of mv^2 , which comes to about 10^{-6} of the rest energy for $v \approx 10^{-3}c$. This means that the de Broglie waves dephase during roughly 10^6 periods of the oscillation whose frequency corresponds to the energy of mc^2 , so that the *coherence time* is

$$\tau_c \approx 10^6 \cdot \left(\frac{mc^2}{2\pi\hbar} \right)^{-1}. \quad (3.14)$$

For 1 MHz dark-matter particles, this comes to $\tau_c \approx 1 \text{ s}$.

Coherence length L_c can be estimated as a product of τ_c and the particle velocity v (we invite the reader to derive this result using the concepts of *phase velocity* and *group velocity* of the de Broglie waves), so that

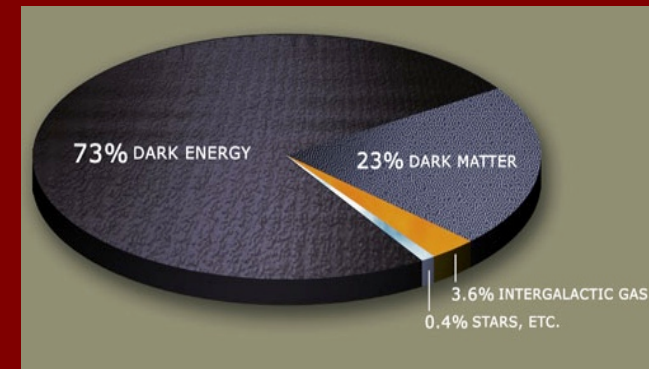
$$L_c \approx 10^3 \cdot \left(\frac{mc^2}{2\pi\hbar c} \right)^{-1}. \quad (3.15)$$

For 1 MHz dark-matter particles, this comes to $L_c \approx 300 \text{ km}$.

From: D. Budker and A. Sushkov *Physics on Your Feet*,
2nd Edition, OUP (forthcoming)

Why Axions (ALPs) ?

- Big clean-up ?
 - Strong CP problem
 - Dark Matter
 - Dark Energy
 - Baryon asymmetry of the Universe
 - Hierarchy?
 - ...



<http://earthsky.org/space/>

How to search for Axions (ALPs) ?

Axion (ALP) Interactions

Gravity

+

Gauge Fields

$$\frac{a}{f_a} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

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

Fermions

$$\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{\Psi}_f \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \Psi_f$$

Most Searches,
DM radio

(nEDM, CASPER-**E**)

(CASPER-**Wind**, **GNOME**, QUAX)

Dark Matter search with NMR

Key Ideas:

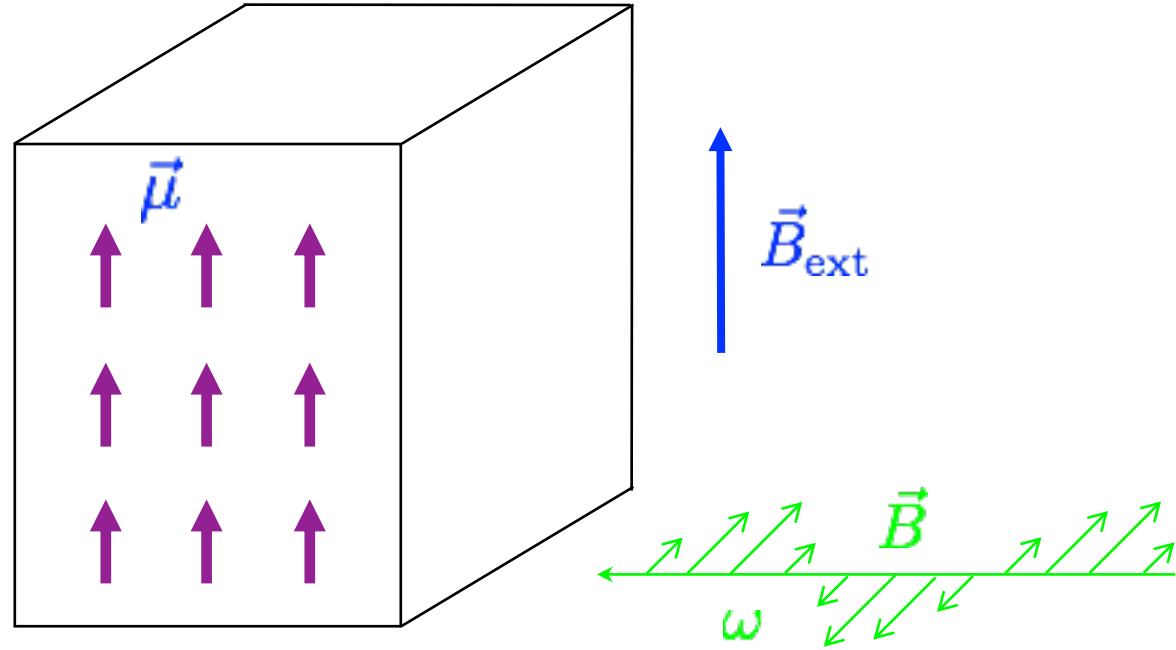
- **Dark Matter** could be a “classical” field
- Not screened by shielding
- Oscillating at frequency: mc^2/h
- Relatively narrow line: $\Delta\nu/\nu \sim 10^{-6}$



→ Cosmic Axion Spin-Precession Experiment(s)
CASPEr

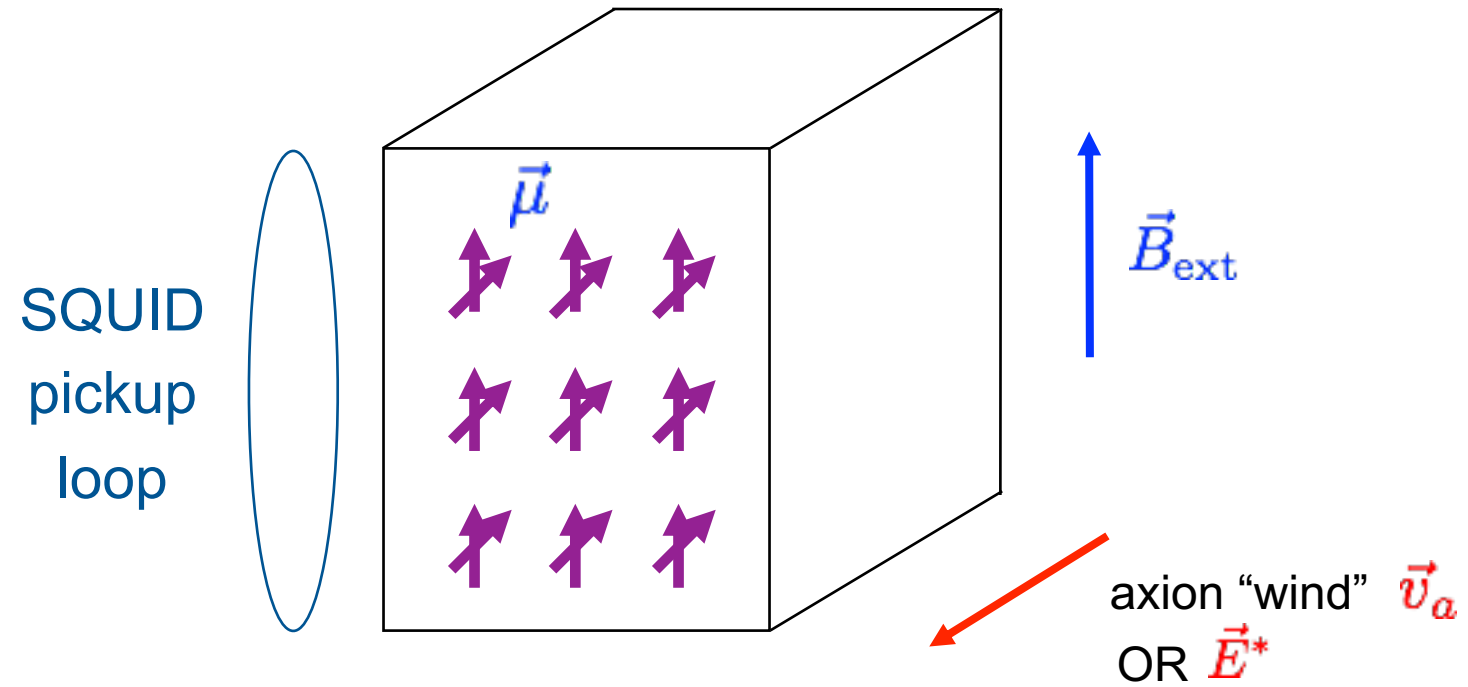


Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR)



Resonance: $2\mu B_{\text{ext}} = \omega$

CASPEr

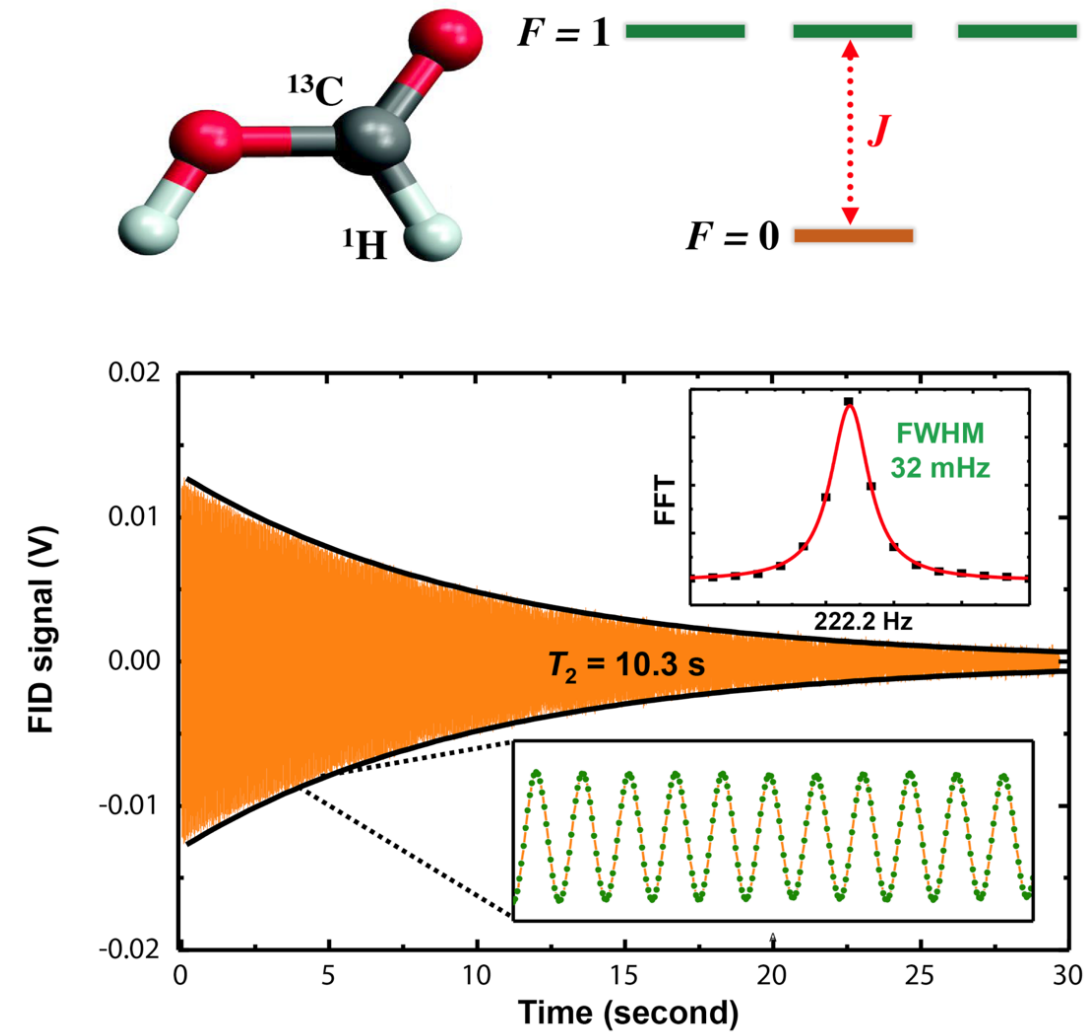
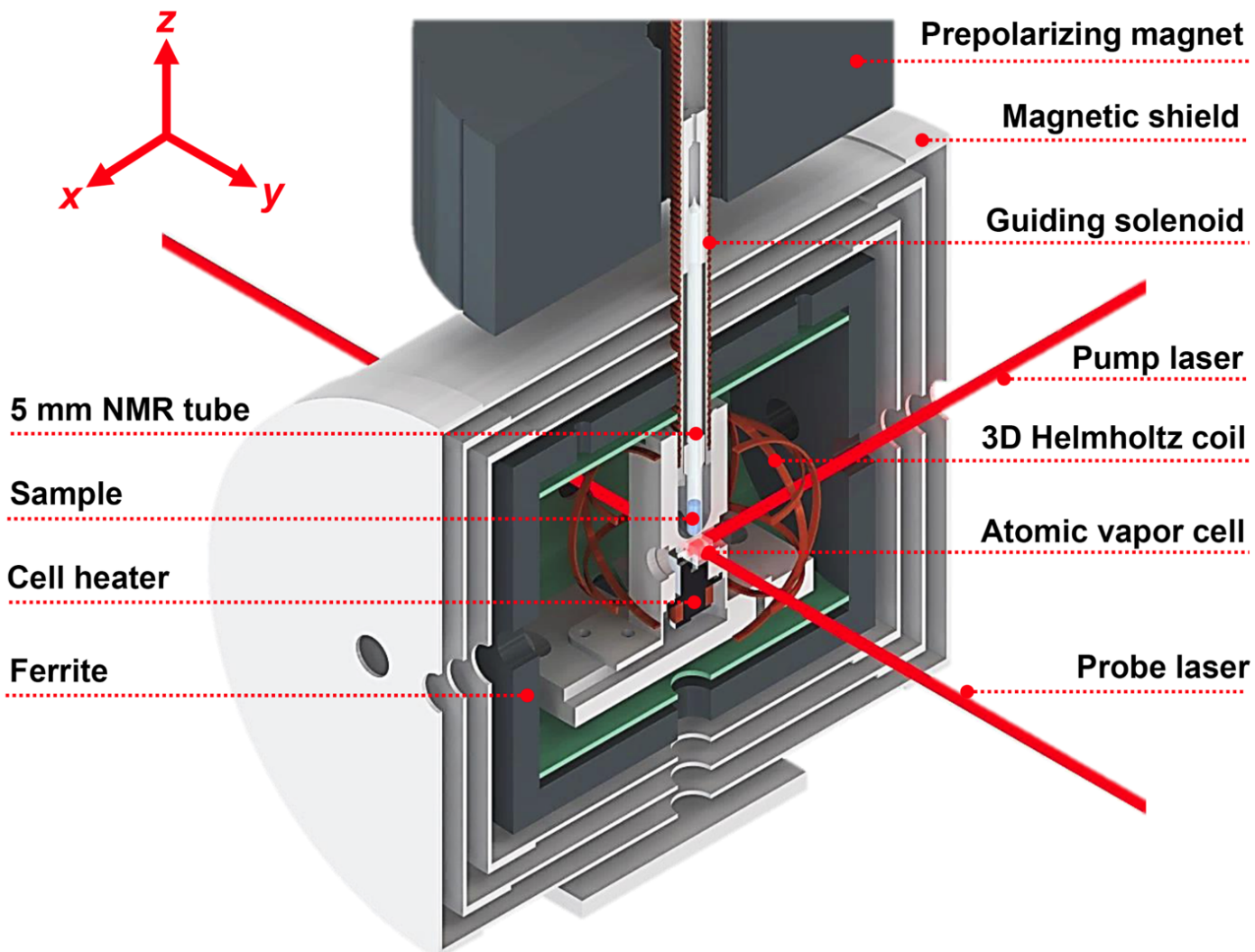


Larmor frequency = axion mass \rightarrow resonant enhancement

SQUID measures resulting transverse magnetization

Example materials: liquid ^{129}Xe , ferroelectric PbTiO_3

Zero-field NMR



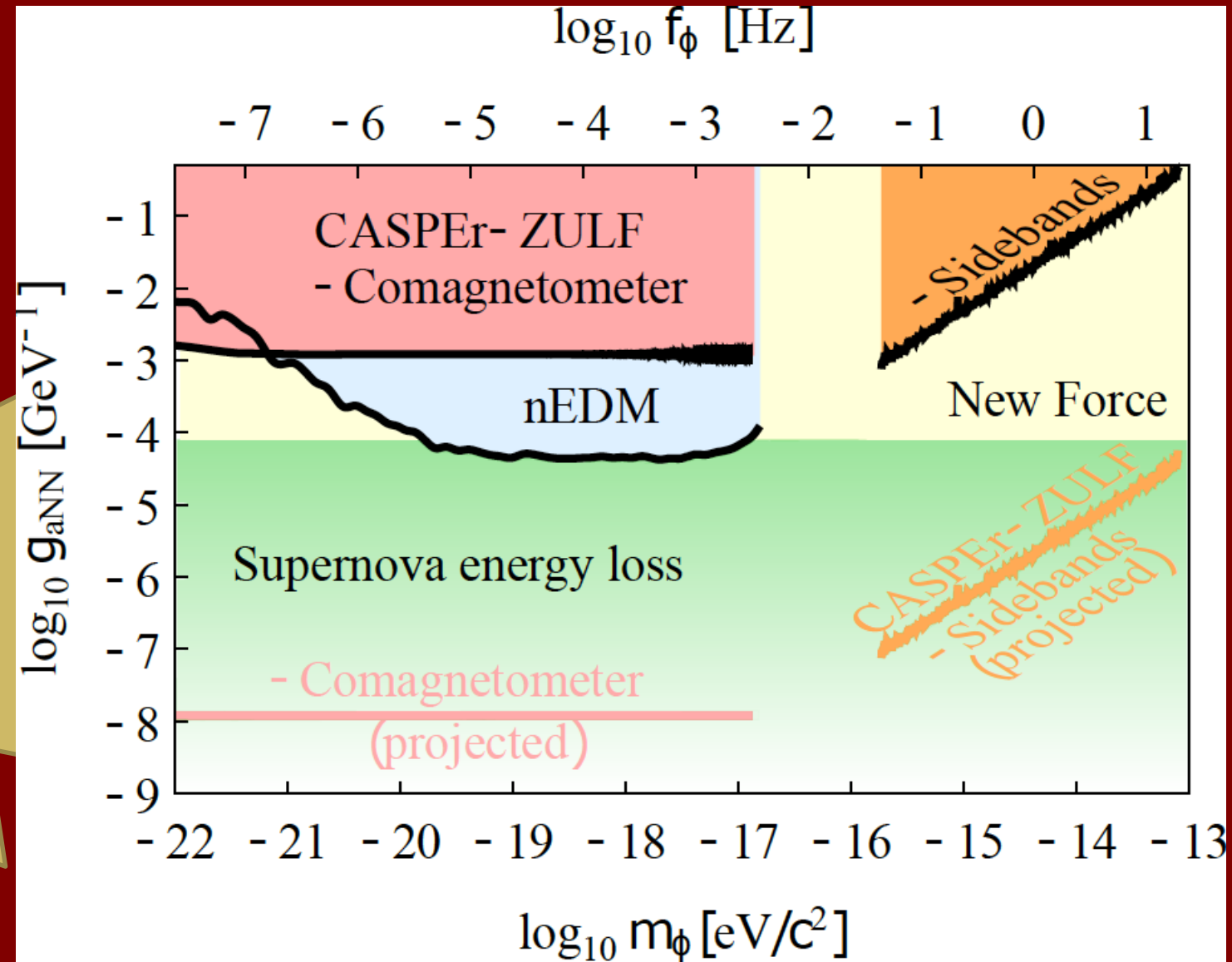
CASPER: NMR based ALP-search program

- ▣ First results (2019!):

Antoine Garcon *et al*, [*Sci. Adv.* 2019 5: eaax4539](#)
[arXiv:1902.04644](#);

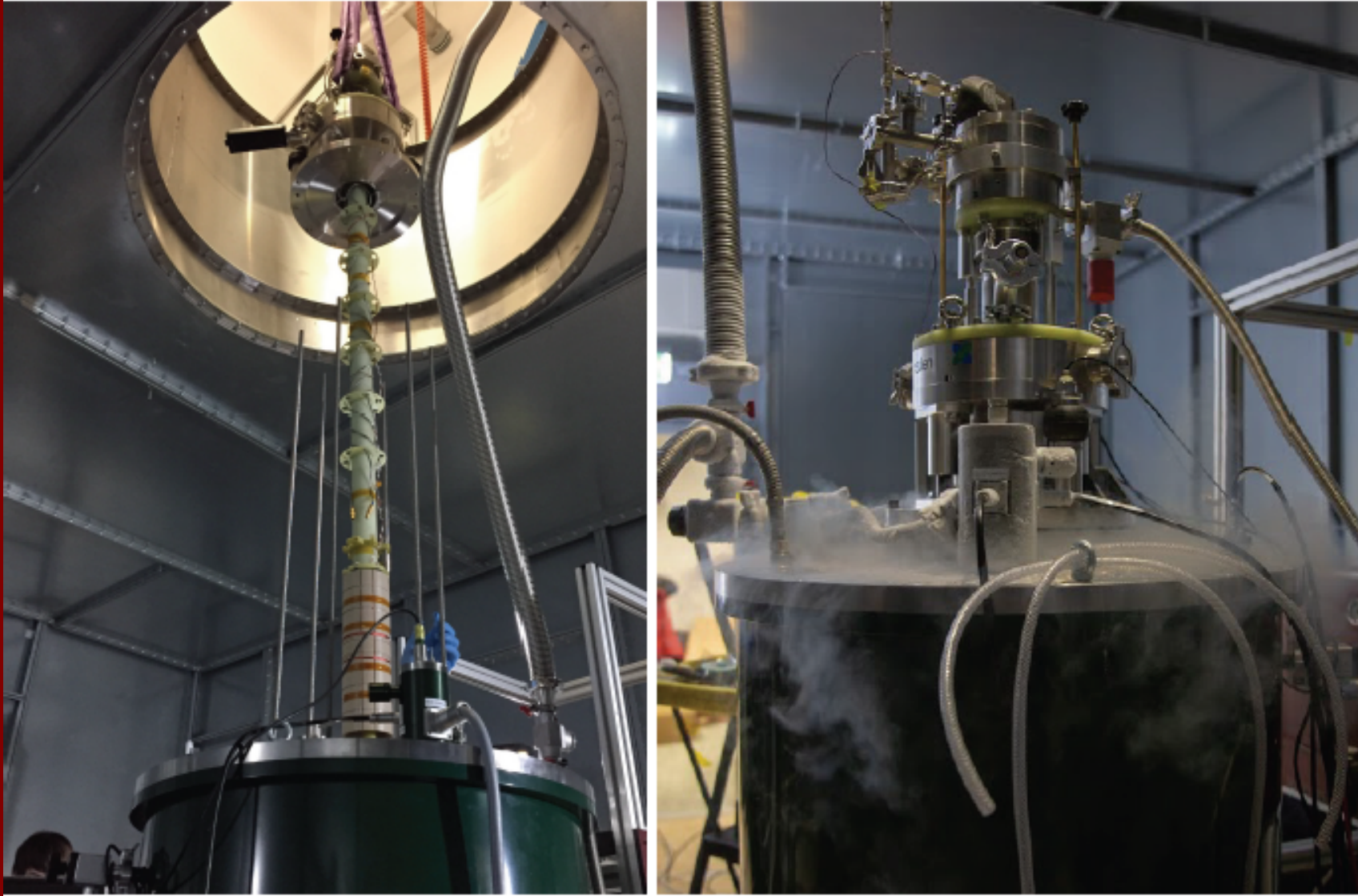
Teng Wu *et al*, [*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 122, 191302 \(2019\)](#);
[arXiv:1901.10843](#)

Low-frequency
results should
be taken with
!caution!



CASPER: NMR based ALP-search program

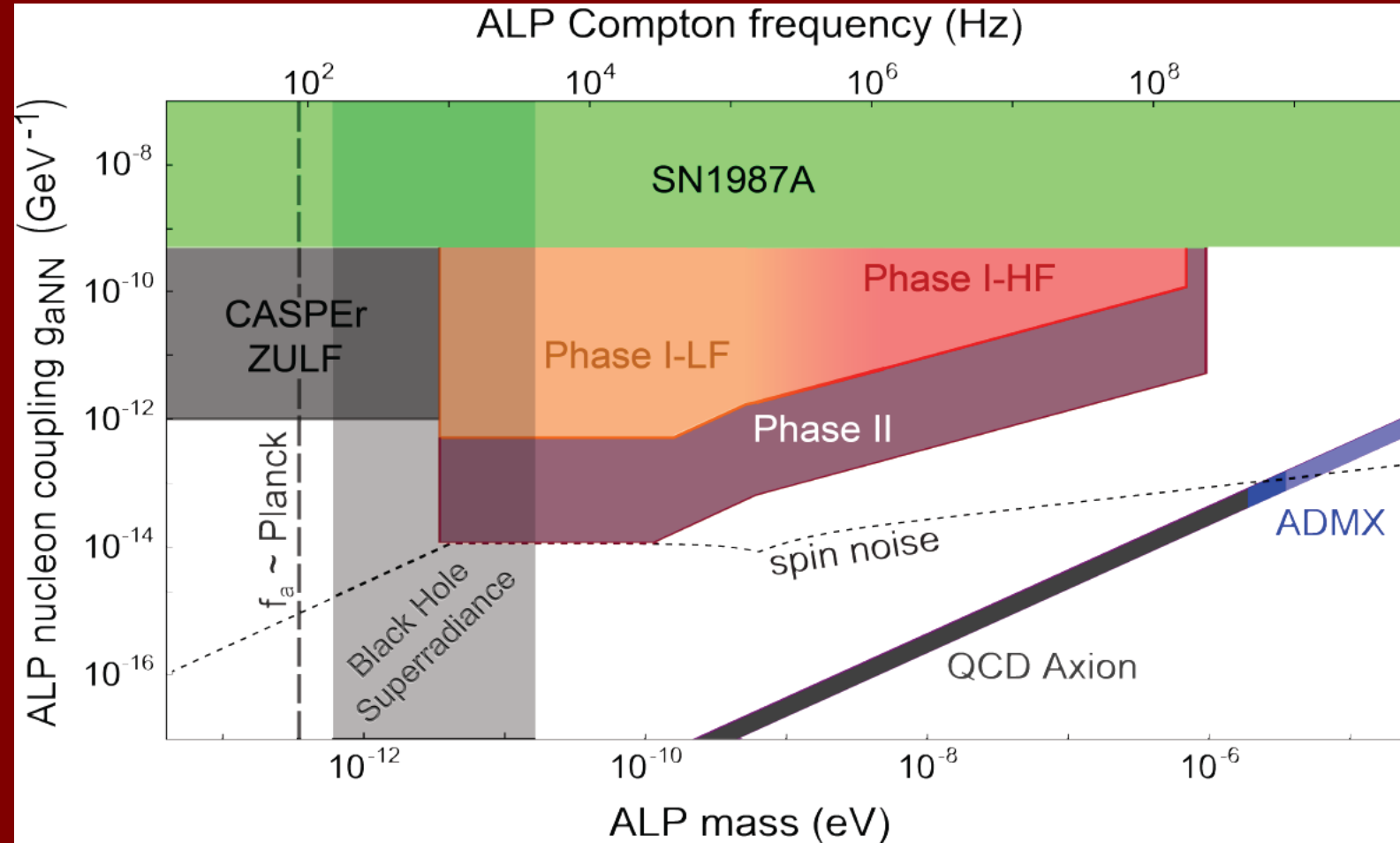
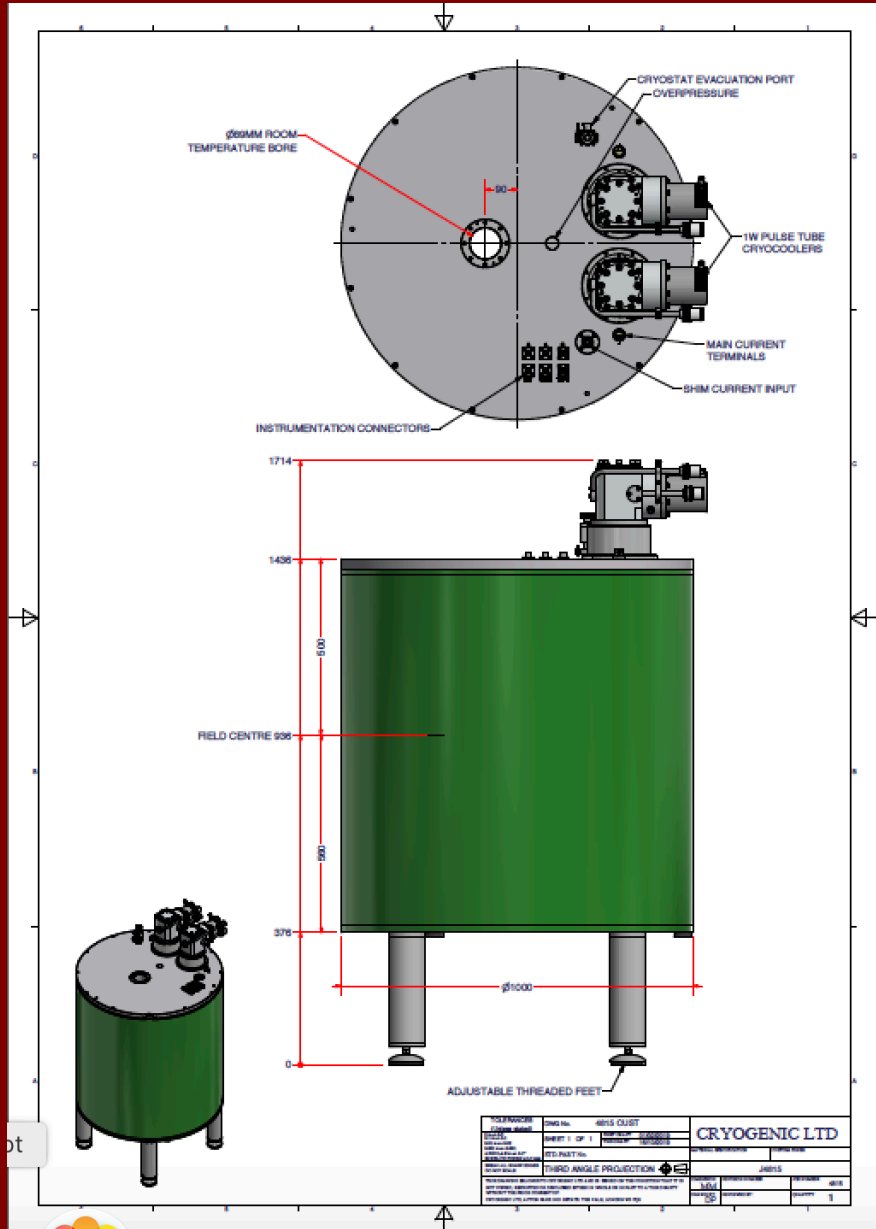
- Higher frequencies: data runs start in 2020 (**virus** permitting)!



Cryogenics magnet; $B < 0.15 \text{ T}$ ($< 1.6 \text{ MHz}$ for ^{129}Xe)

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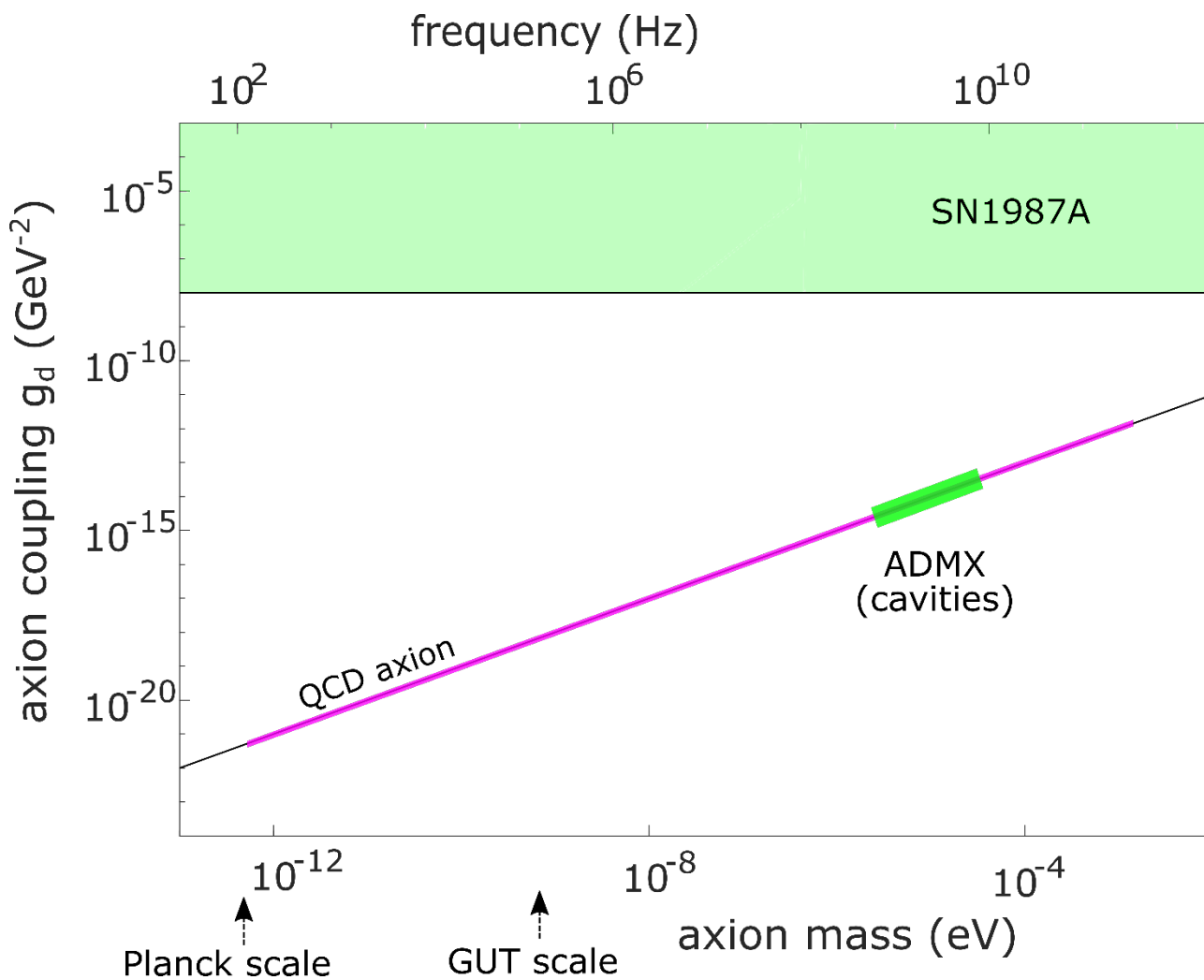
- Even higher frequencies are in the plan (~2 years):



Cryogenics magnet; $B < 14.1$ T (166 MHz for ^{129}Xe)

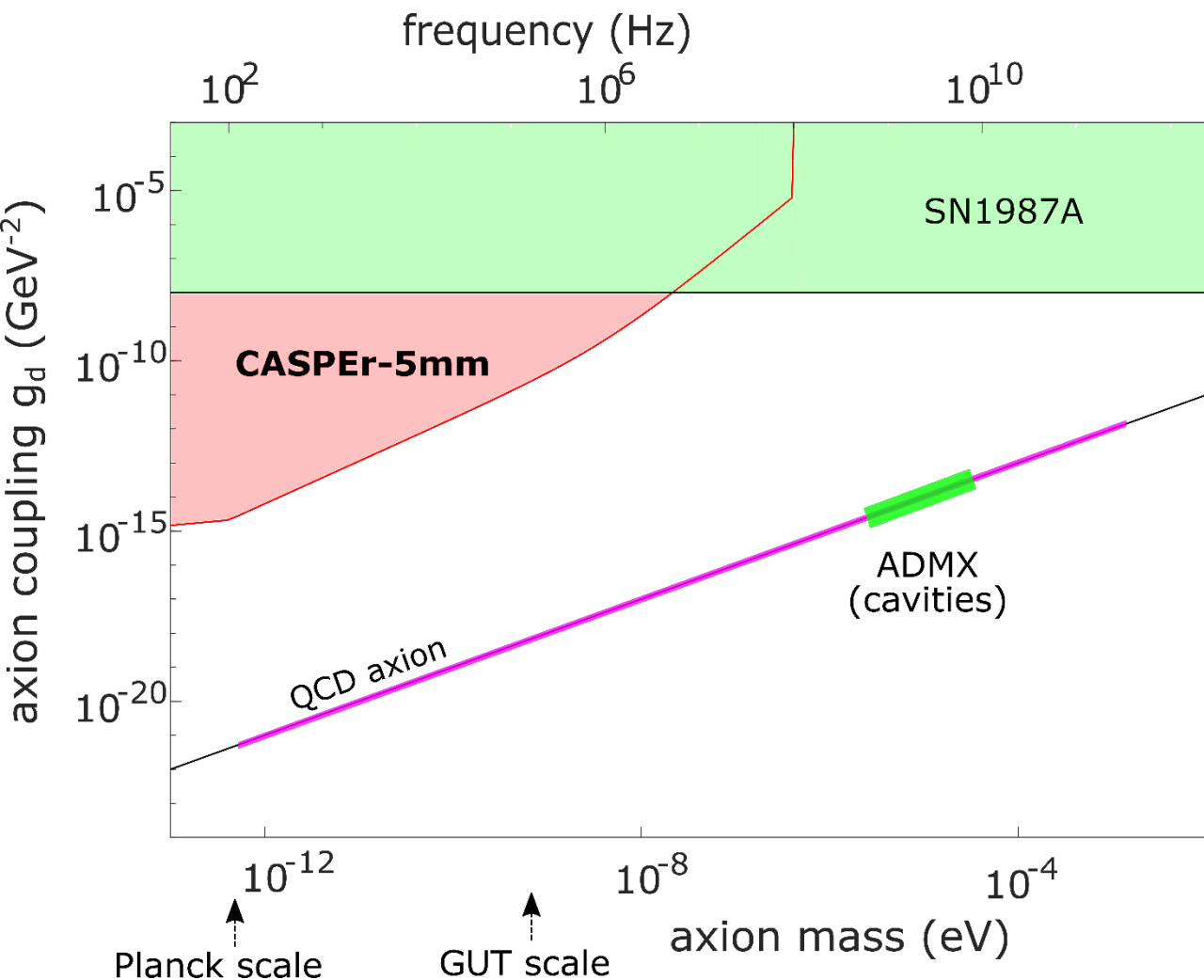


CASPER-e, 5mm





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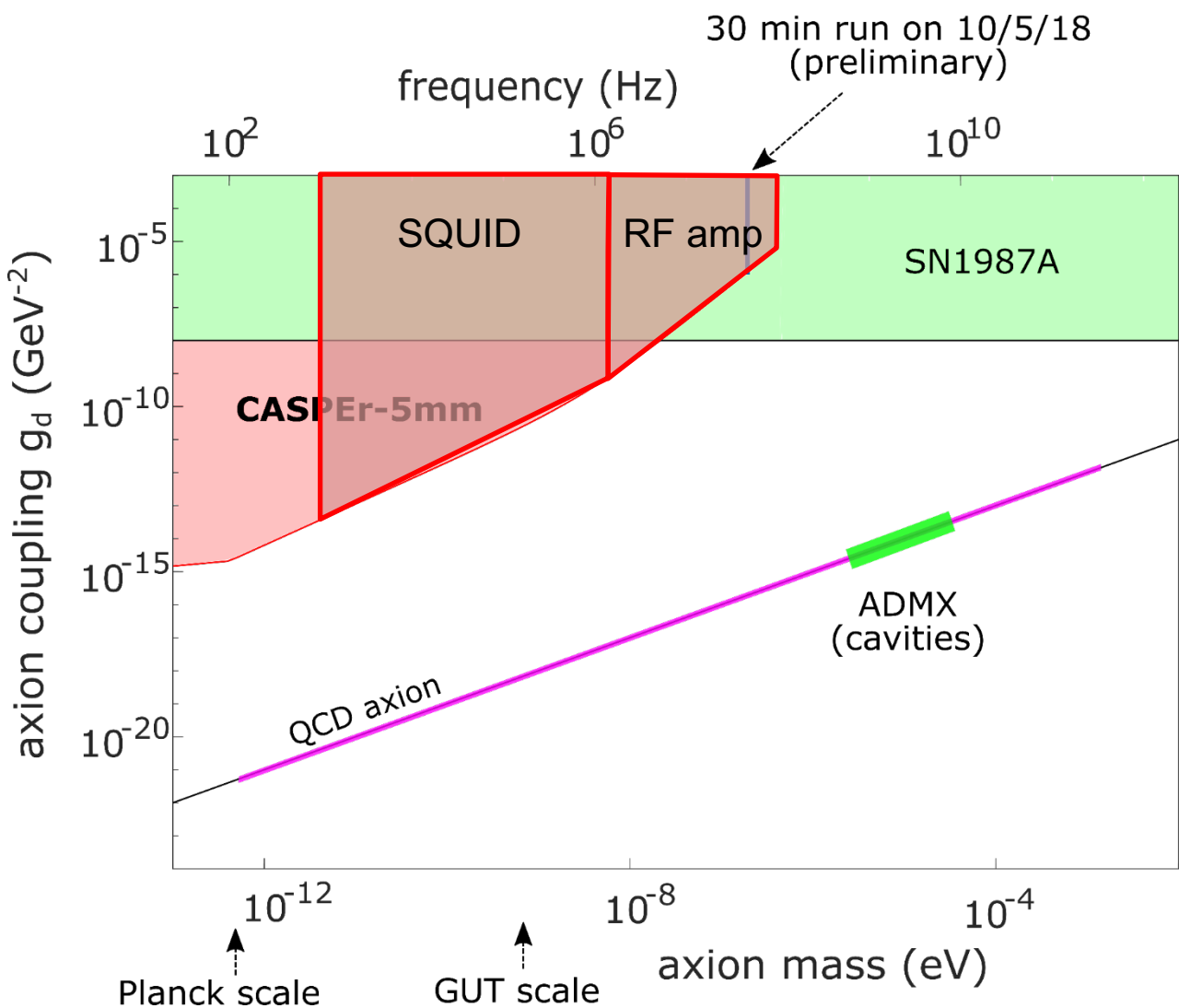


CASPER-5mm at Boston University:

- thermal spin polarization, 4 K
- 5 mm sample size,
- 8T magnet, homogeneity 1000 ppm



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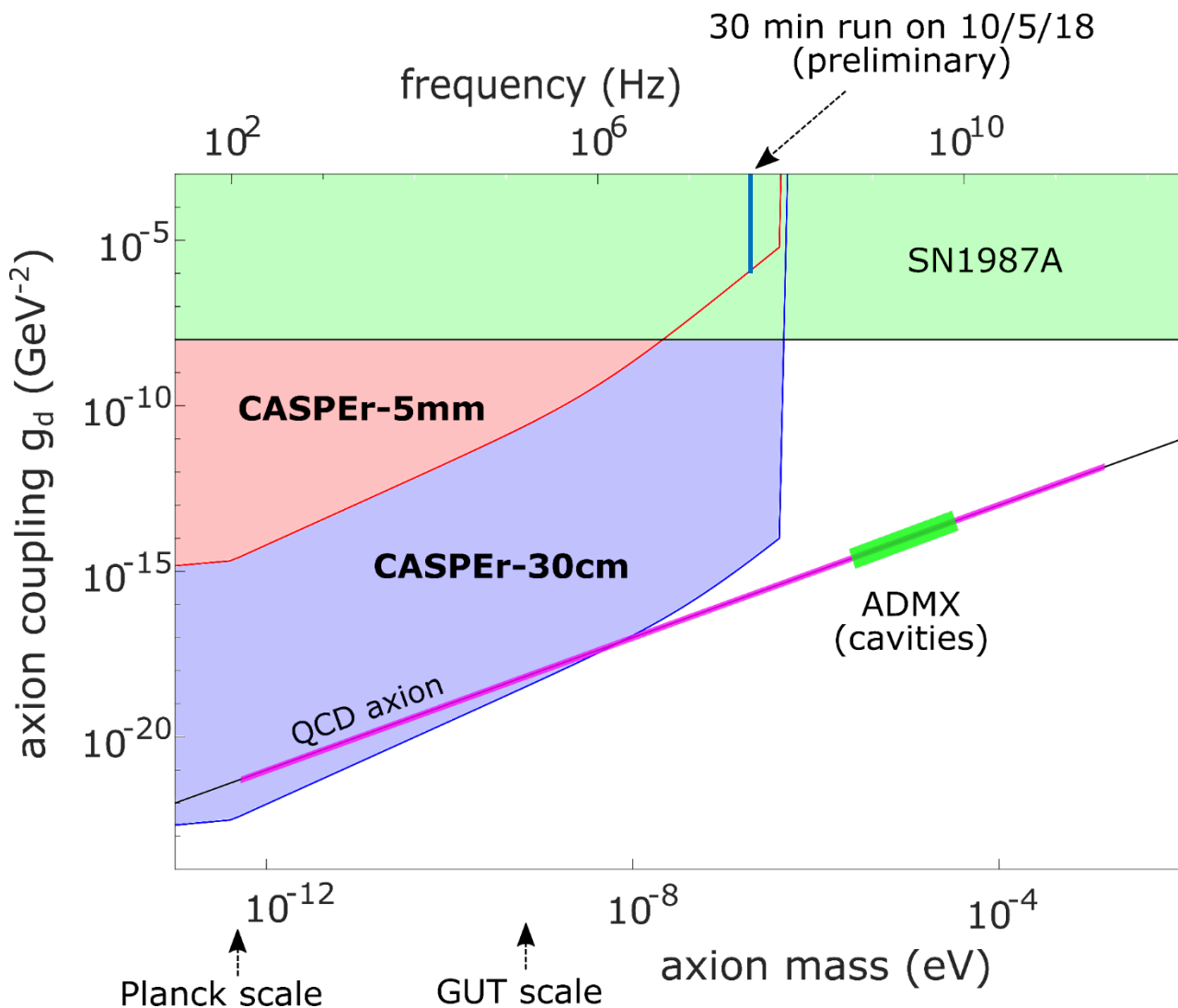


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The experimental reach of CASPEr-e



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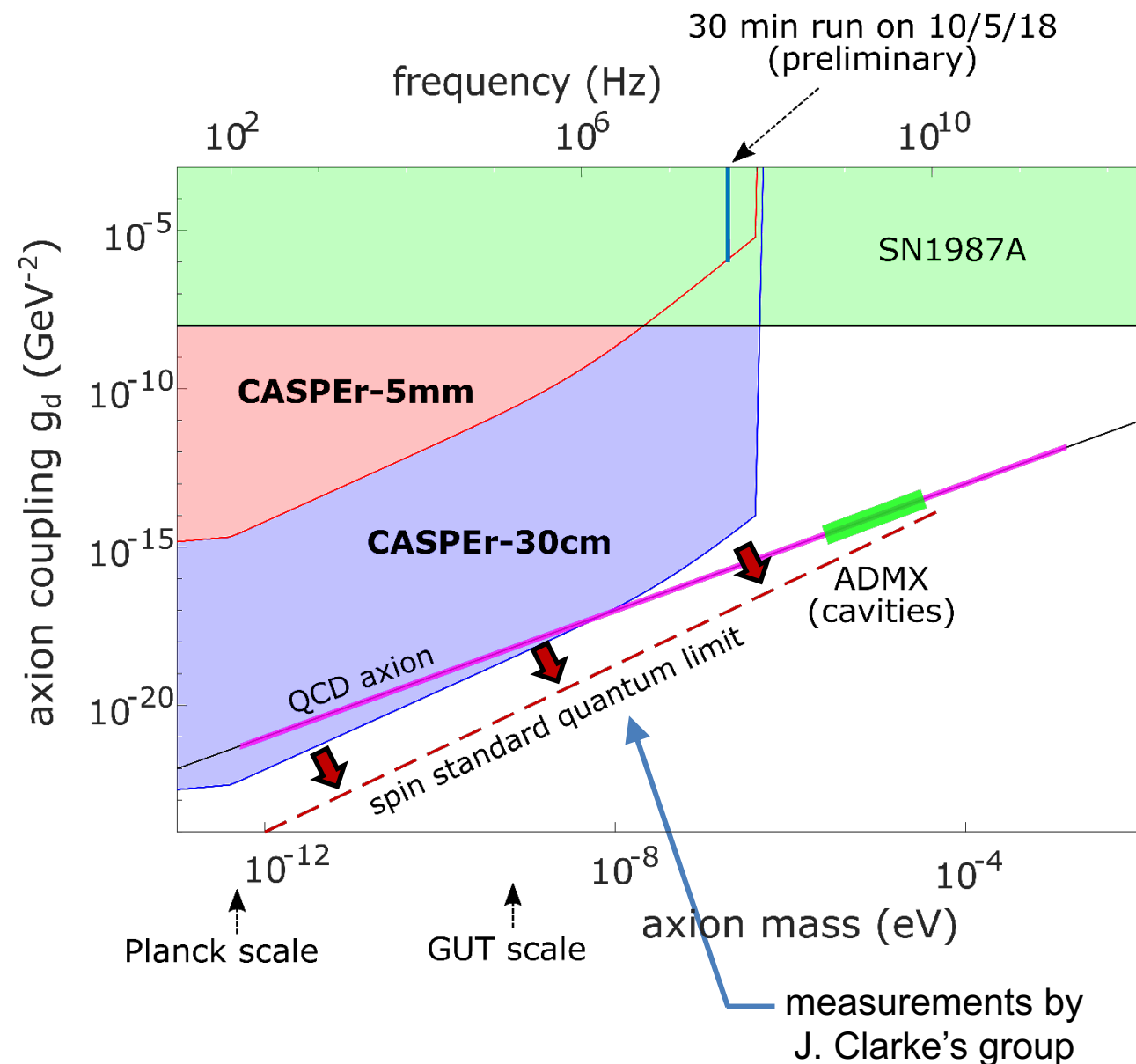
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CASPEr-30cm:

- thermal spin polarization, 300 mK
- 30 cm sample size,
- 15T magnet
- optimized magnetic sensor (with SLAC)
- sensitivity reaches QCD axion



The experimental reach of CASPER-e



[Phys. Rev. Lett. **55**, 1742 (1985)]

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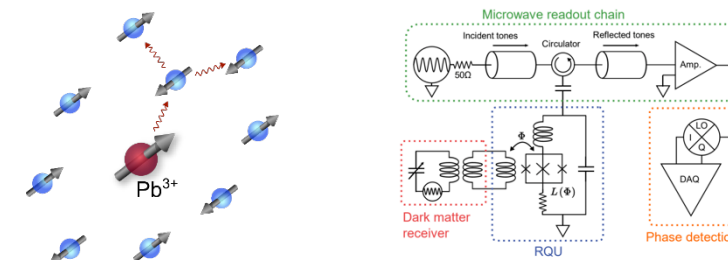
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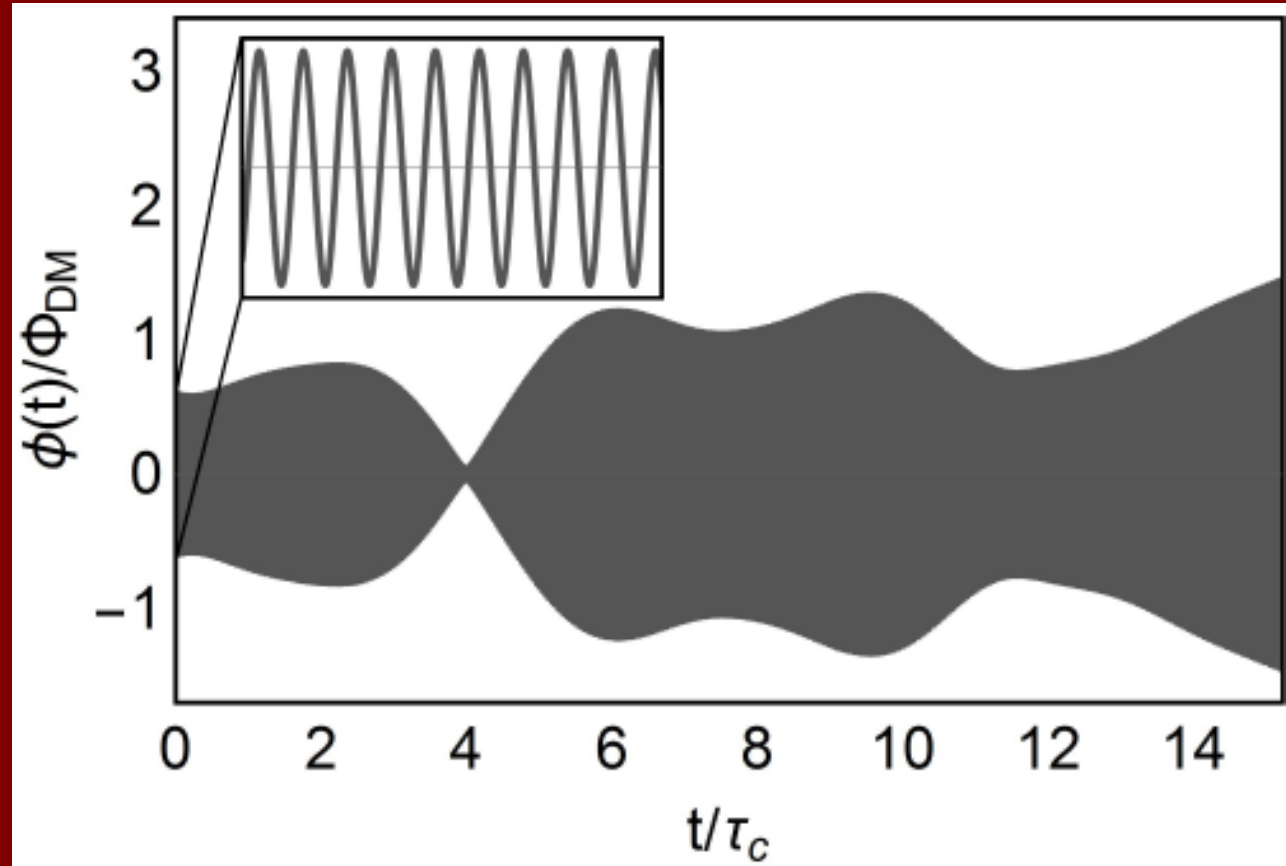
ultimate sensitivity:

- spin standard quantum limit
- hyperpolarization, dynamical decoupling
- spin squeezing with RF resonant circuits? (with SLAC)



[Phys. Rev. X **4**, 021030 (2014)]

Stochastic nature of bosonic DM important for measurements not longer than coherence time

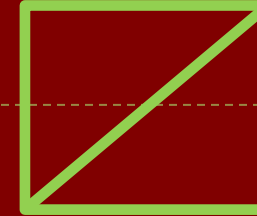


Gary P. Centers et al , [arXiv:1905.13650](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.13650) (2019)

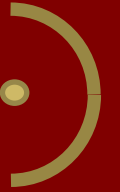
Analogy with chaotic light



Thermal light source



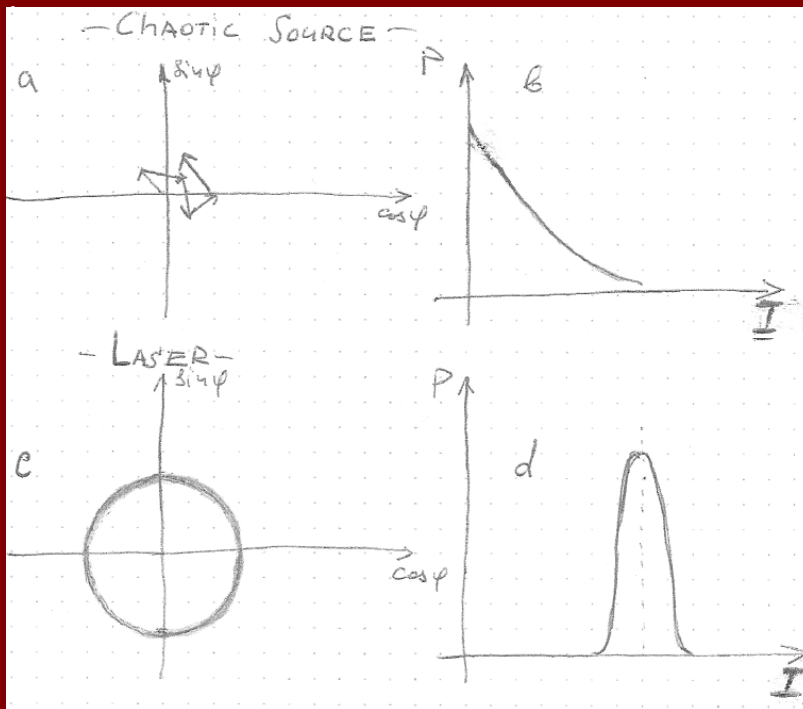
Polarizer



Detector

➤ Q: What is the most probable **instantaneous intensity** ?

➤ A: **zero**



$$p(E_s) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{E_s^2}{2NE_0^2} \right\} dE_s. \quad (5.26)$$

The combined probability distribution for the independent cosine and sine amplitudes is then

$$p(E_c, E_s) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{E_s^2 + E_c^2}{2NE_0^2} \right\} dE_s dE_c = \exp \left\{ -\frac{I}{\bar{I}} \right\} d\varphi E dE, \quad (5.27)$$

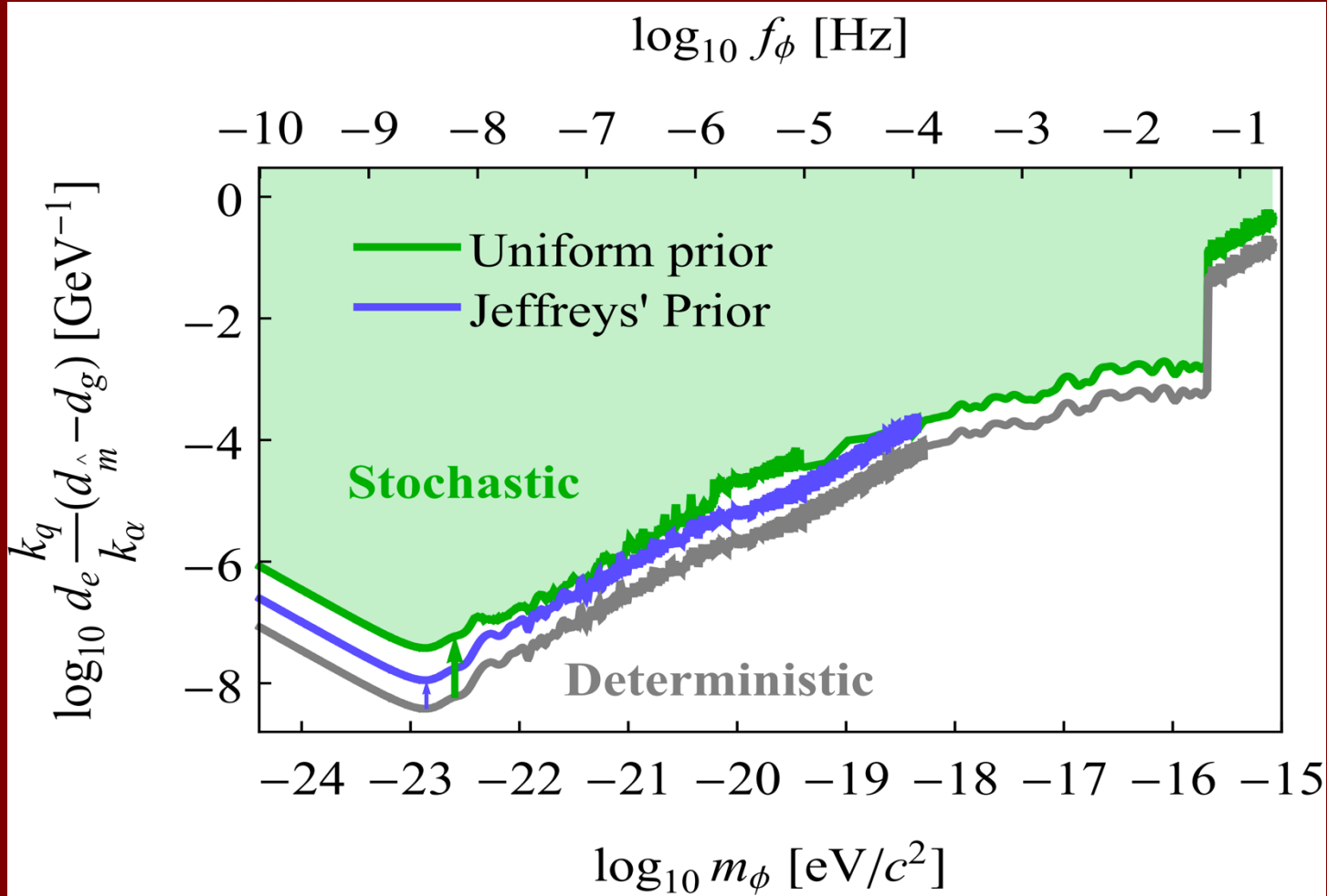
where we have introduced the instantaneous cycle-averaged intensity I , its mean value \bar{I} , the *phase angle* φ , and the total field amplitude E , which is non-negative.

We can now convert this into a distribution of cycle-averaged instantaneous intensity by integrating over φ and using the fact that $I \propto E^2$, so, correspondingly, $dI \propto 2EdE$. With this, Eq. (5.27) becomes

$$p(I) \propto \exp \left\{ -\frac{I}{\bar{I}} \right\} dI, \quad (5.28)$$

From: D. Budker and A. Sushkov *Physics on Your Feet*, OUP 2015

Significant effect on low-frequency DM searches



➤ Also **velocity**
(magnitude and direction)

Gary P. Centers, John W. Blanchard, Jan Conrad, Nataniel L. Figueroa, Antoine Garcon, Alexander V. Gramolin, Derek F. Jackson Kimball, Matthew Lawson, Bart Pelssers, Joeseeph A. Smiga, Yevgeny Stadnik, Alexander O. Sushkov, Arne Wickenbrock, Dmitry Budker, and Andrei Derevianko, *Stochastic fluctuations of bosonic dark matter*, [arXiv:1905.13650](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.13650) (2019)

Atomic clock searches for scalar **DM**

DILATON DM ?



Searching for dilaton dark matter with atomic clocks

Asimina Arvanitaki*

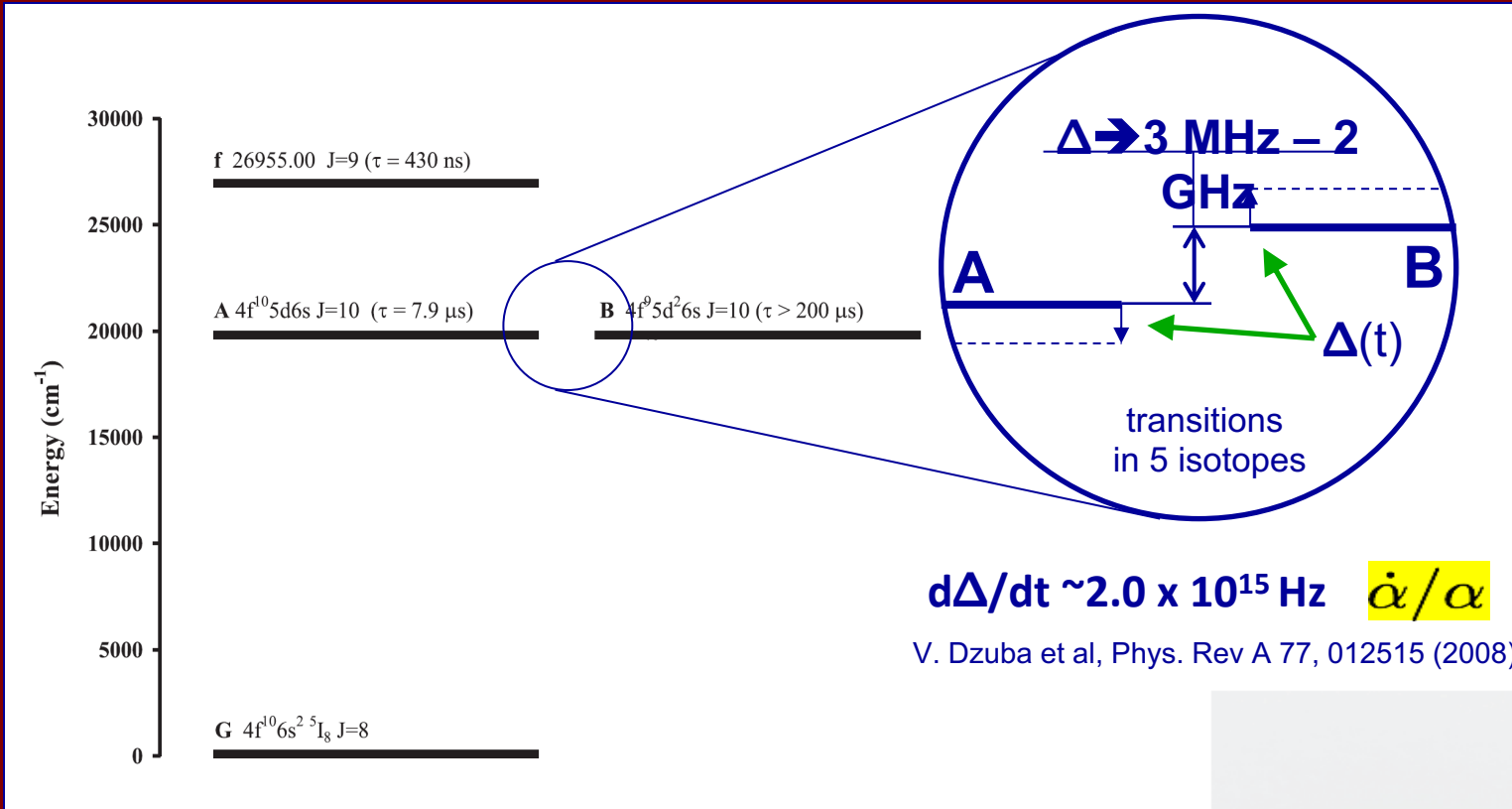
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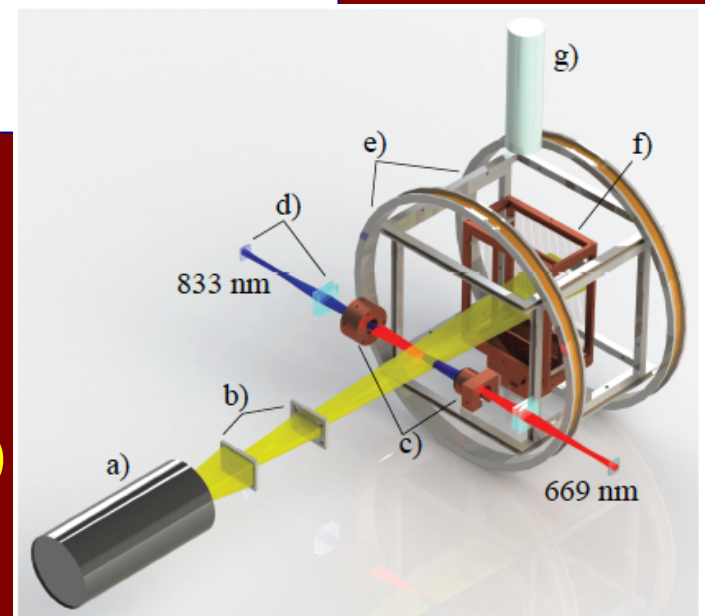
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(Dated: May 14, 2014)

Dy as “Alpha Variometer”

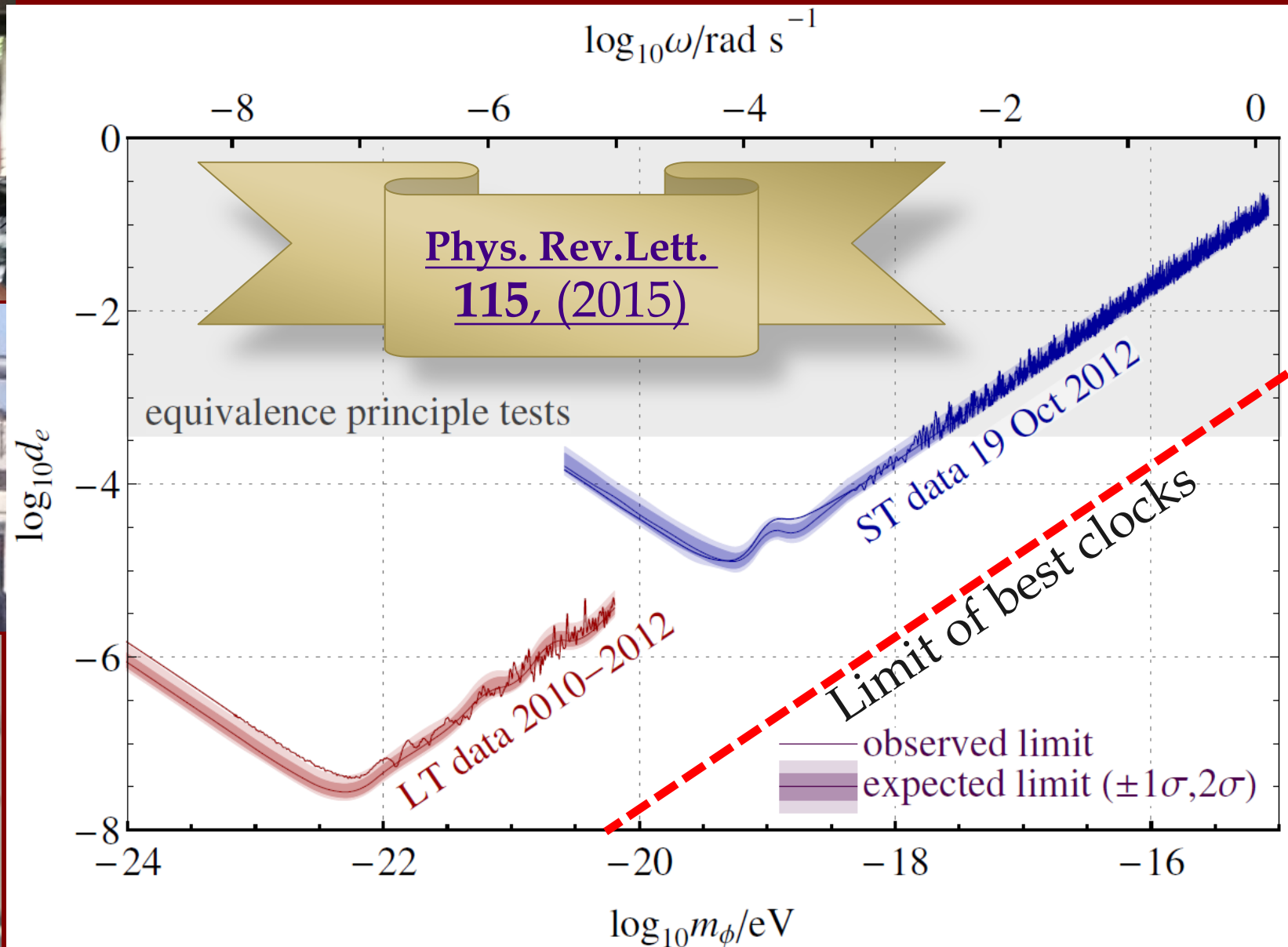


- Limits on alpha variation
- Dependence on gravitational potential
- Lorentz-Invariance violation (for electrons)
- ...

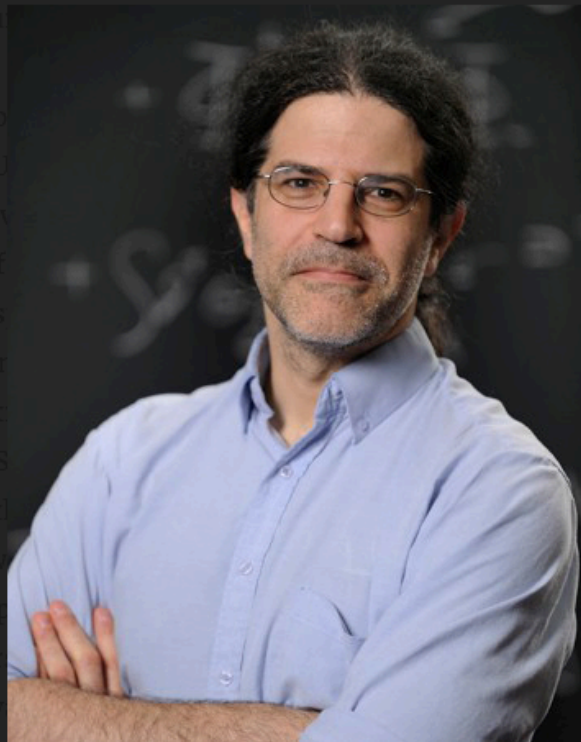


Search for ultralight dark matter with dilaton-like photon couplings using atomic spectroscopy in dysprosium

Ken Van Tilburg,^{1,*} Nathan Leefer,^{2,†} Lykourgos Bougas,^{2,‡} and Dmitry Budker^{2,3,4,§}



Relaxions in the dark



cosmological constant — a mystifyingly tiny number that defines the
From left: Peter Graham of Stanford University, David Kaplan of Johns Hopkins
University and Surjeet Rajendran of the University of California, Berkeley.
drives the accelerating expansion of the universe.

—
Linda A. Cicero/Stanford News Service, Will Kirk/Johns Hopkins University, Sarah Wittmer



Gilad Perez
Weizmann Institute

RELAXION



- ◆ Relaxion => solves **hierarchy** and **strong CP** problems

Graham, Kaplan & Rajendran (15); Hook, Marques-Tavares; Gupta, Komargodski, Perez & Ubaldi (16);
Davidi, Gupta, Perez, Redigolo & Shalit; Gupta; Nelson & Prescod-Weinstein (17)

- ◆ Axion-like particle but mixes with the Higgs => has **scalar interactions**

Flacke, Frugiuele, Fuchs, Gupta & Perez; Choi & Im (16)

- ◆ Minimal model provides viable axion-like dark matter (DM);

for:

$$10^{-10}\text{eV} \lesssim m_{\phi \equiv \text{relax}} \lesssim 10^{-3}\text{eV}$$

Banerjee, Kim & Perez (18)

- ◆ DM can form **stars & halos around Earth** \w large over densities



Relaxion stars and their detection via atomic physics

Abhishek Banerjee, Dmitry Budker, Joshua Eby, Hyungjin Kim & Gilad Perez

COMMUNICATIONS PHYSICS (2020) 3:1 arXiv:1902.08212

FAST OSCILLATING SCALAR **DM**

W_{weekend} R_{elaxion} **e** S_{earch} L_{aboratory}

Fast changing “constants” ?

- Jun Ye *et al*: cavity-clock comparison
- Even faster: A “weekend” experiment @ Mainz ?



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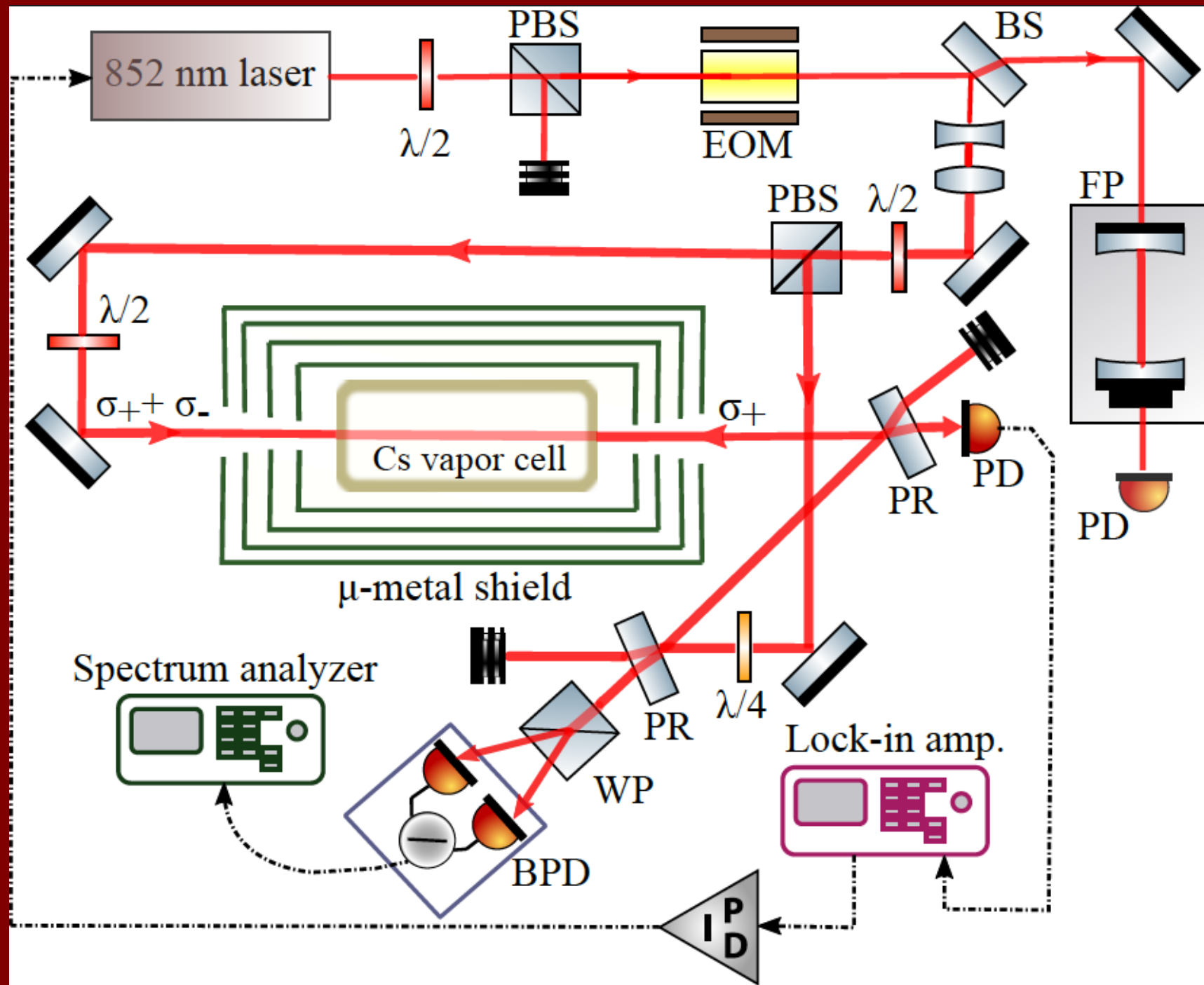
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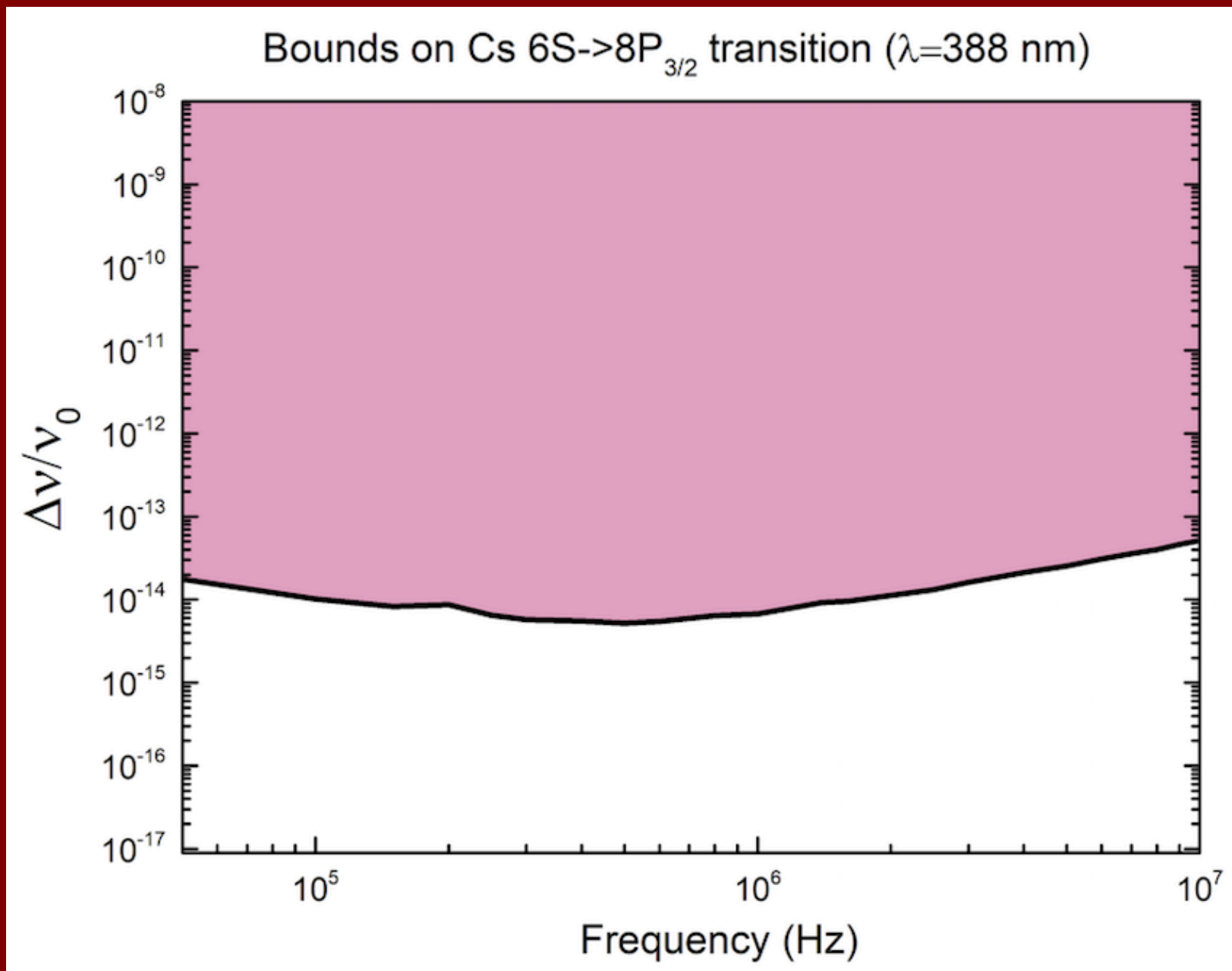


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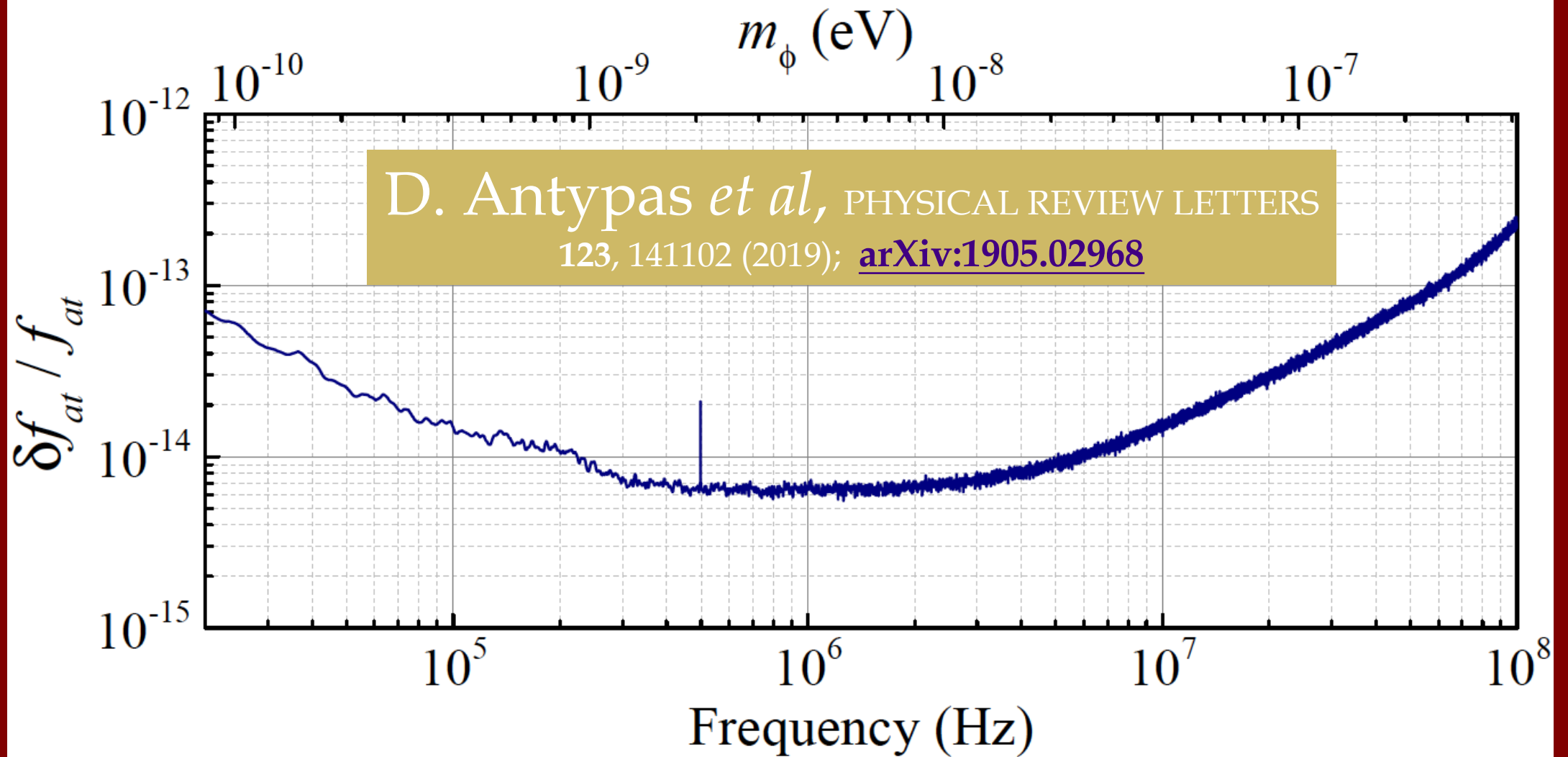
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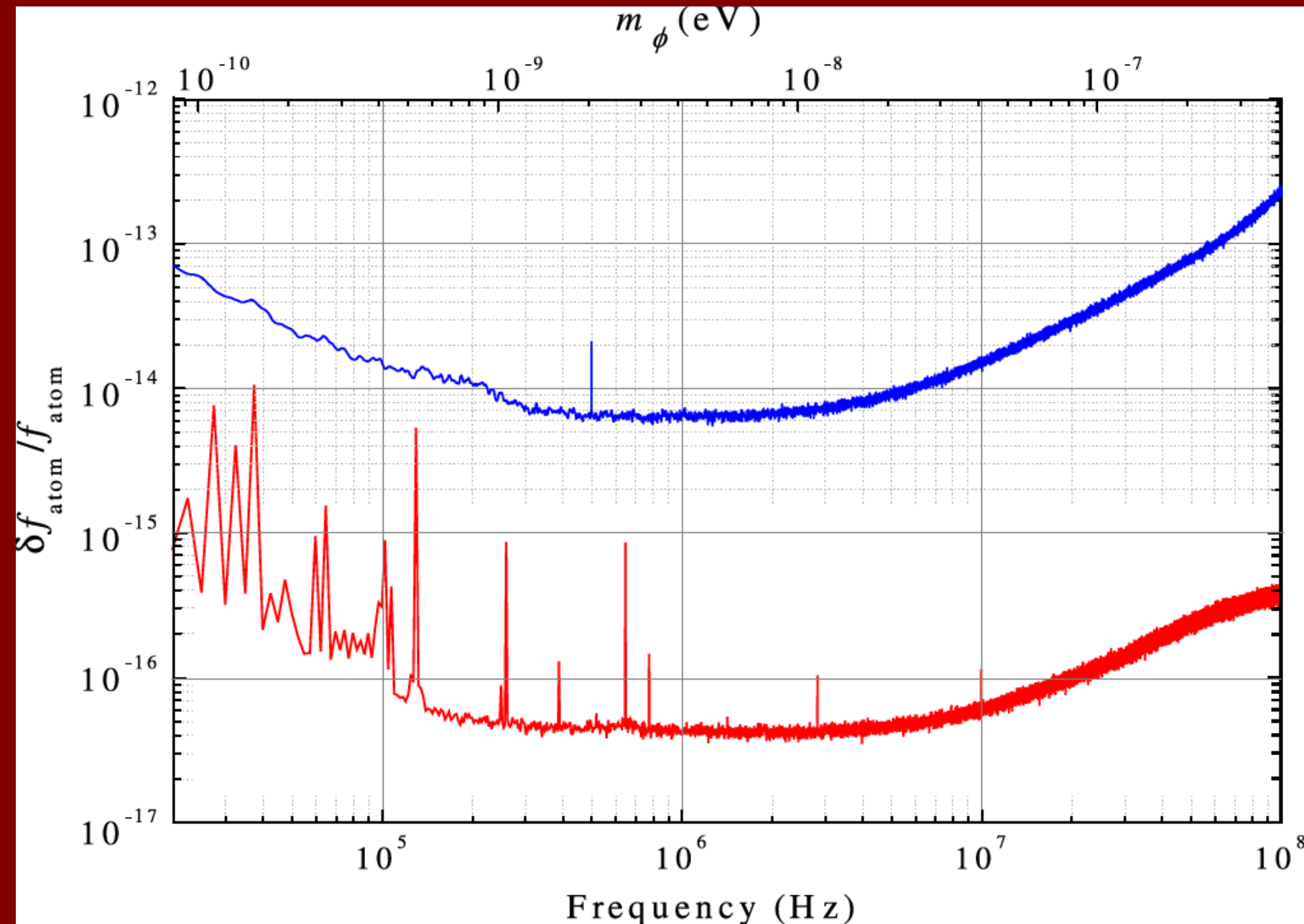
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Cs D2 line (852 nm)



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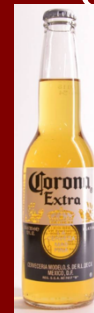
WReSL - 2



WRESL-1

WReSL-2 (preliminary)

- 500 s averaging
- Planning a 13+ hr run after



Fast Variation of Fundamental “Constants”

- ▣ Dionysios Antypas, Dmitry Budker, Victor V. Flambaum, Mikhail G. Kozlov, Gilad Perez, and Jun Ye,

[ANNALEN DER PHYSIK 2020, 1900566; arXiv:1912.01335](#)

- ▣ **Old thinking:** only *dimensionless* constants may vary
- ▣ **New thinking:** $m_e / \langle m_e \rangle$; $\alpha / \langle \alpha \rangle$, ... are **OK**
- ▣ Origin of apparent variations: **bosonic fields**
- ▣ BSM (and BBSM) physics is tricky!

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{free}} = & -\frac{1}{4\alpha} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \varphi \partial^\mu \varphi - m^2 \varphi^2) \\ & + \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}}^{\text{SM}} - \sqrt{2} \frac{m_e}{v} H \bar{L}_e e_R + h.c. \\ & - \mu^2 H^\dagger H + \lambda (H^\dagger H)^2 + \mu_{\phi h} \phi H^\dagger H\end{aligned}$$

Network searches for topological **DM**



The GNOME Experiment

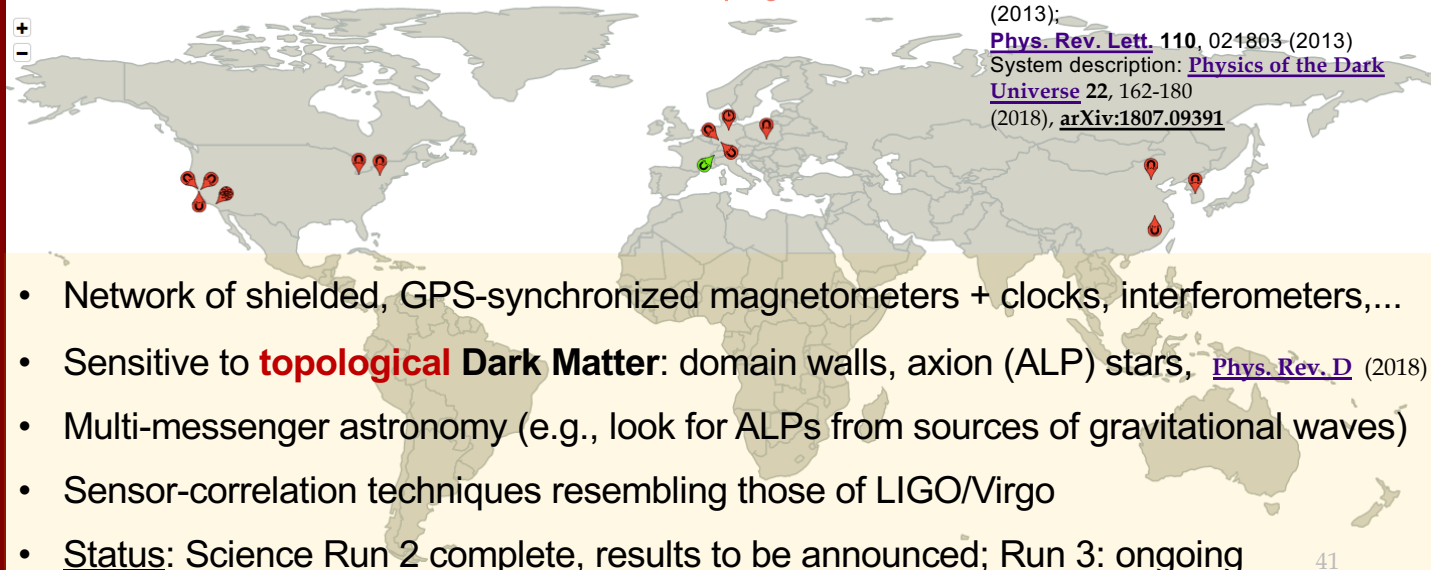
Collaboration website

Global Network of Optical Magnetometers for Exotic searches

Current date: 2017/09/28 21:54:36 GPS

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Idea and proof-of-concept:
Annalen der Physik **525**(8-9), 659–70 (2013);
[Phys. Rev. Lett.](#) **110**, 021803 (2013)
System description: [Physics of the Dark Universe](#) **22**, 162–180 (2018), [arXiv:1807.09391](#)







- Network of shielded, GPS-synchronized magnetometers + clocks, interferometers,...
- Sensitive to **topological Dark Matter**: domain walls, axion (ALP) stars, [Phys. Rev. D](#) (2018)
- Multi-messenger astronomy (e.g., look for ALPs from sources of gravitational waves)
- Sensor-correlation techniques resembling those of LIGO/Virgo
- Status: Science Run 2 complete, results to be announced; Run 3: ongoing

GNOME NETWORK 2017



Analysis method for detecting topological defect dark matter with a global magnetometer network

[arXiv:1912.08727](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.08727)

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Hypothetical Internal Object search with superconducting gravimeters



A network of superconducting gravimeters as a detector of matter with feeble nongravitational coupling

[arXiv:1912.01900](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.01900)

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- Tunnel-through-the-Earth problem ($T \approx 80$ min)
- Generalization to Hypothetical Internally Orbiting matter (HIO)
- Earth is NOT of uniform density
- Small amplitude, near center:

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega_h} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3} G \rho_0}} \approx 55 \text{ min}$$

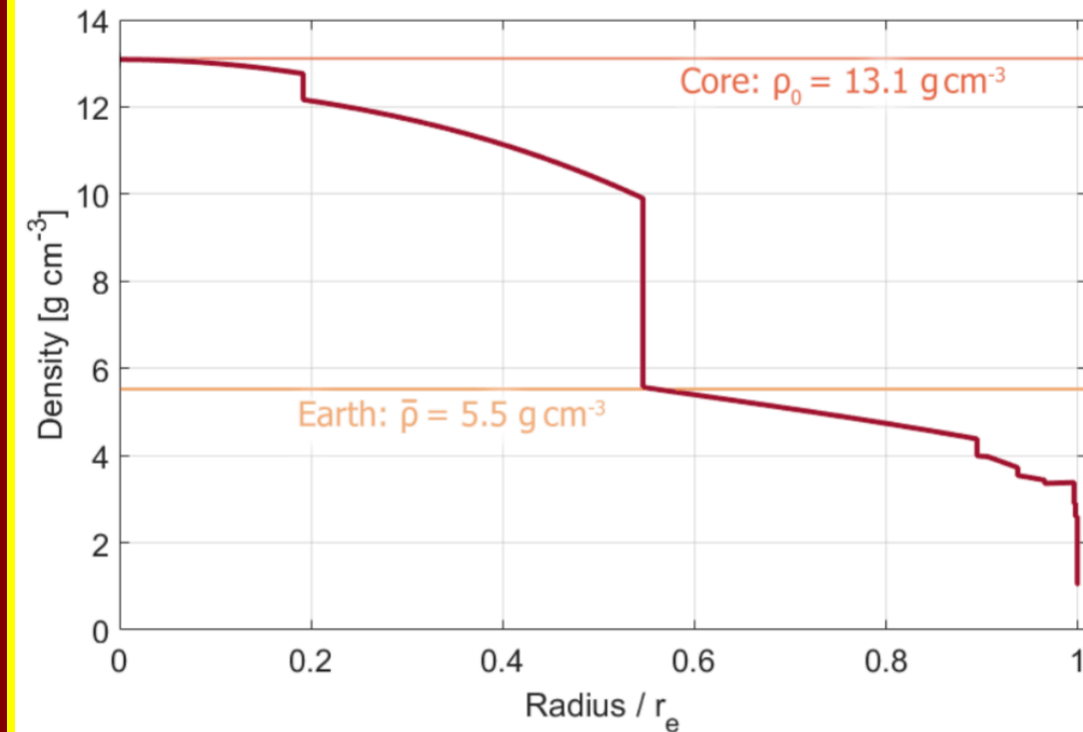


Figure 1: The density profile of the Earth based on the Preliminary Reference Earth model (PREM) [5]. $r_e = 6371$ km is the mean radius of the Earth, $\bar{\rho} = 5.51$ g cm⁻³ is the average density of the Earth, and $\rho_0 = 13.1$ g cm⁻³ is the density at the Earth's center.

Gravimeter Network

4132 Rev. Sci. Instrum., Vol. 70, No. 11, November 1999

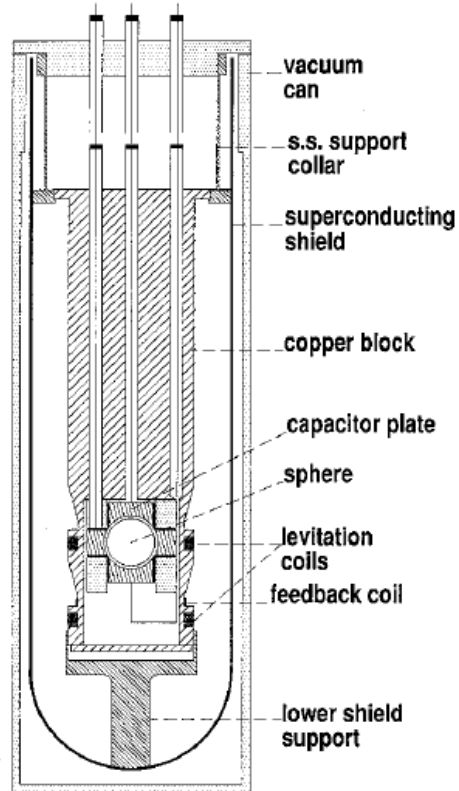


FIG. 1. Diagram of the cryogenic portion of the superconducting gravimeter.

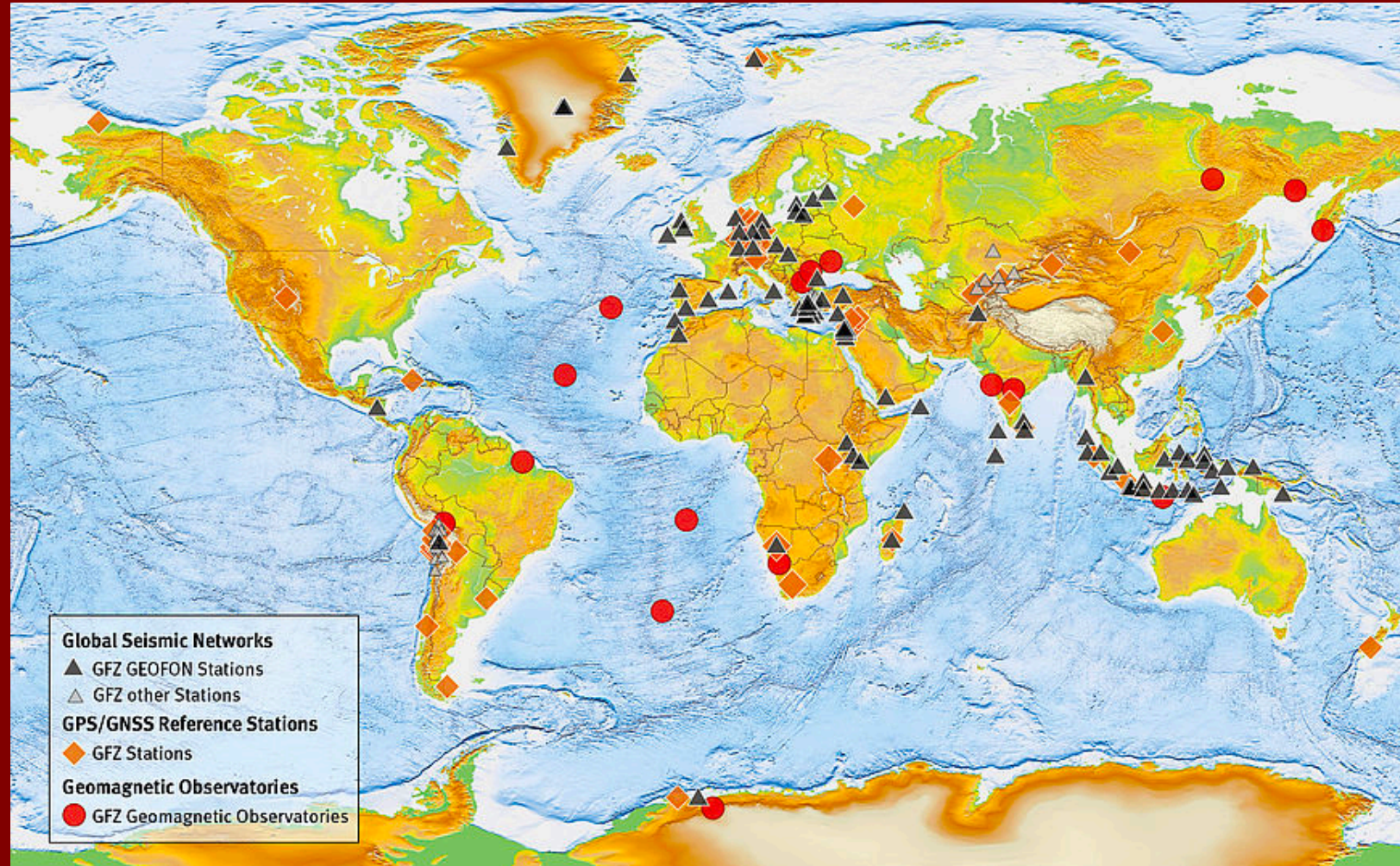


Figure credit: <https://www.gfz-potsdam.de/en/scientific-infrastructure/research-infrastructures/global-observatories/>

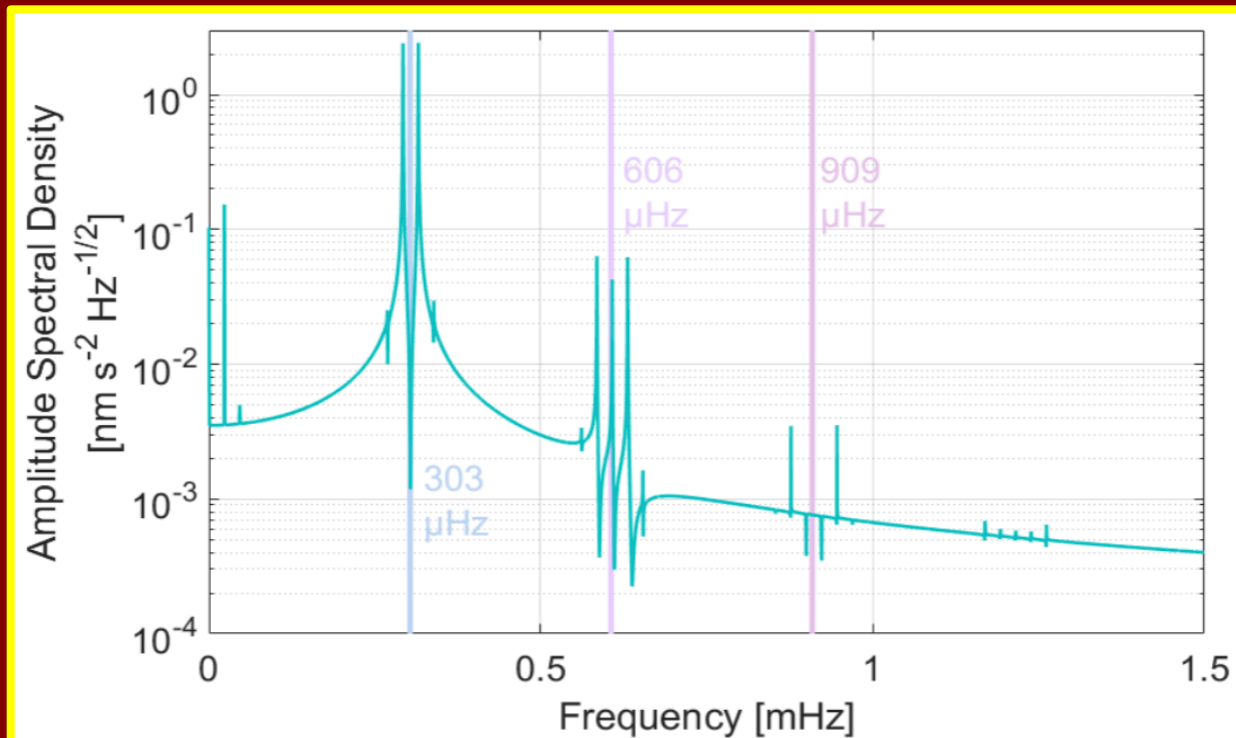


Figure 3: The theoretical spectrum of the HIO orbiting near the center of the Earth, the supposed mass of HIO here is 10^{16} kg, and the amplitude of the oscillation is $0.1 r_e$. In the spectrum, there are signals centered near the first (around $303 \mu\text{Hz}$) and higher (around $606 \mu\text{Hz}$ and $909 \mu\text{Hz}$) harmonics due to the non-linearity of the force. Rotation of the Earth (seen as a small lowest-frequency peak) also leads to splitting of the first- and second-harmonic lines.

See also: C. J. Horowitz and R. Widmer-Schmidrig
**Gravimeter Search for Compact Dark Matter Objects
Moving in the Earth**
Phys. Rev. Lett. **124**, 051102 (2020)

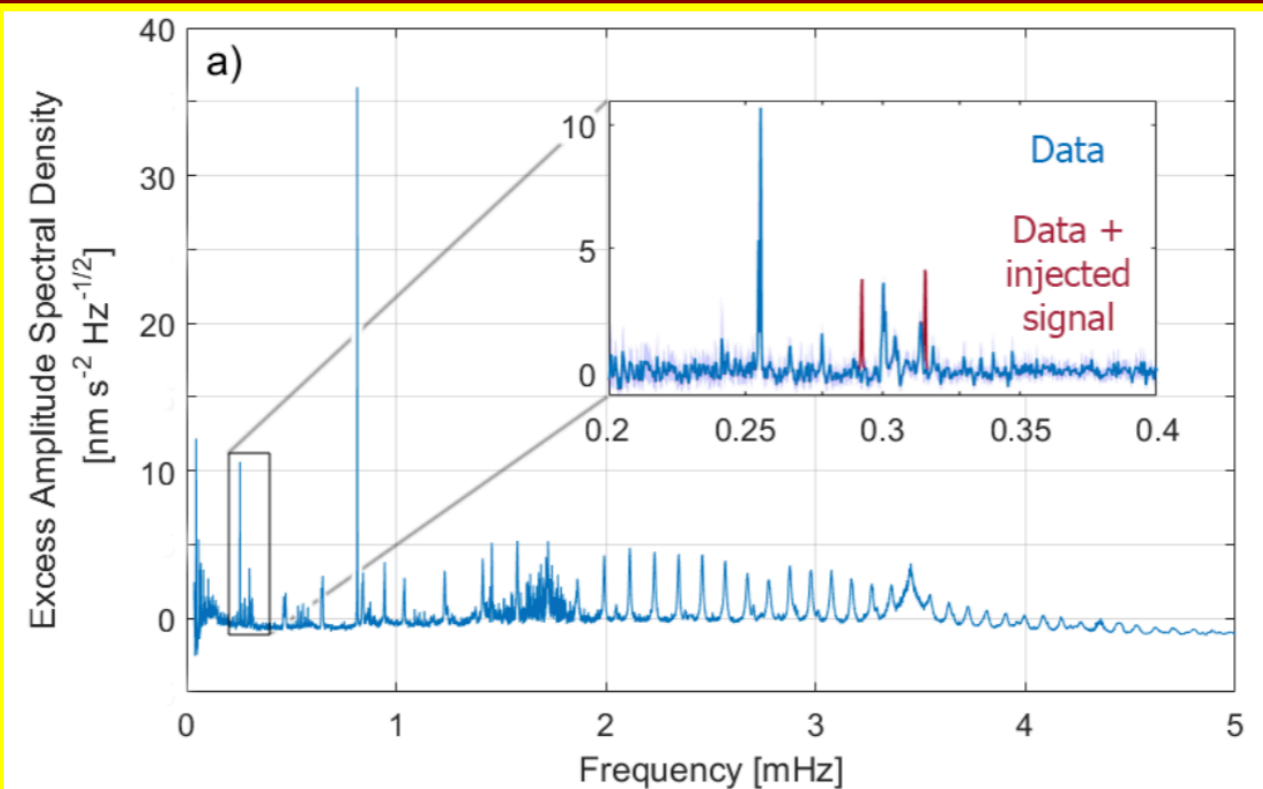


Figure 4: (a) The amplitude spectral density of the IGETS level 3 data sets, with baseline removal performed after the averaging. The large spike around $800 \mu\text{Hz}$ is due to the ${}_0S_0$ “breathing” mode of Earth [22, 2, 23]. The inset (b) shows details around $303 \mu\text{Hz}$, where the signal from a HIO orbiting near the center of the Earth would lie. The dark red line corresponds to the data with the minimum-detectable signal ($m = 10^{14}$ kg) injected into it.

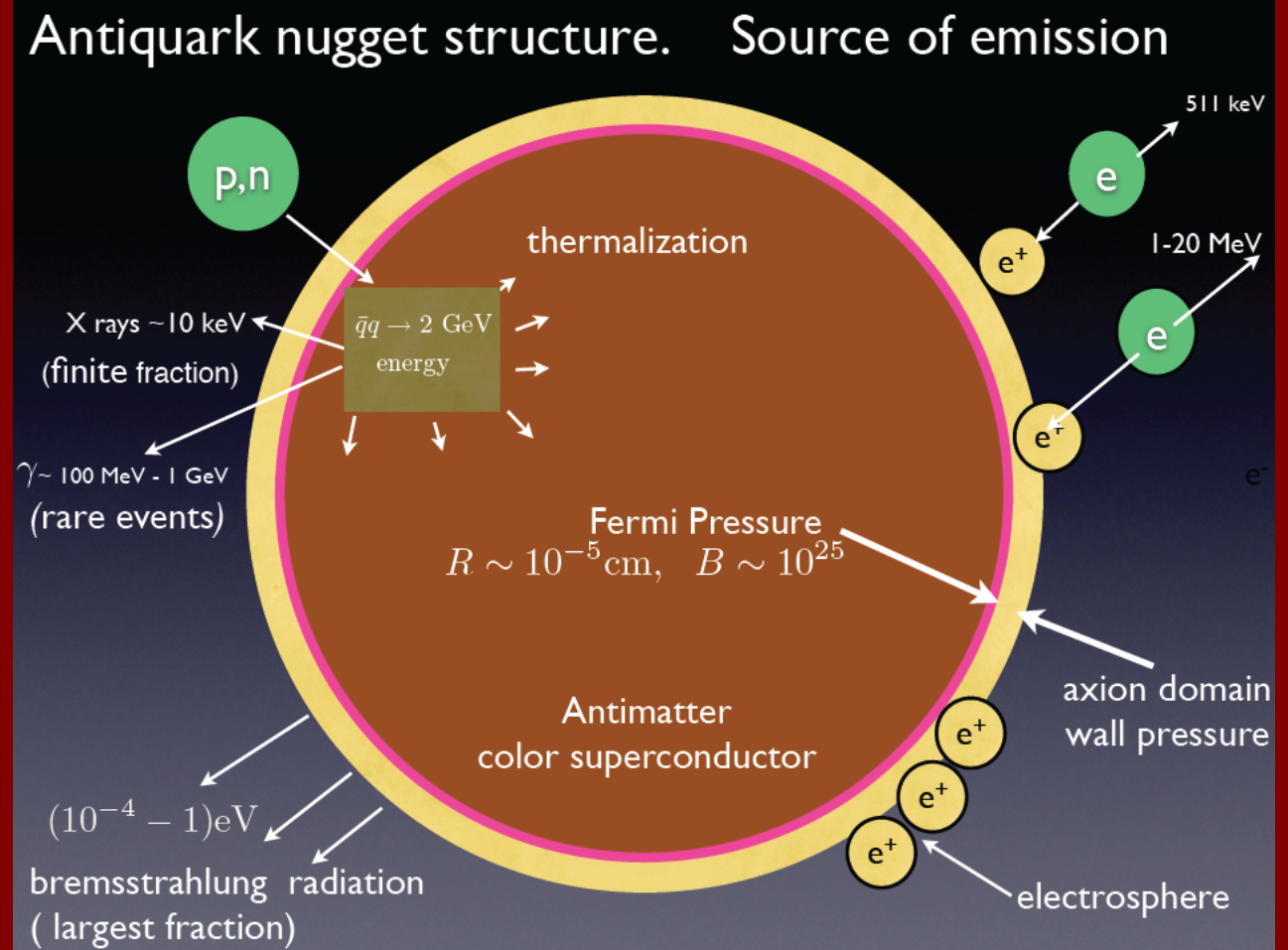
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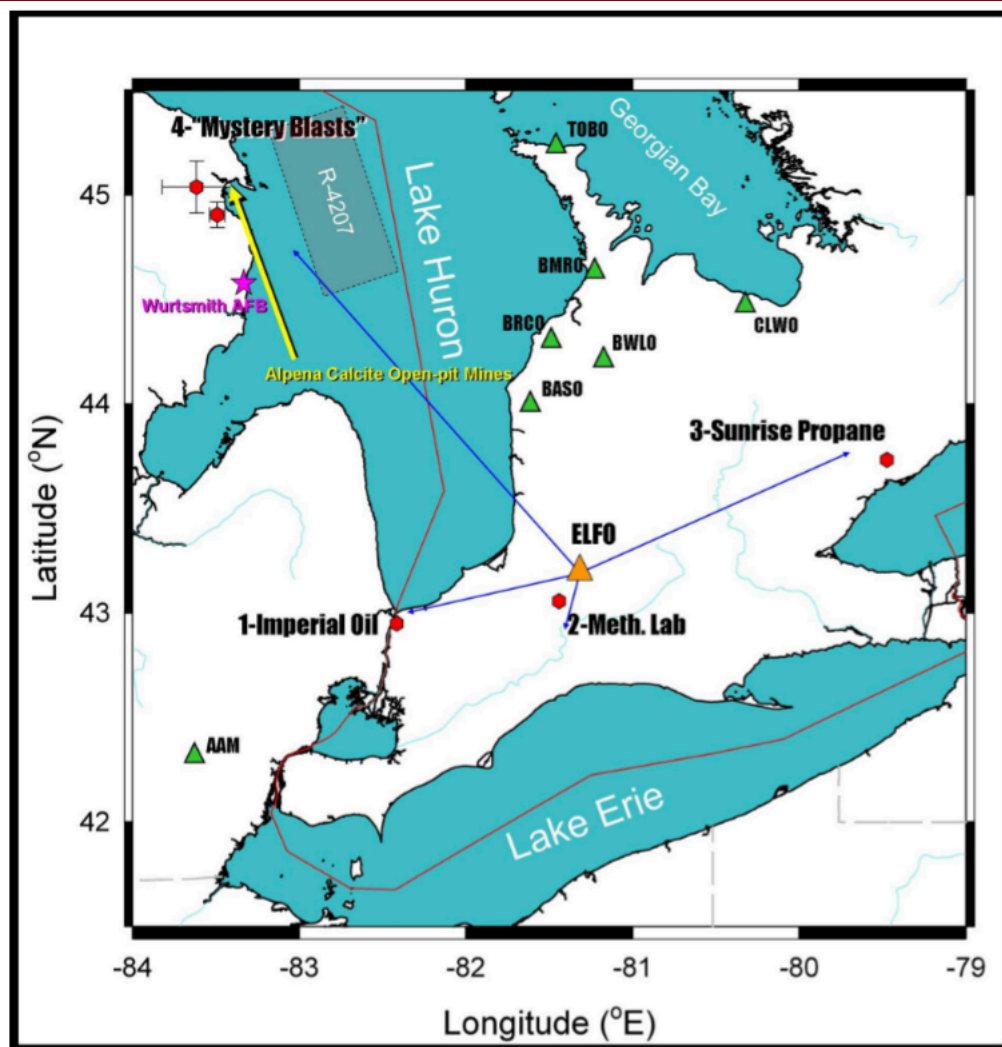


FIG. 1. Location of ELFO and seismic stations in the area, adopted from [4]. One degree along the latitude corresponds to 112 km. i.e. $1^\circ \approx 112$ km, while along the longitude $1^\circ \approx 82$ km. It explains our benchmark 300 km in eqs. (29) and (30) which covers the relevant area shown on the map.

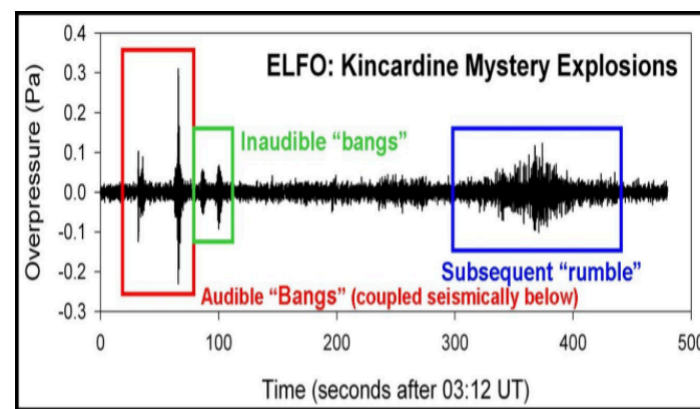


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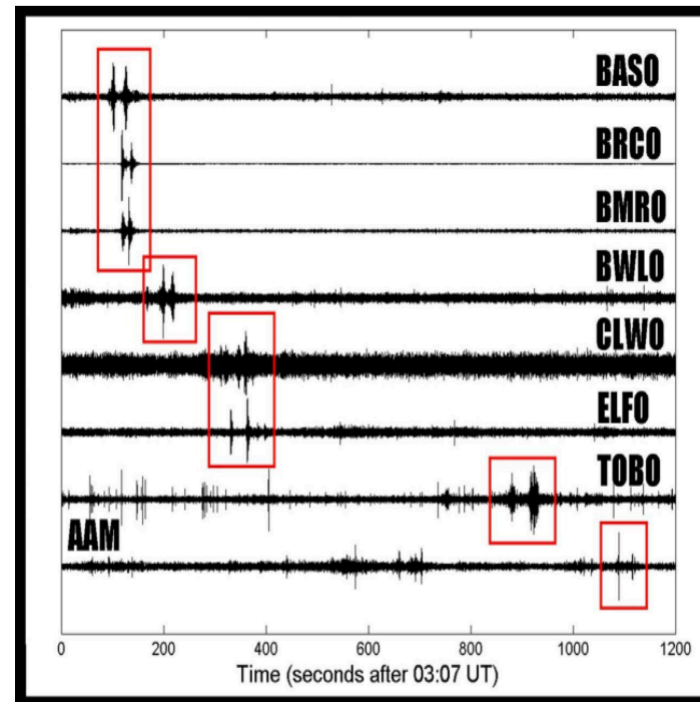


Figure 4b

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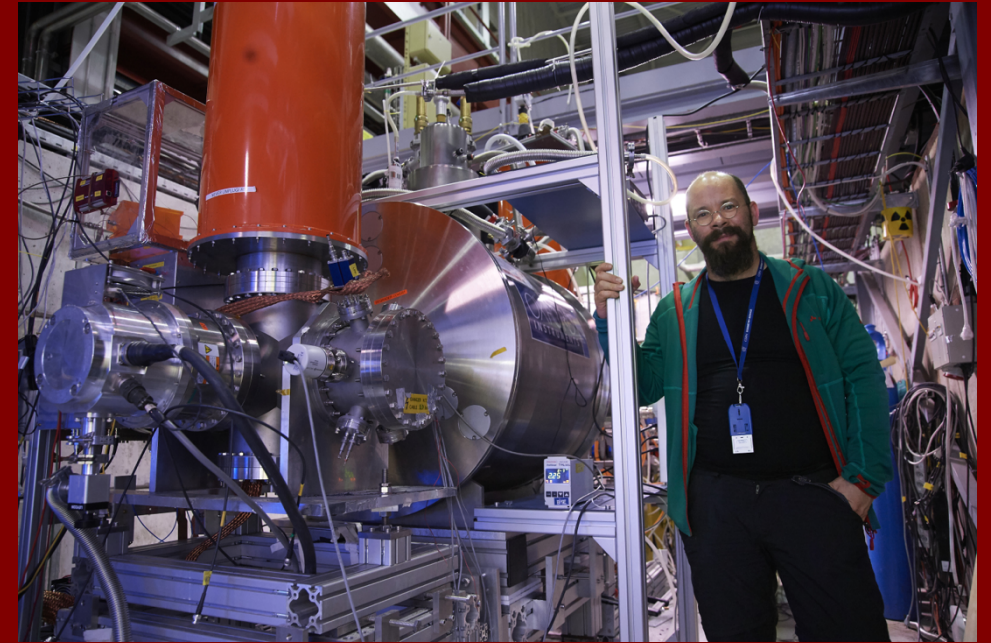
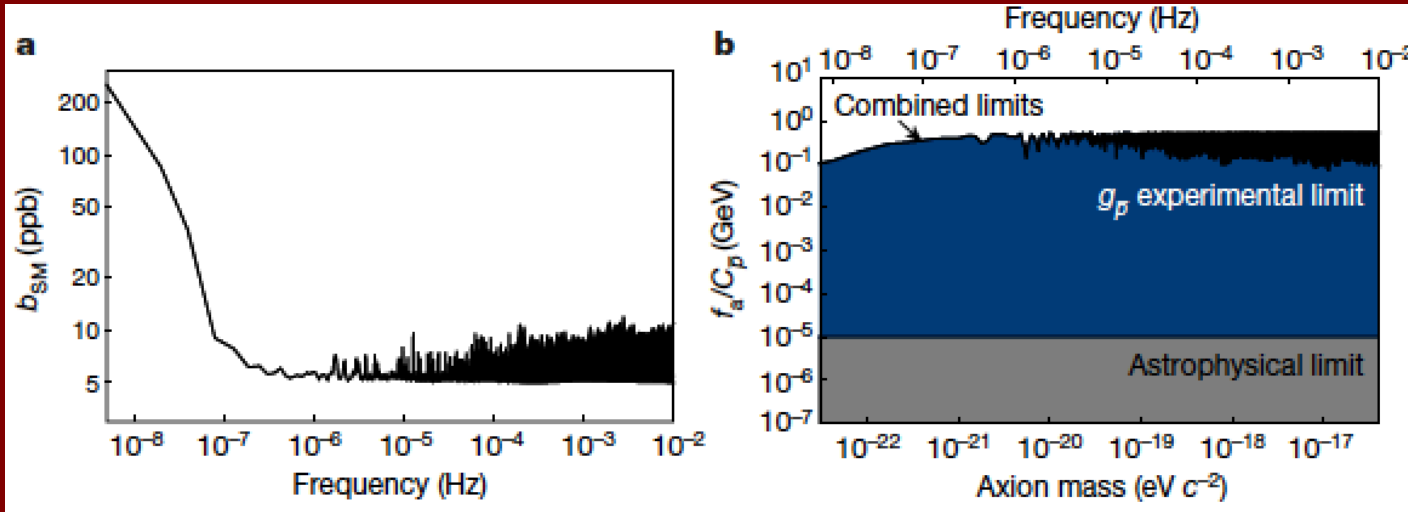
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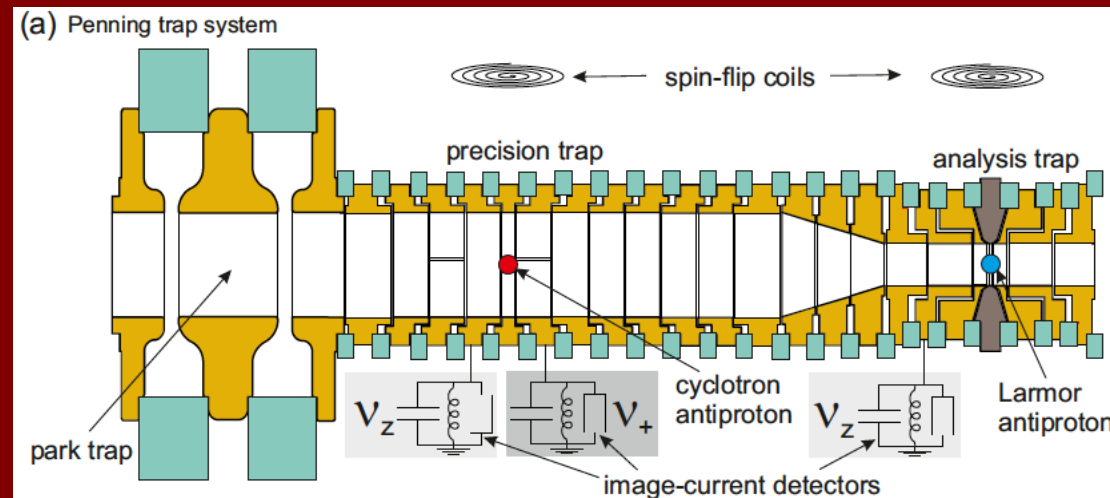
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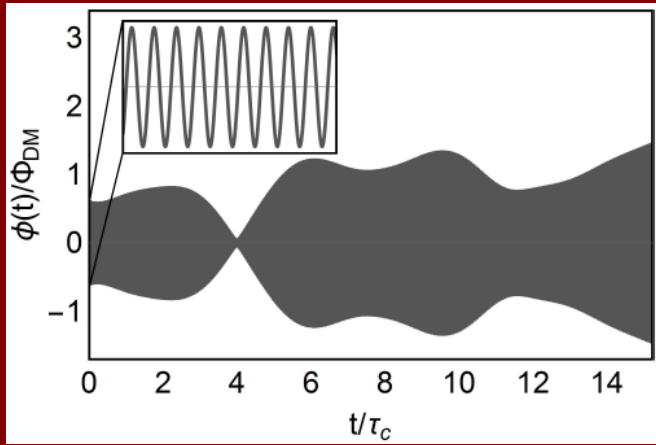
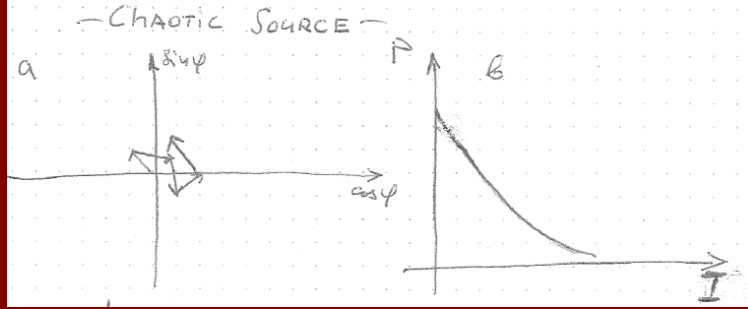
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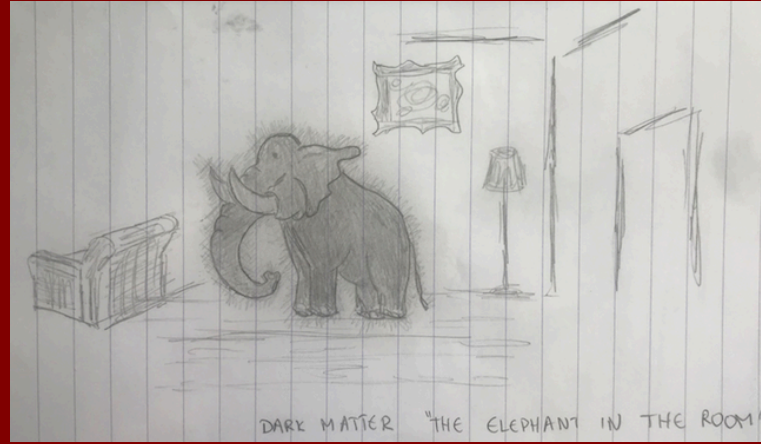
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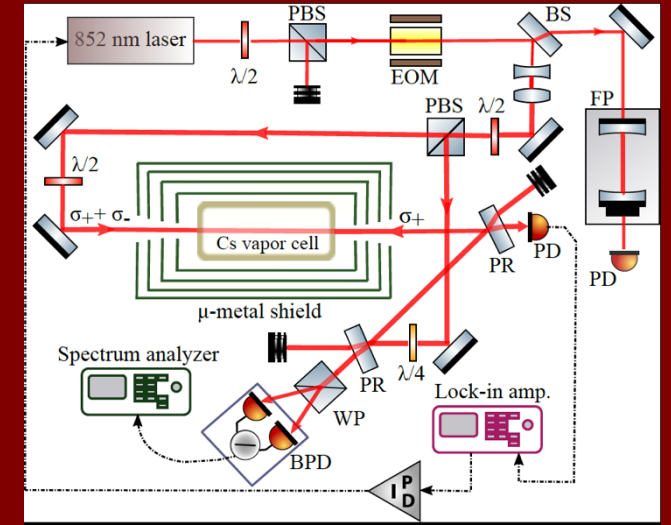


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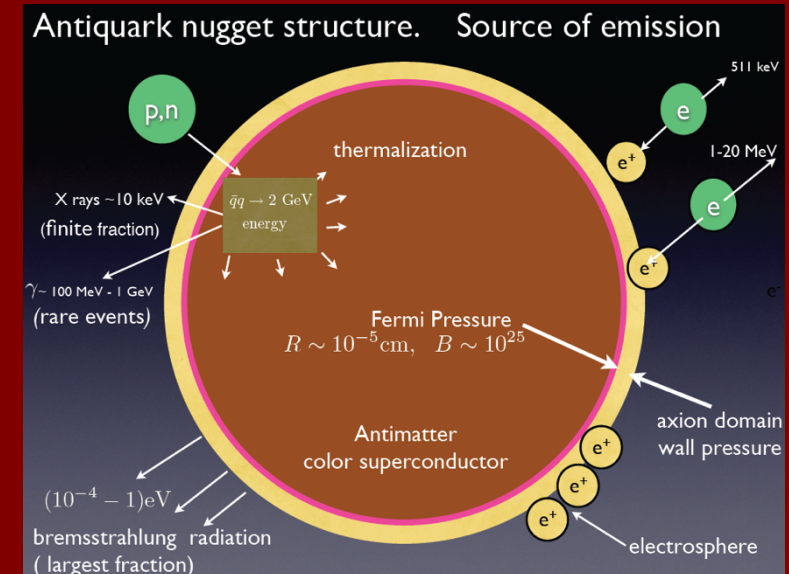
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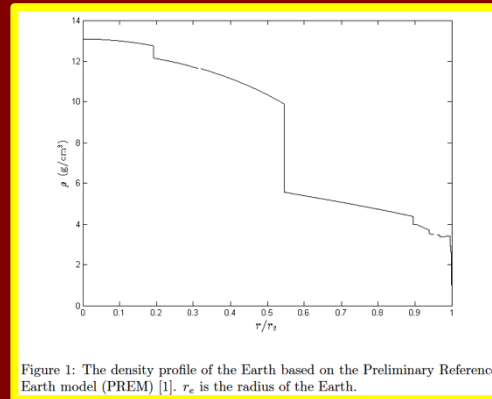
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