Novel Approaches to Dark Matter Detection with Atomic, Molecular and Optical Experiments

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

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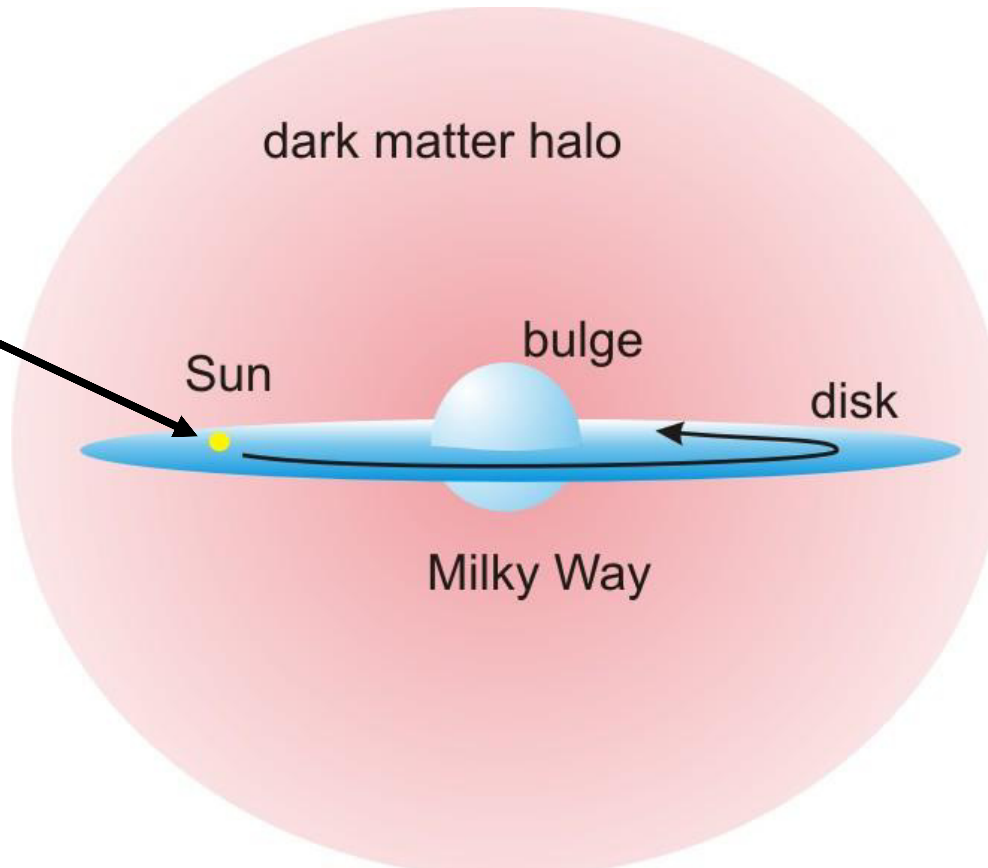

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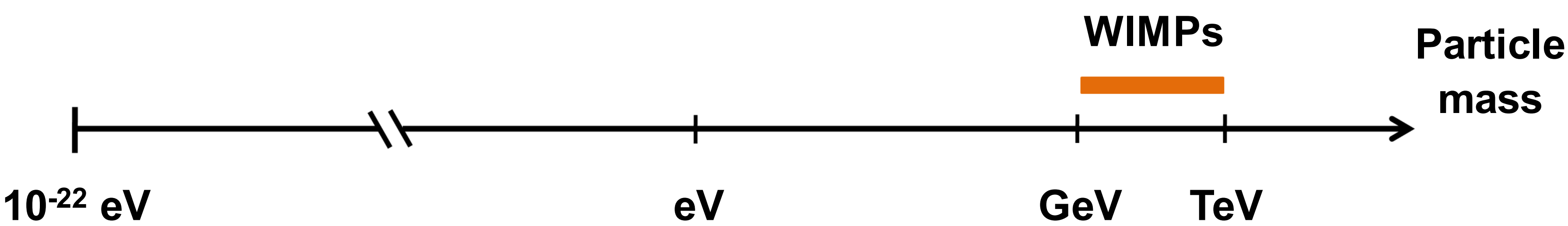

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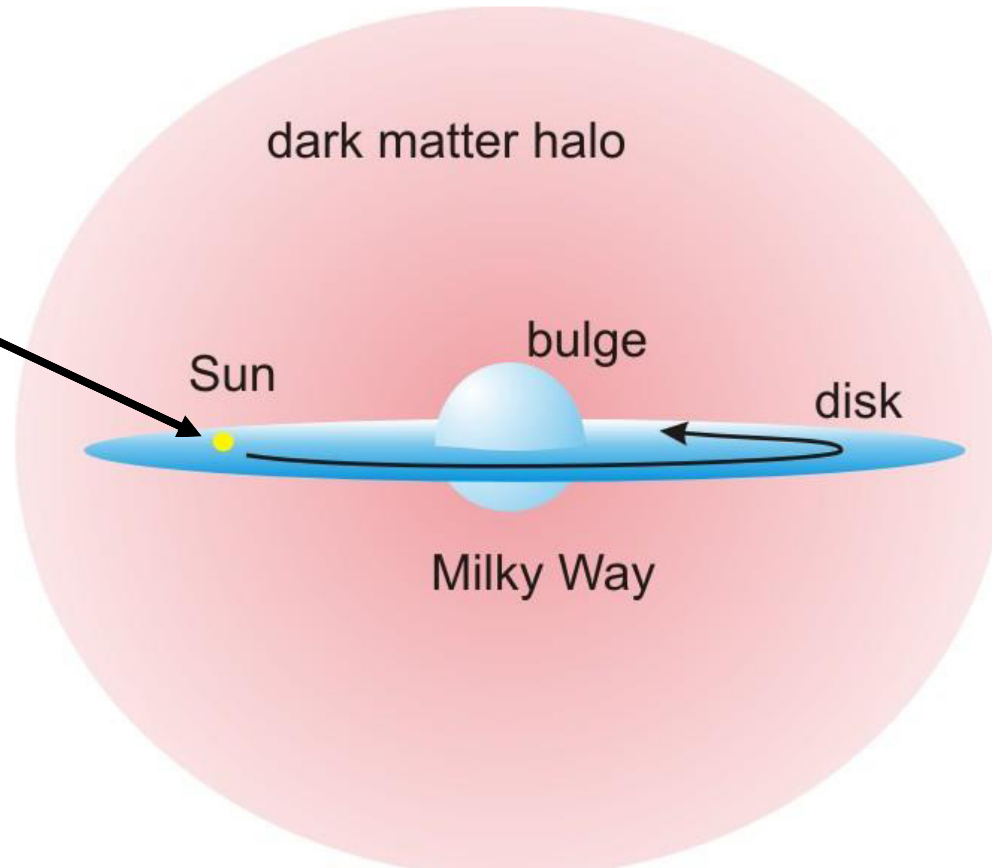

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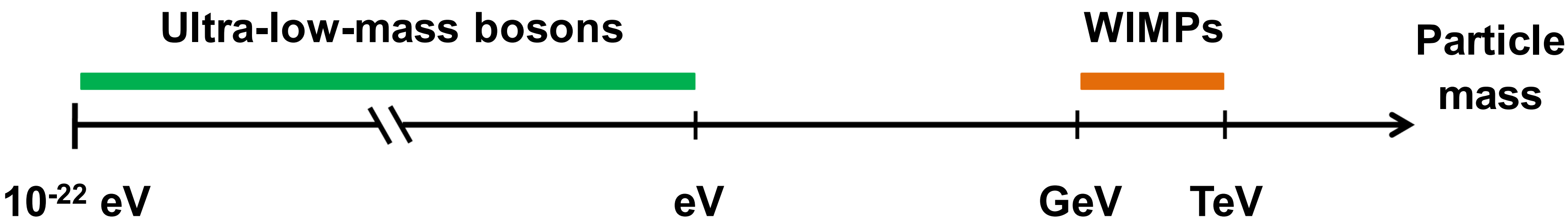

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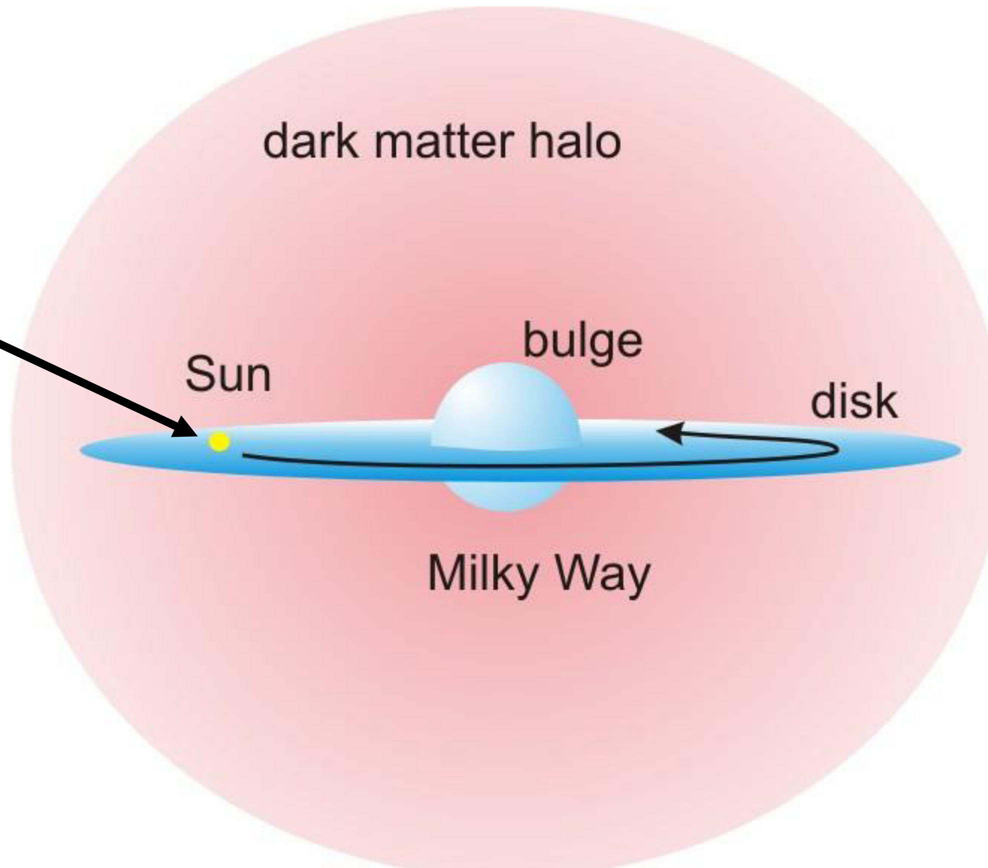

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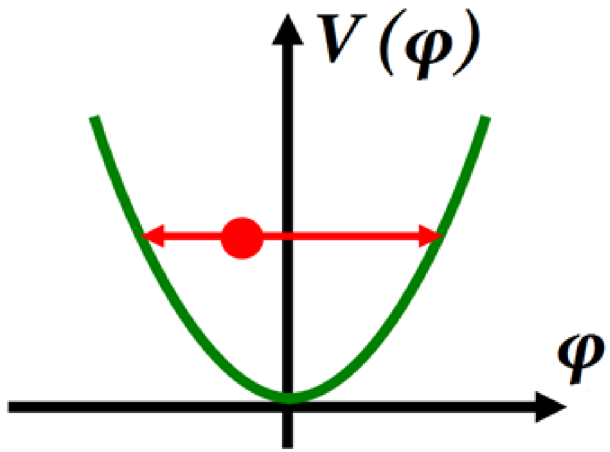

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- *Wave-like* signatures [cf. *particle-like* signatures of WIMP DM]

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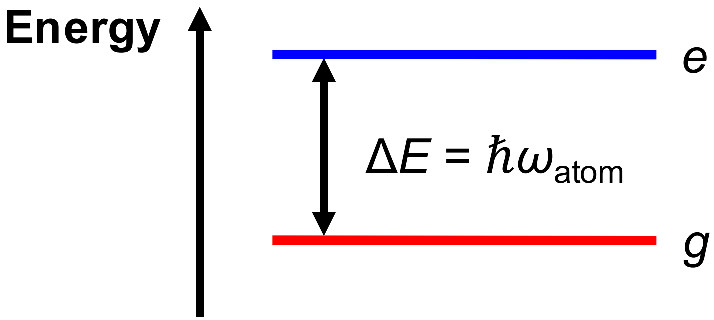

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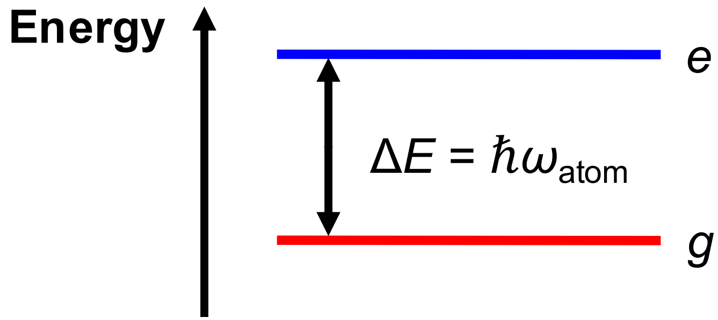

$$\frac{\delta\left(\omega_1/\omega_2\right)}{\omega_1/\omega_2} \propto \sum_{X=\alpha, m_e/m_p, \ldots} \left(K_{X,1} - K_{X,2}\right)\cos\left(\omega_\phi t\right)$$

Sensitivity coefficients *

$\omega_\varphi = m_\varphi$ (linear-in-φ coupling) or $\omega_\varphi = 2m_\varphi$ (quadratic-in-φ coupling)

* Sensitivity coefficients K_X calculated extensively by Flambaum group, see the reviews [Flambaum, Dzuba, *Can. J. Phys.* **87**, 25 (2009); *Hyperfine Interac.* **236**, 79 (2015)]

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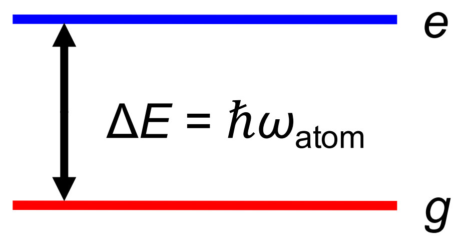

$\hbar\omega_{\mathrm{atom}} \sim e^2/a_{\mathrm{B}}$

$$\Phi = \frac{\omega_{\mathrm{atom}} L_{\mathrm{free}}}{c} \propto \left(\frac{e^2}{a_{\mathrm{B}}\hbar}\right)\left(\frac{N a_{\mathrm{B}}}{c}\right) = N\alpha$$

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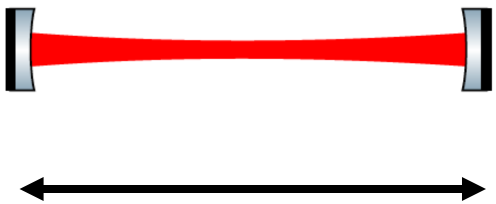

$L_{\mathrm{fixed}} \approx$ const.

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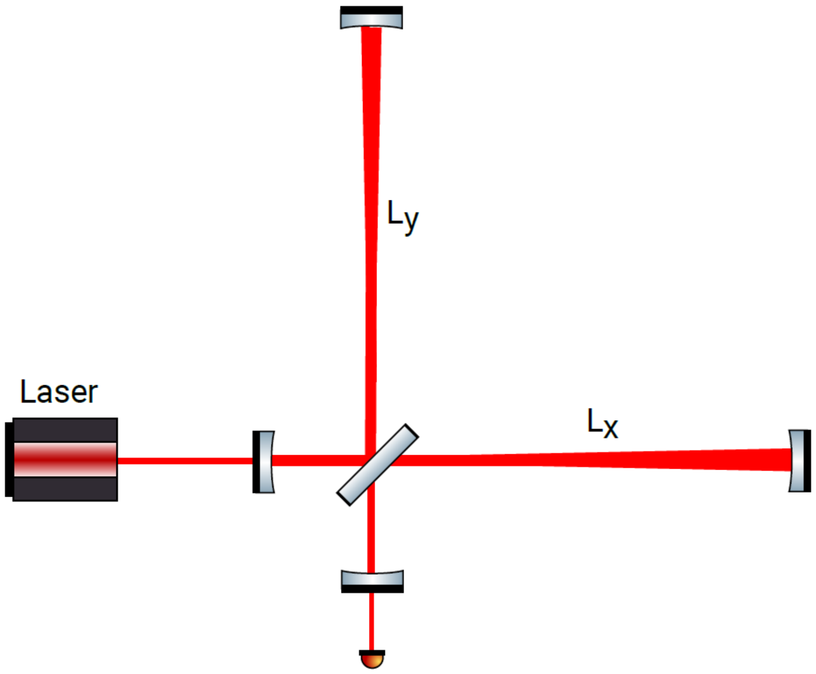

Michelson interferometer (GEO 600)

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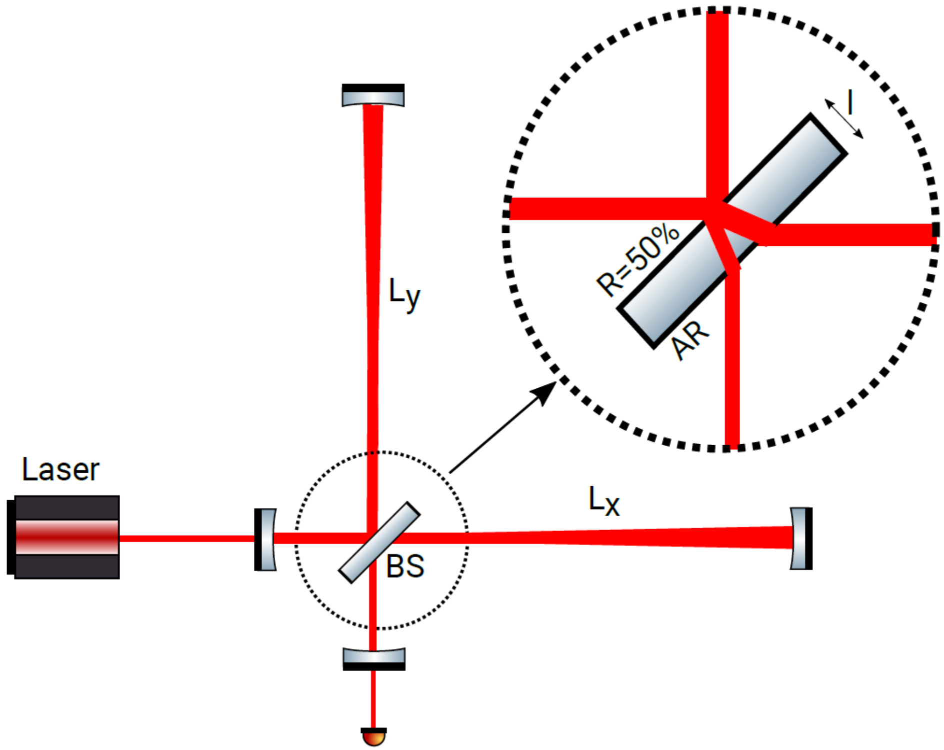

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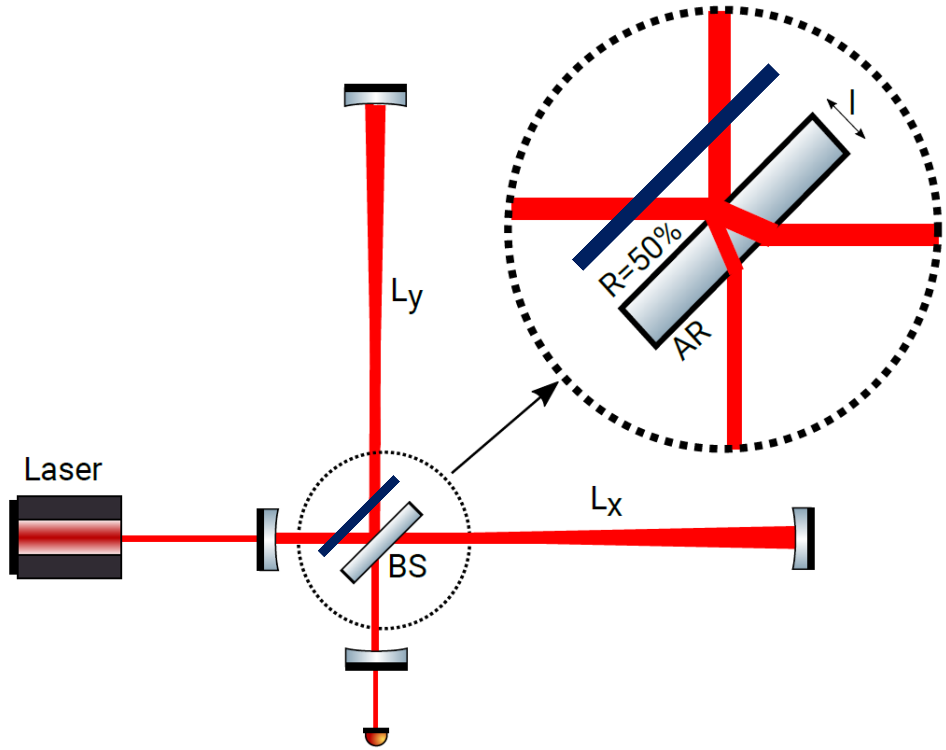

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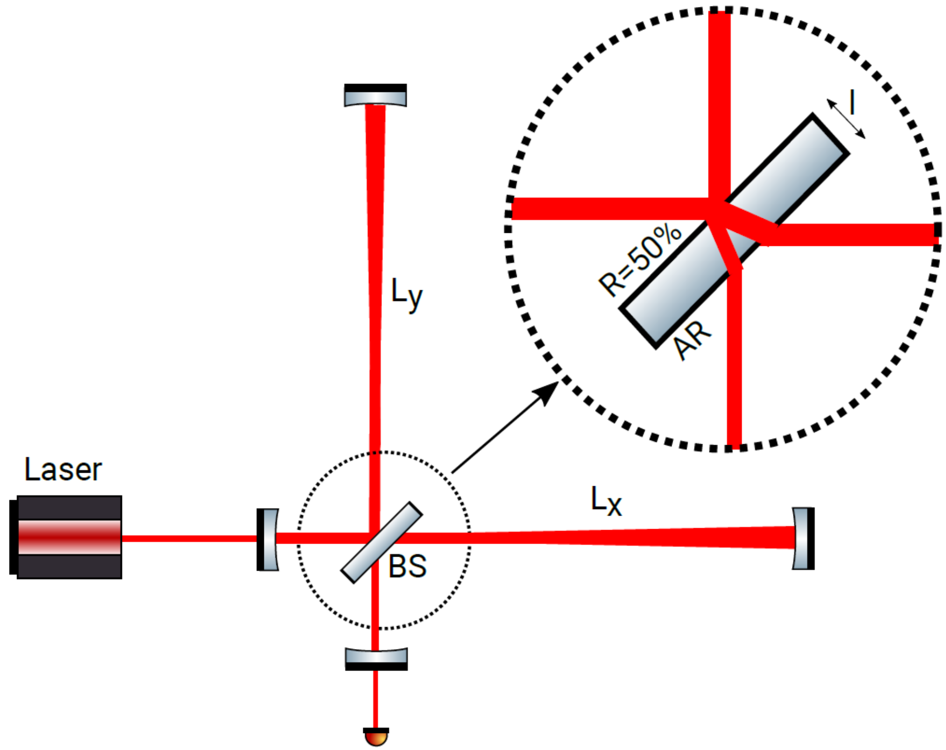

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Experiments

Clock/clock comparisons: 10^{-23} eV < m_φ < 10^{-16} eV

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- **Rb/Cs (SYRTE):** [Hees *et al.*, *PRL* **117**, 061301 (2016)], [Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRA* **94**, 022111 (2016)]
- **Rb/Cs (GPS network)*:** [Roberts *et al.*, *Nature Commun.* **8**, 1195 (2017)]
- **Yb^+(E3)/Sr (PTB):** [Huntemann, Peik *et al.*, In preparation]
- **Al^+/Yb, Yb/Sr, Al^+/Hg^+ (NIST + JILA):** [Hume, Leibrandt *et al.*, In preparation]

Clock/cavity comparisons: 10^{-20} eV < m_φ < 10^{-15} eV

- **Sr/ULE cavity (Torun)*:** [Wcislo *et al.*, *Nature Astronomy* **1**, 0009 (2016)]
- **Sr/Si cavity (JILA):** [Robinson, Ye *et al.*, *Bulletin APS*, H06.00005 (2018)]
- **Various (global network):** [Wcislo *et al.*, *Sci. Adv.* **4**, eaau4869 (2018)]
- **Sr^+/ULE cavity (Weizmann):** [Aharony *et al.*, arXiv:1902.02788]
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* Searches for domain wall dark matter.

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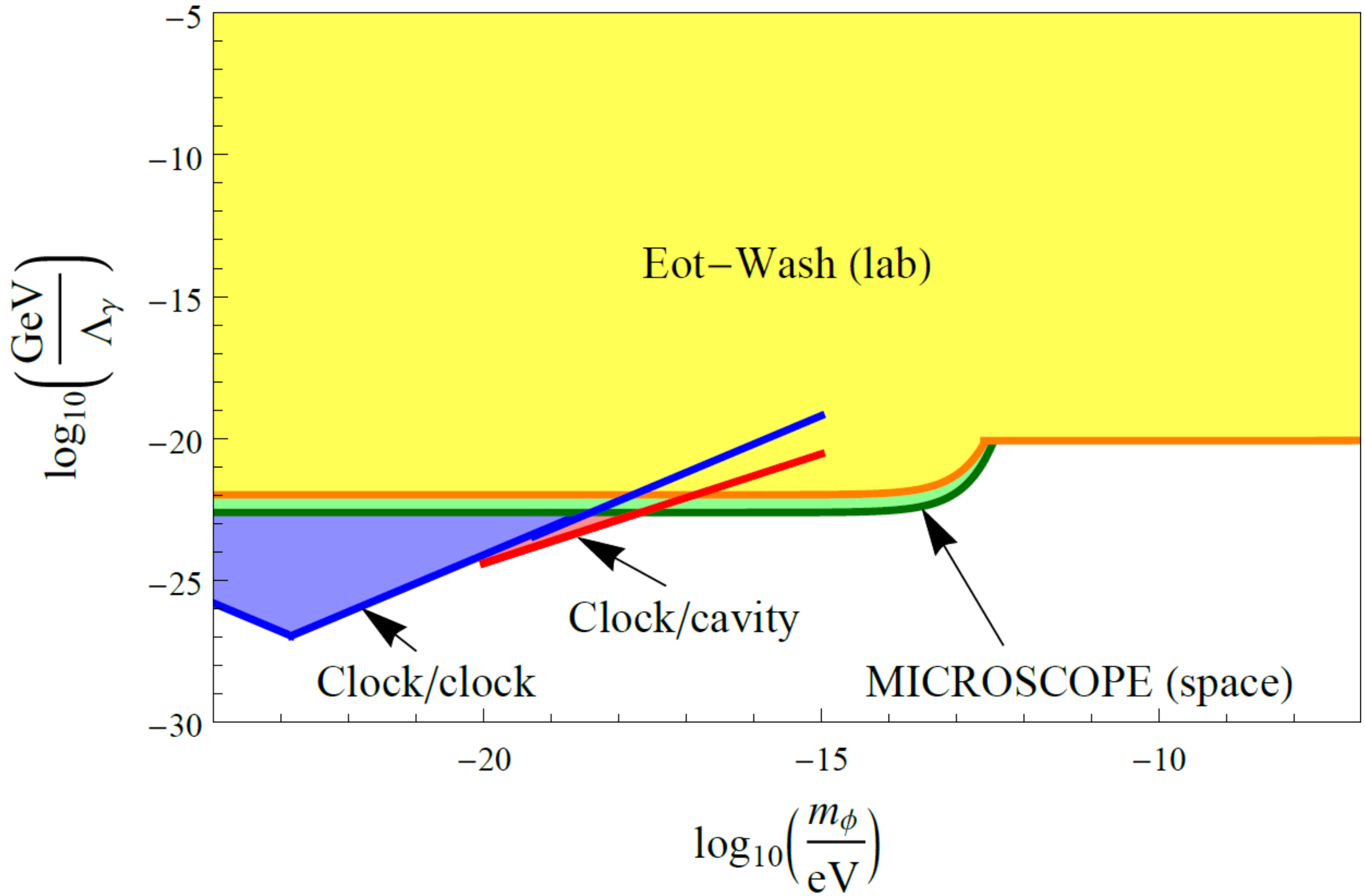

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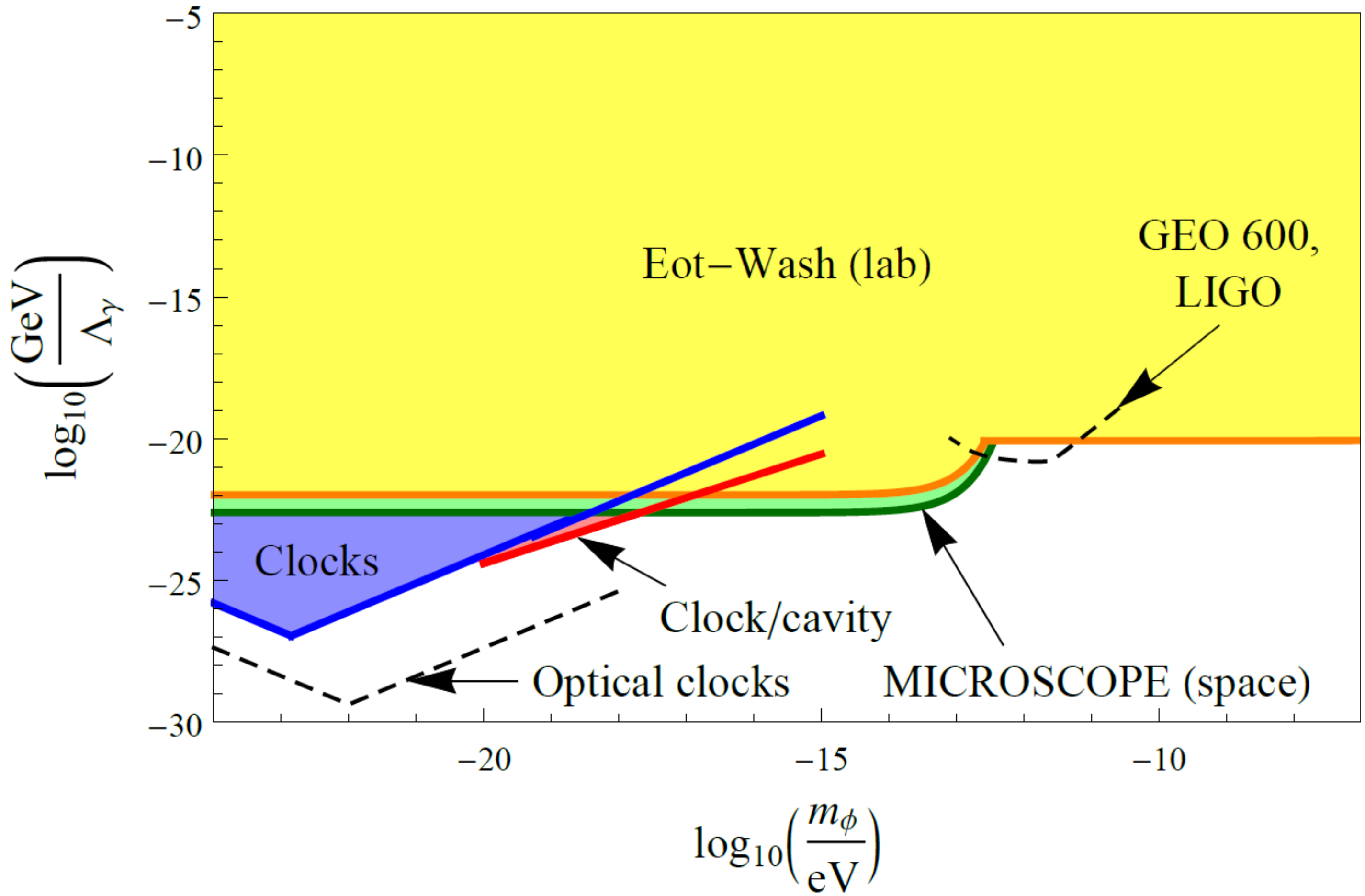

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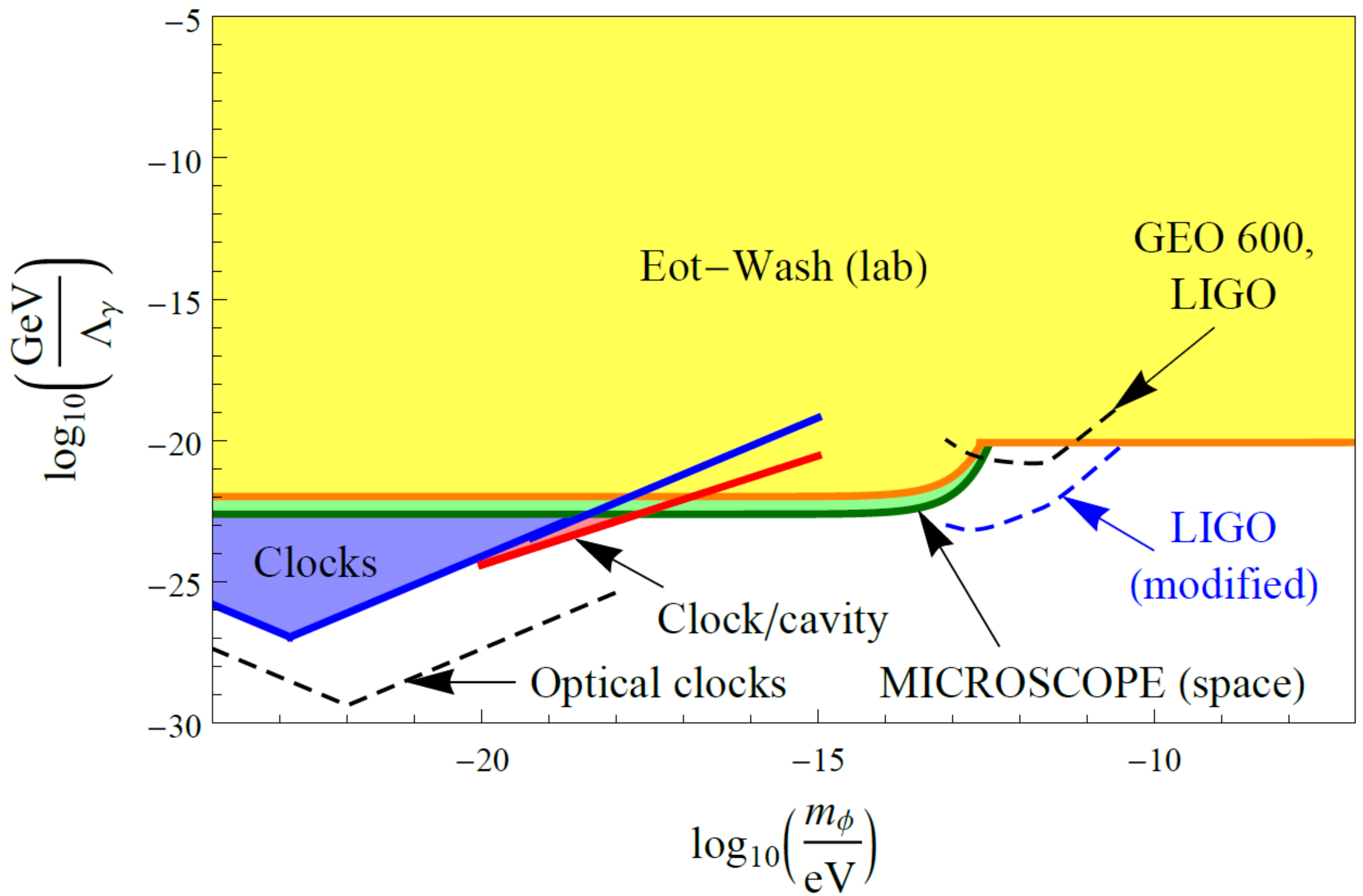

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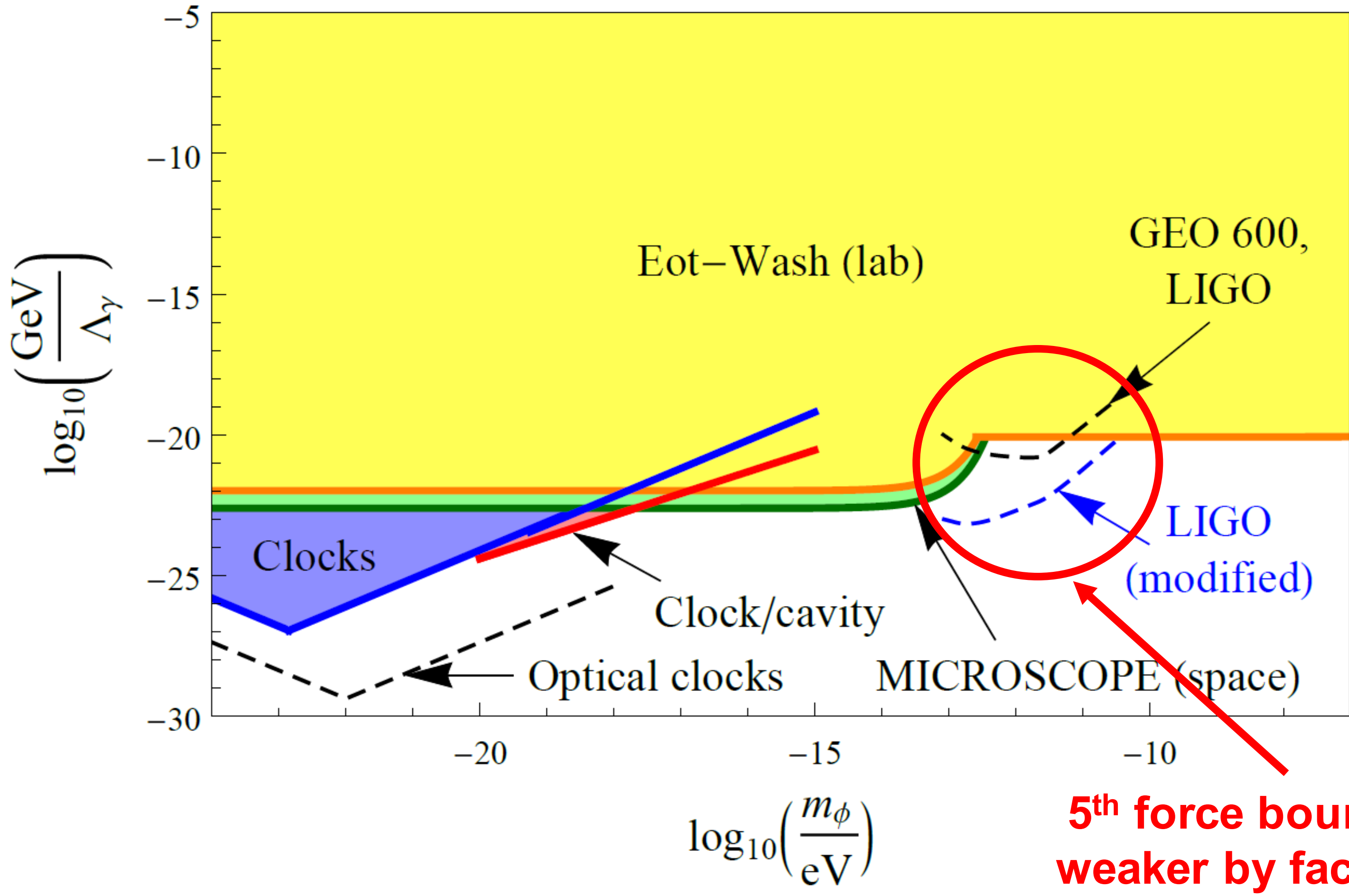
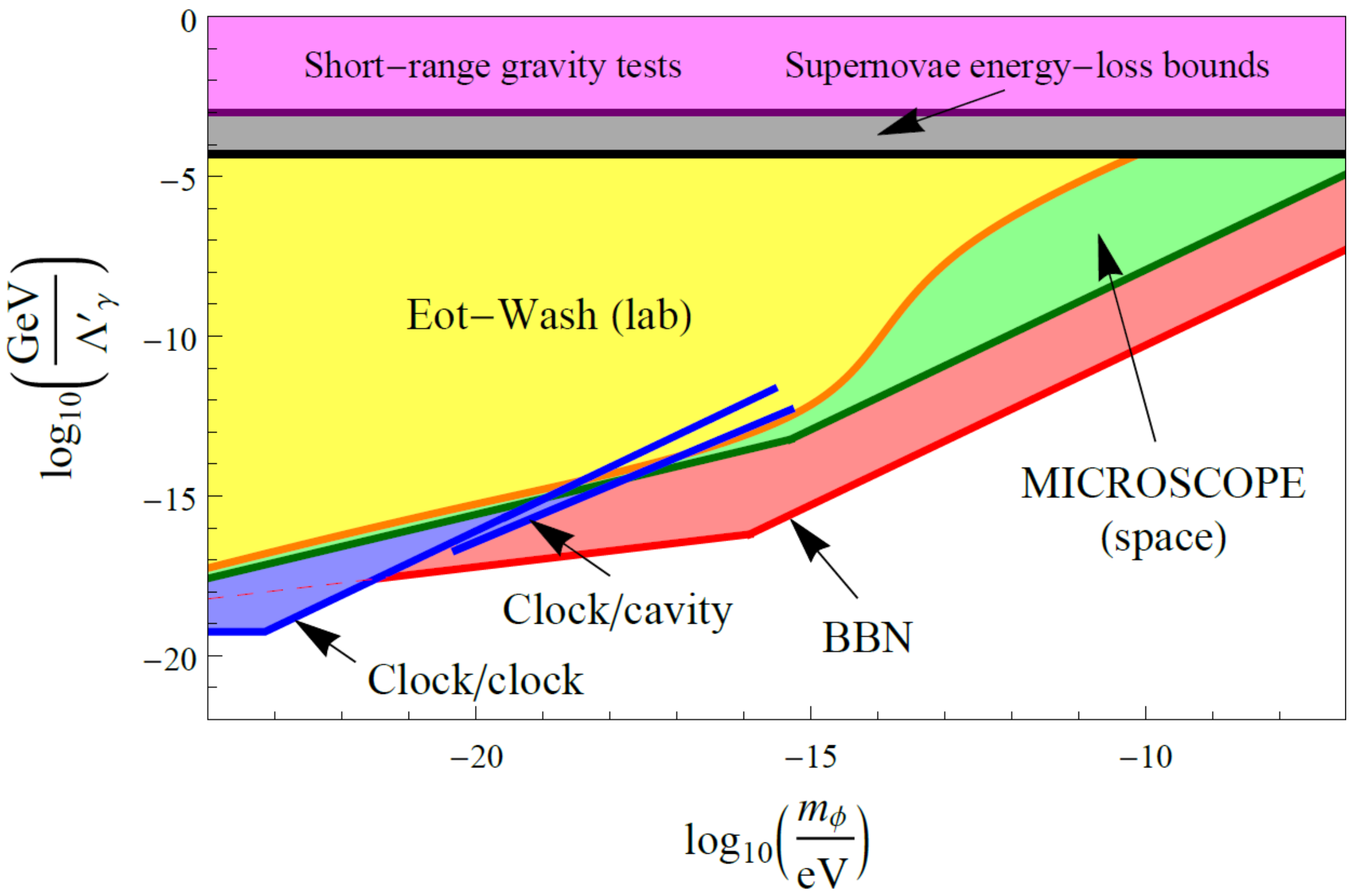


5th force bounds on Λ_e weaker by factor of ~30

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!



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Oscillating Electric Dipole Moments

Nucleons: [Graham, Rajendran, *PRD* **84**, 055013 (2011)]
Atoms and molecules: [Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRD* **89**, 043522 (2014)],
[Flambaum, Pospelov, Ritz, Stadnik, arXiv:1912.13129]

$$\mathcal{L}_g = \frac{C_G a_0\cos(m_a t)}{f_a}\frac{g^2}{32\pi^2}G\tilde{G}$$

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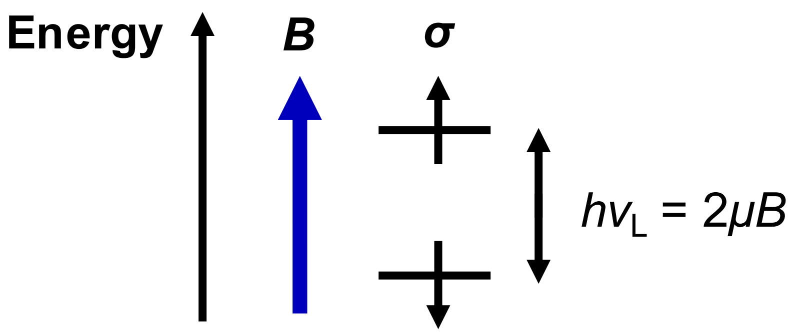
Experiment (n/Hg): [nEDM collaboration, *PRX* **7**, 041034 (2017)]



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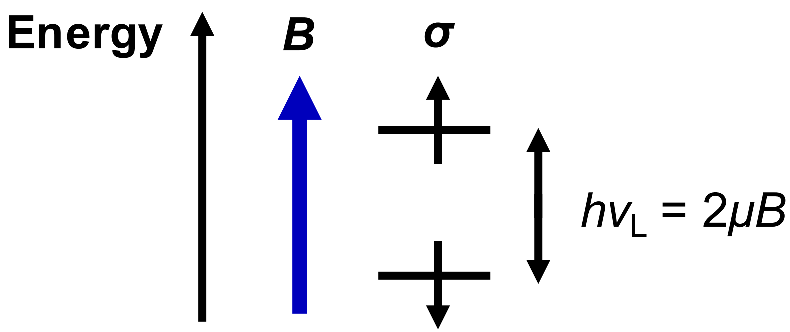

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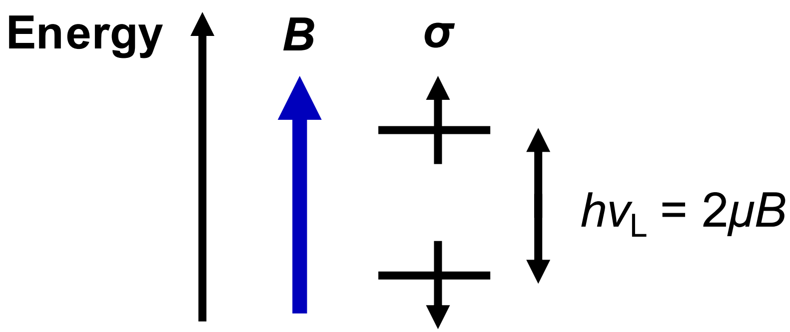

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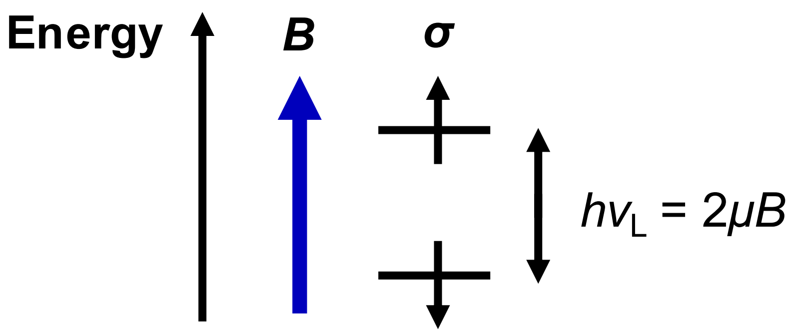

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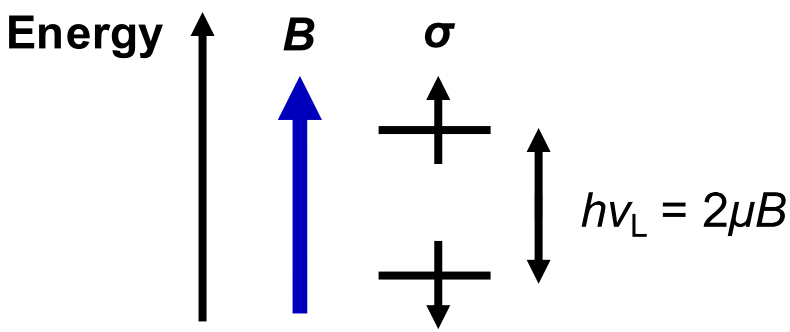

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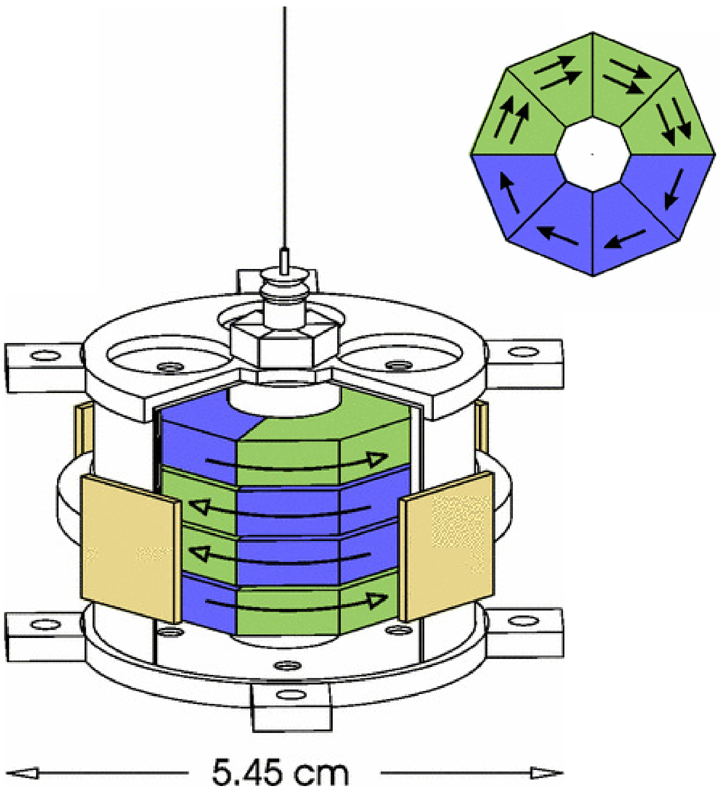

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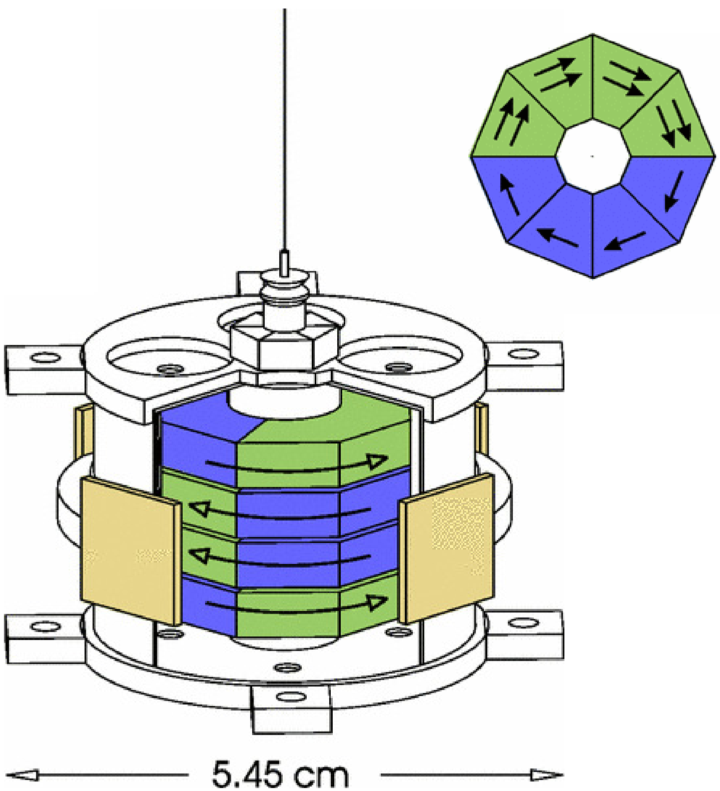

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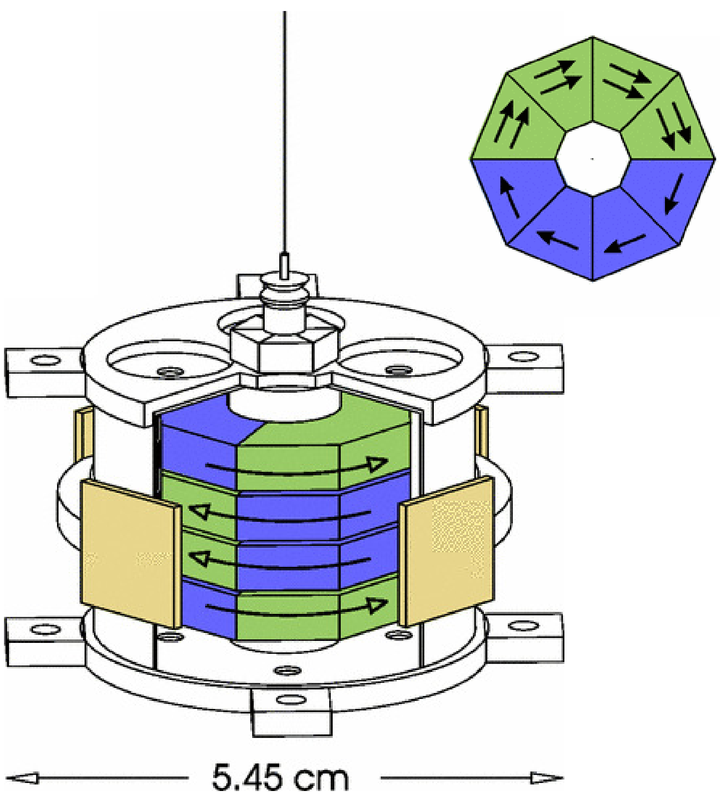

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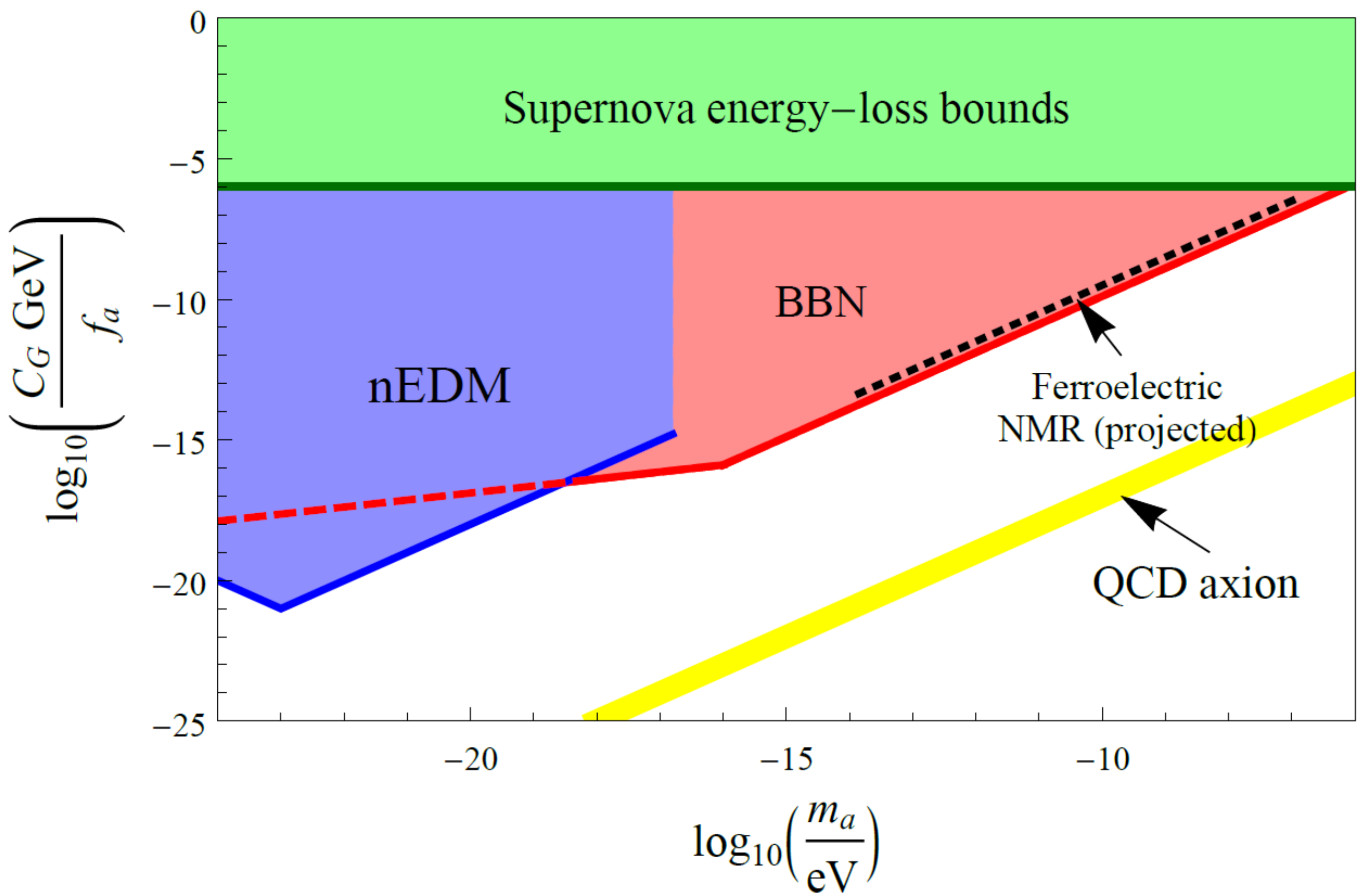
3 orders of magnitude improvement!



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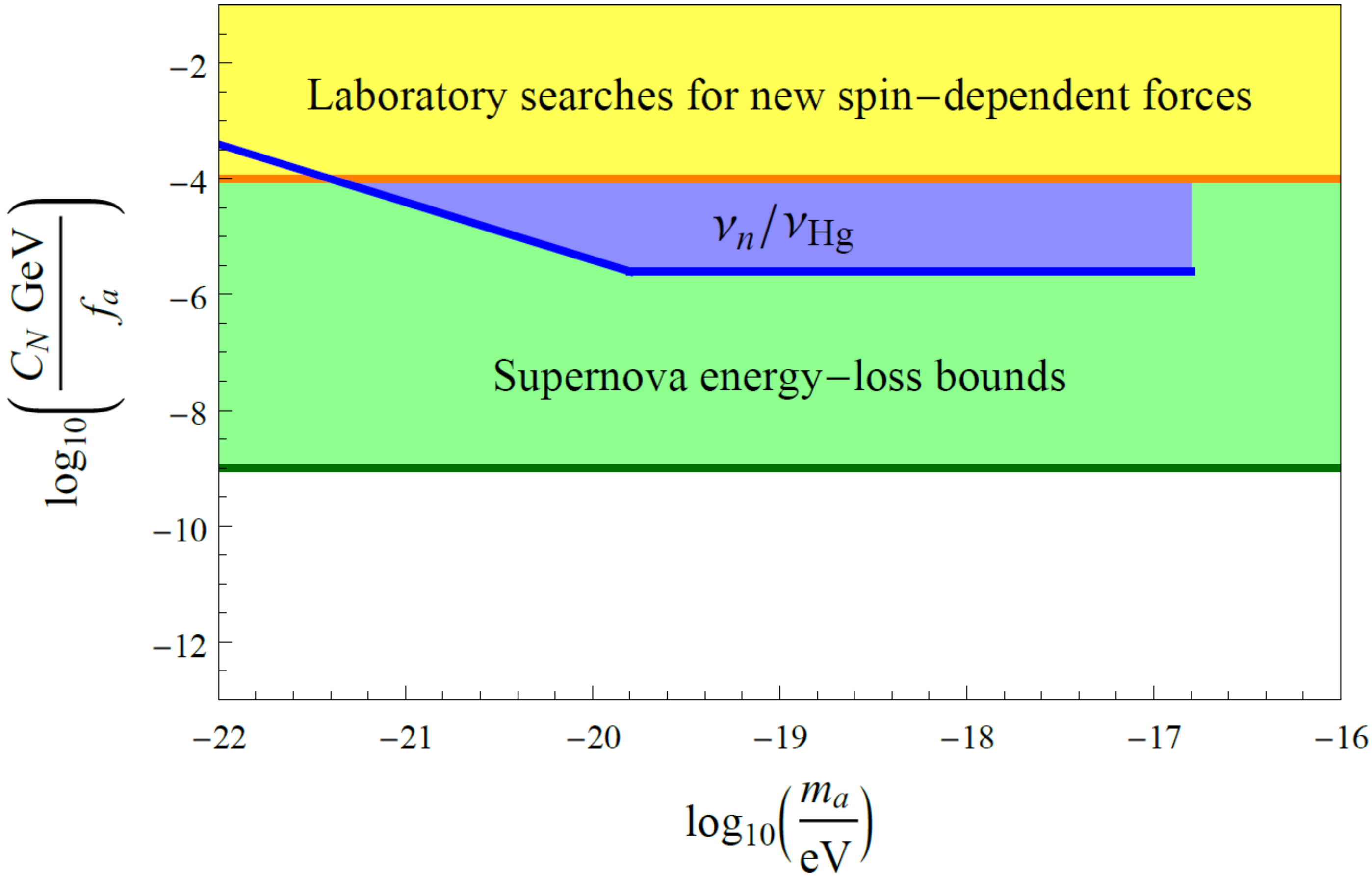

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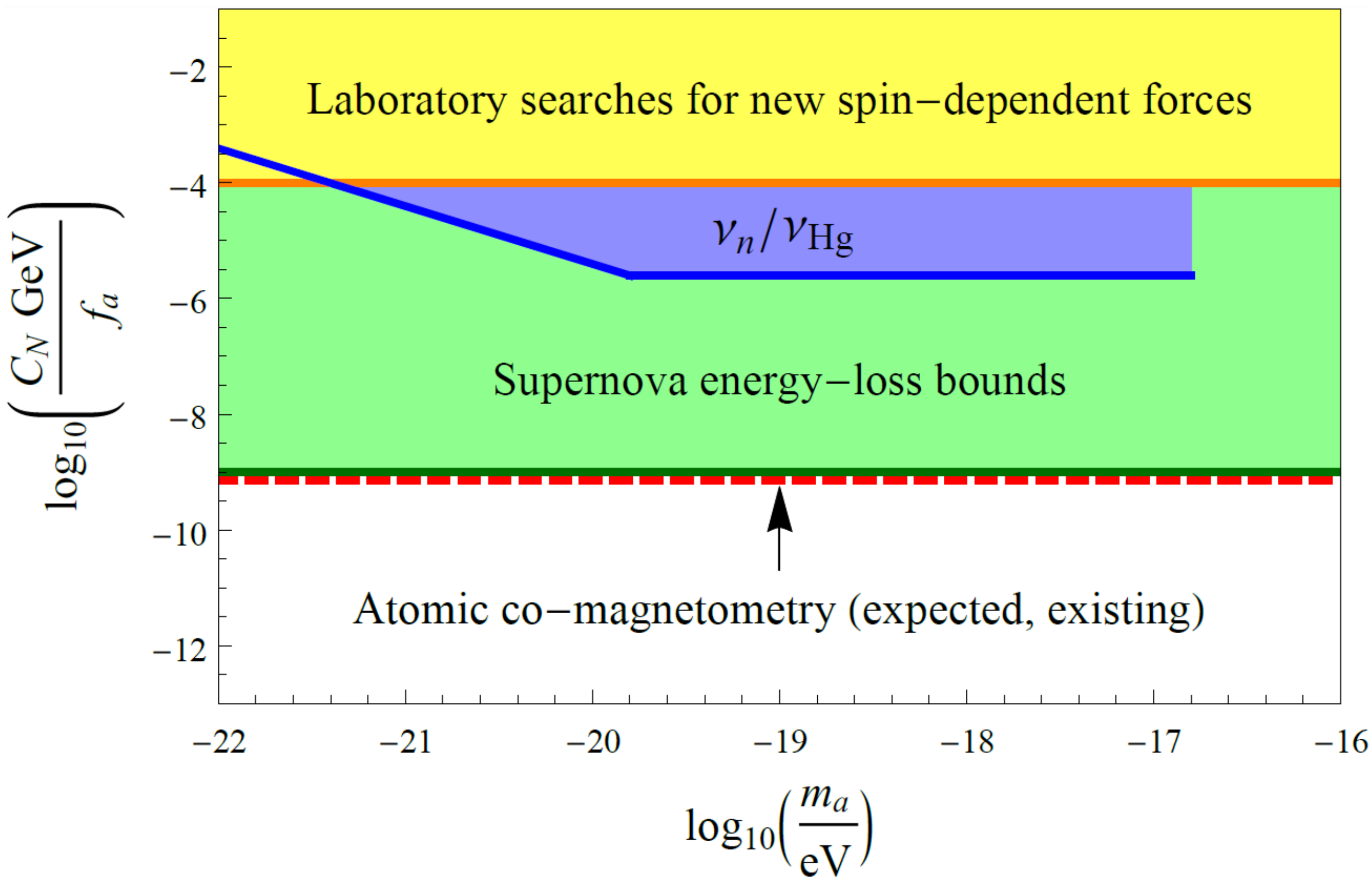

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Torsion pendulum constraints: [Terrano *et al.*, *PRL* **122**, 231301 (2019)]

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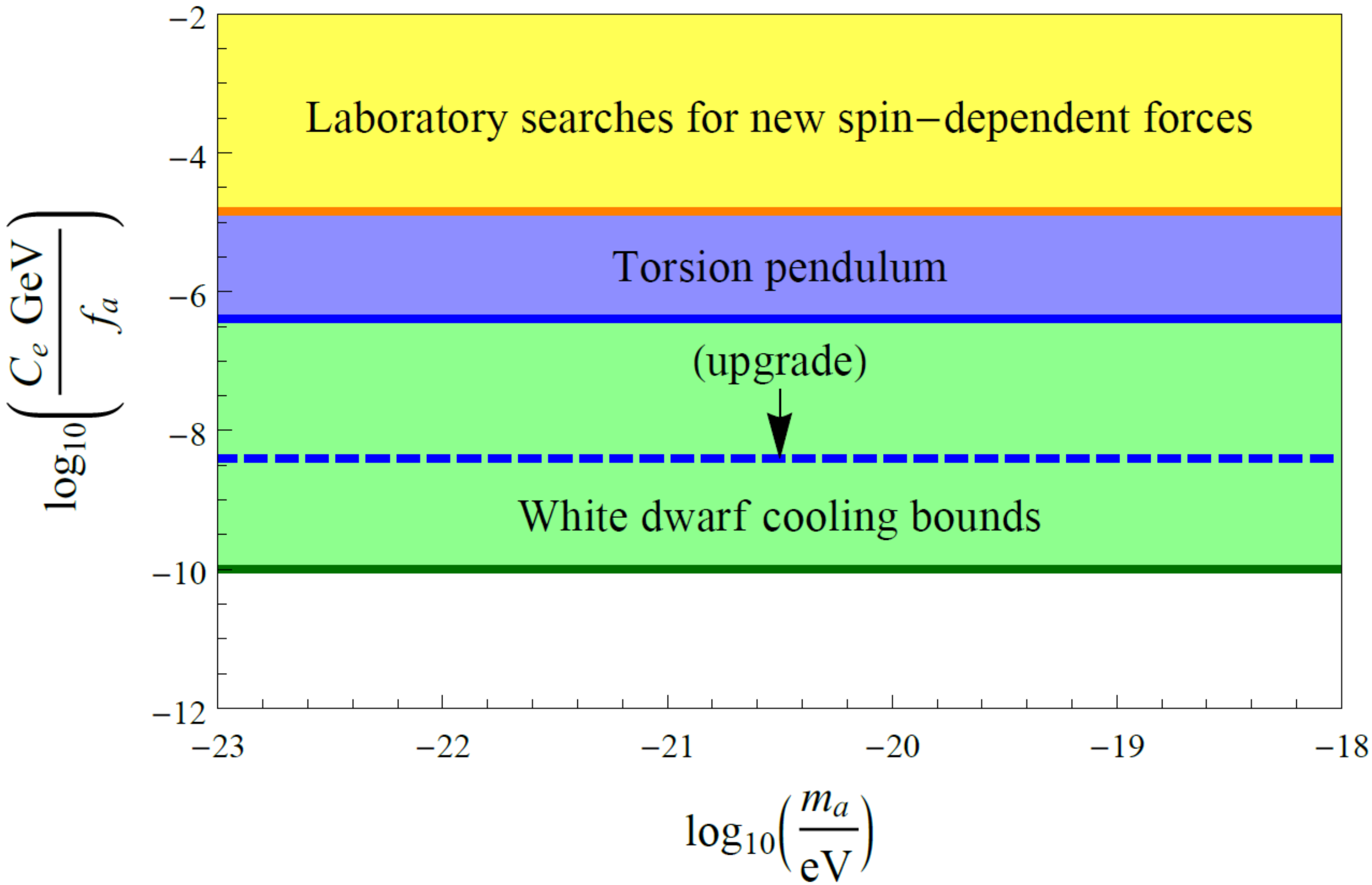

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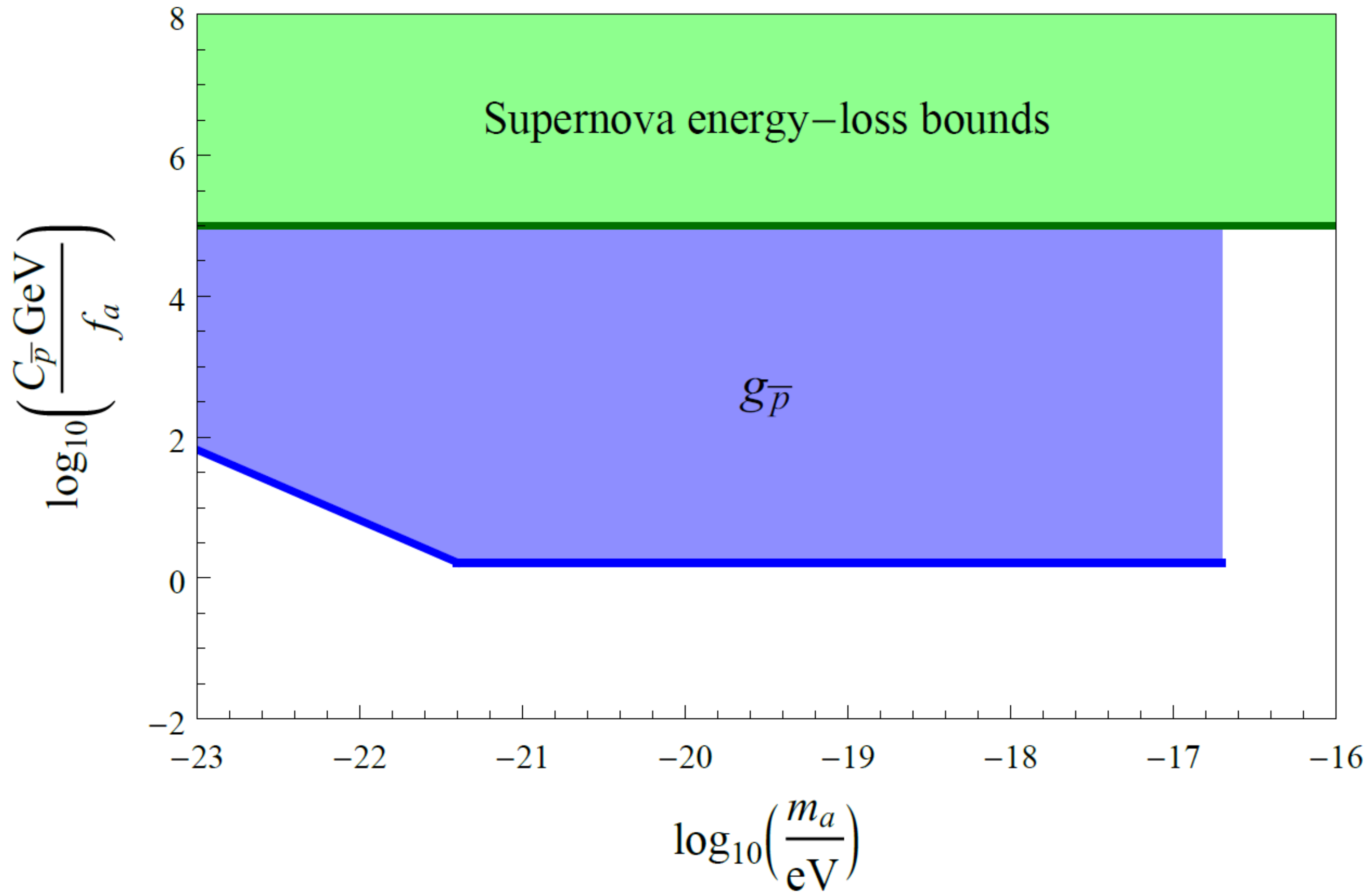

Summary

- New classes of dark-matter effects that are **first power** in the underlying interaction constant => Up to **15 orders of magnitude improvement** with precision, low-energy AMO experiments (often table-top):
    - Spectroscopy (clocks)
    - Cavities and interferometry
    - Magnetometry
    - Torsion pendula

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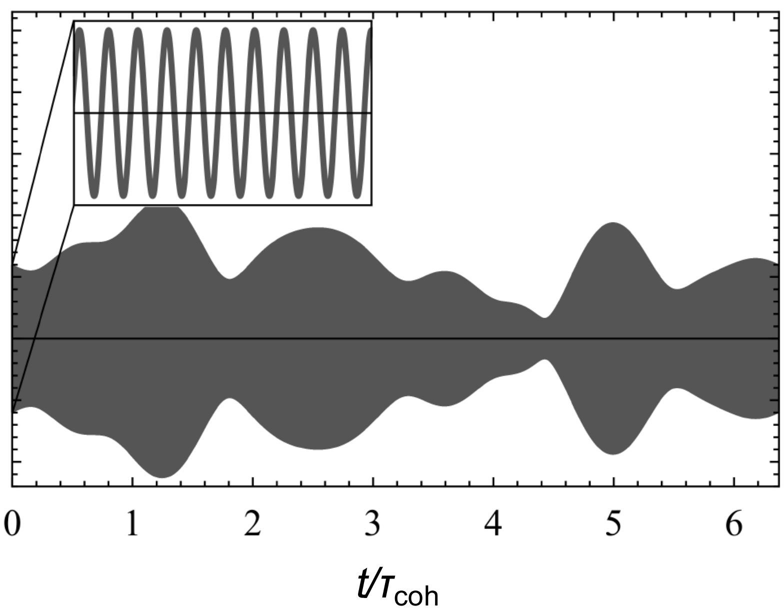
Back-Up Slides

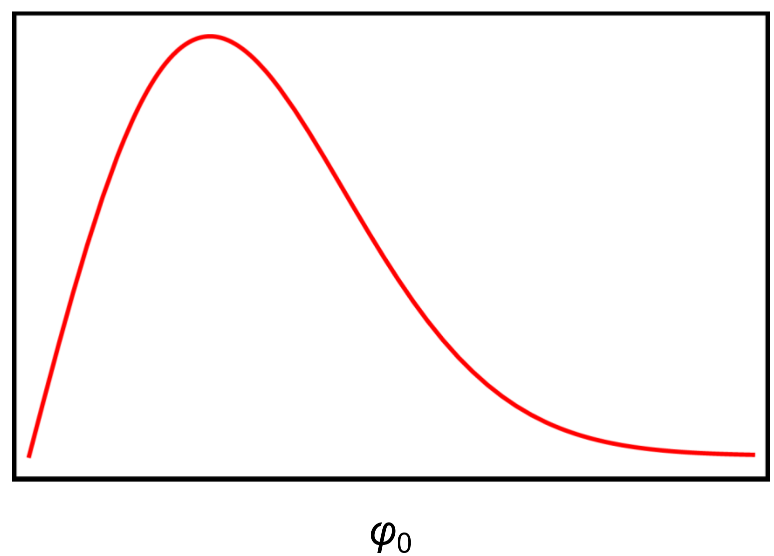
Temporal Coherence

- *Low-mass spin-0 particles* form a *coherently oscillating classical* field $\varphi(t) = \varphi_0 \cos(m_\varphi c^2 t/\hbar)$, with energy density $<\rho_\varphi> \approx m_\varphi^2 \varphi_0^2/2$ ($\rho_{\mathrm{DM,local}} \approx 0.4$ GeV/cm^3)
- $\Delta E_\varphi / E_\varphi \sim <v_\varphi^2>/c^2 \sim 10^{-6}$ => $\tau_{\mathrm{coh}} \sim 2\pi/\Delta E_\varphi \sim 10^6 \, T_{\mathrm{osc}}$

Evolution of φ_0 with time



Probability distribution function of φ_0



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'Slow' drifts [Astrophysics (high ρ_{DM}): BBN, CMB]
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Oscillating variations
[Laboratory (high precision)]

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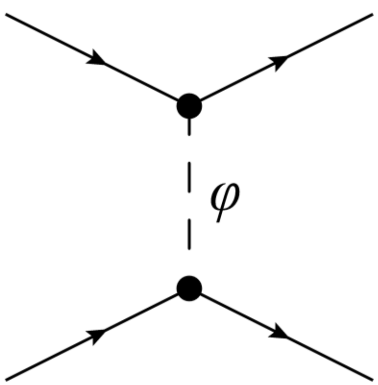

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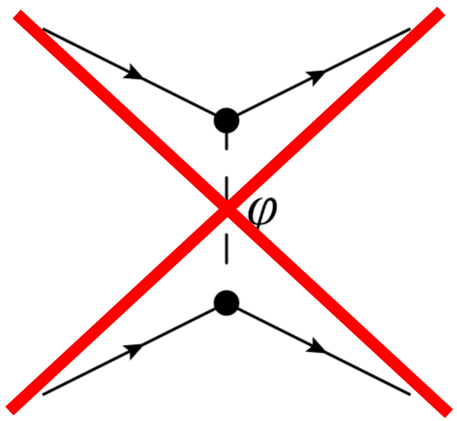

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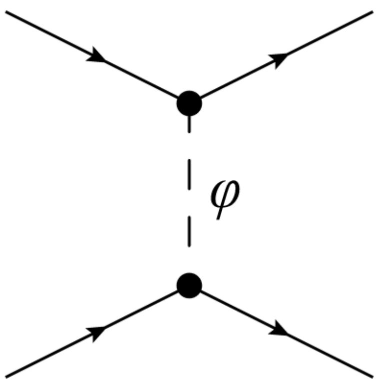

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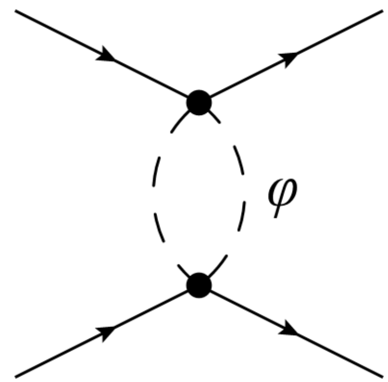

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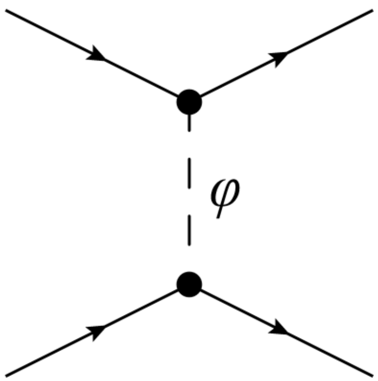

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"Fifth-force" experiments: torsion pendula, atom interferometry

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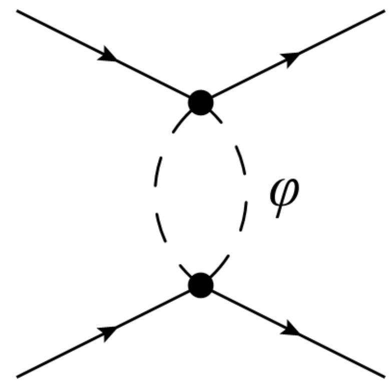

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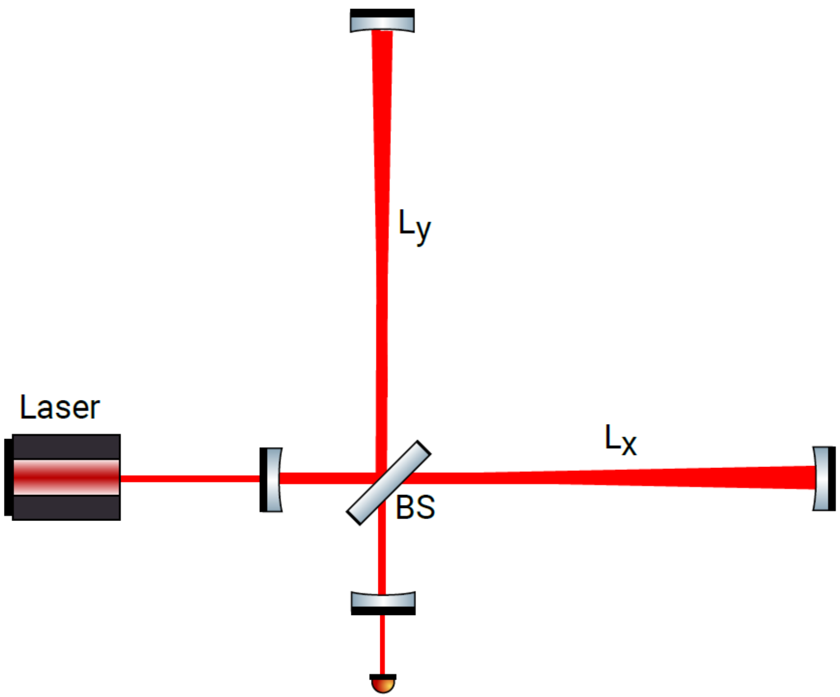

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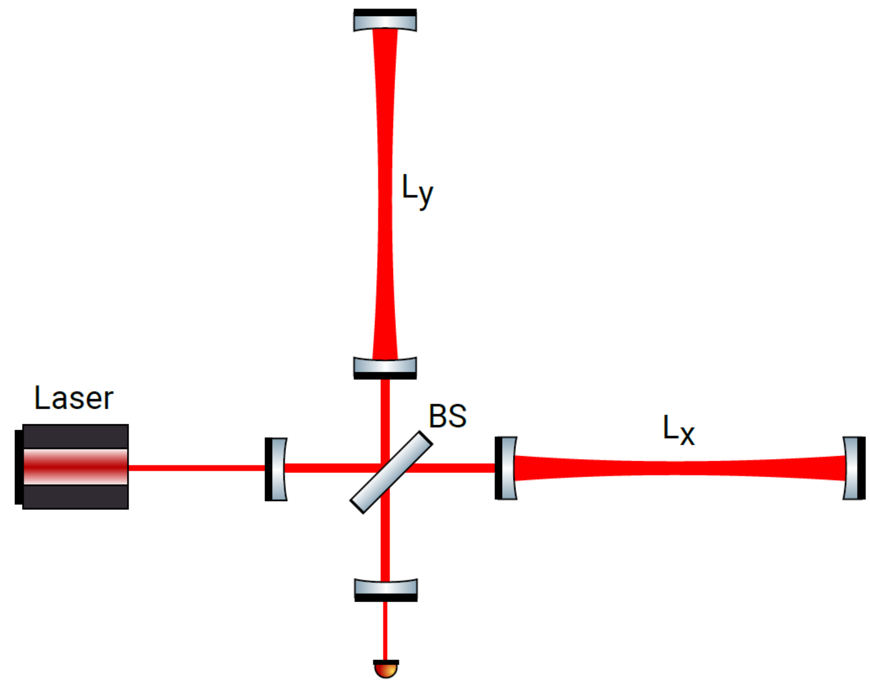

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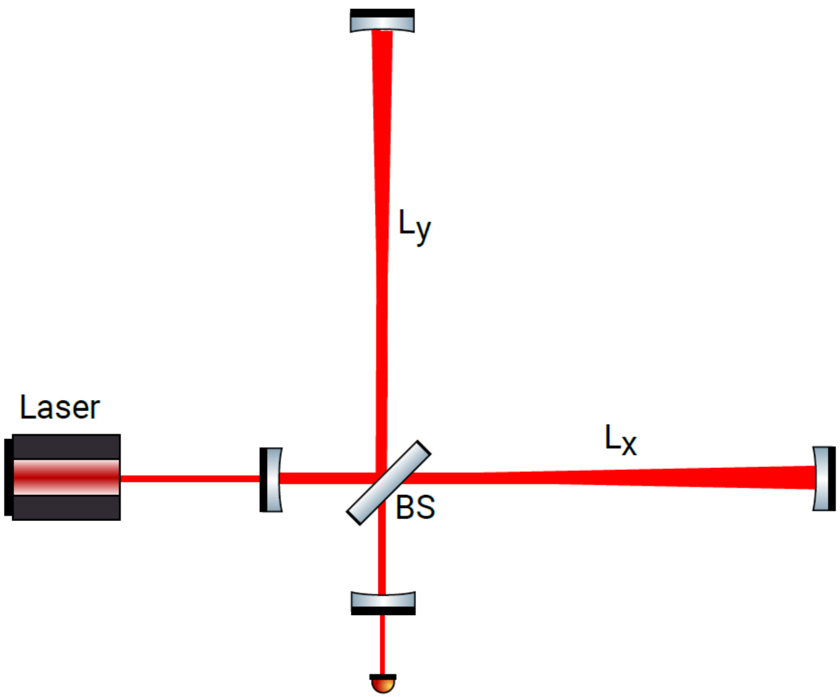

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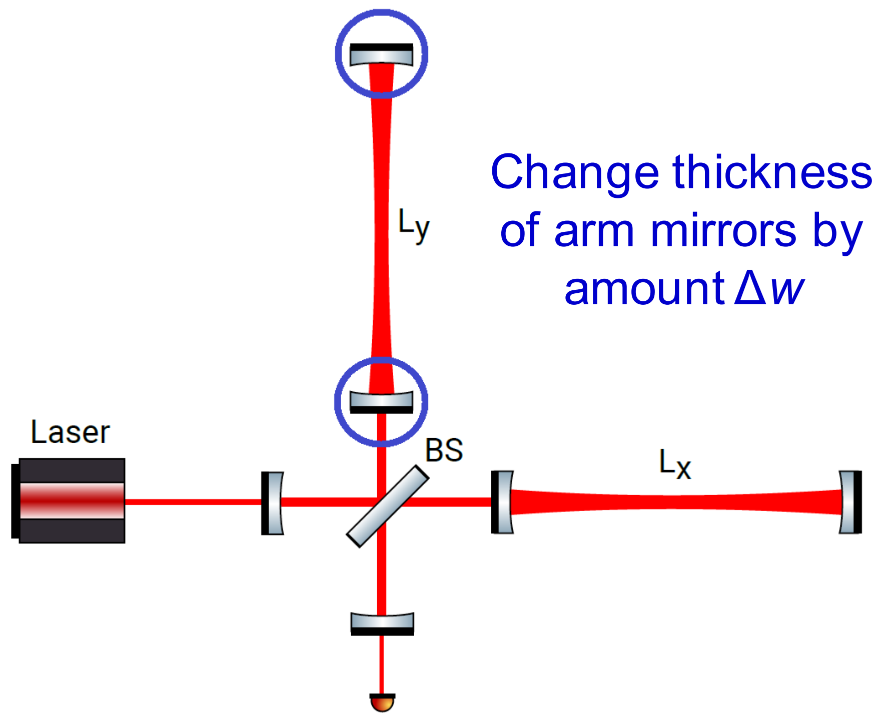

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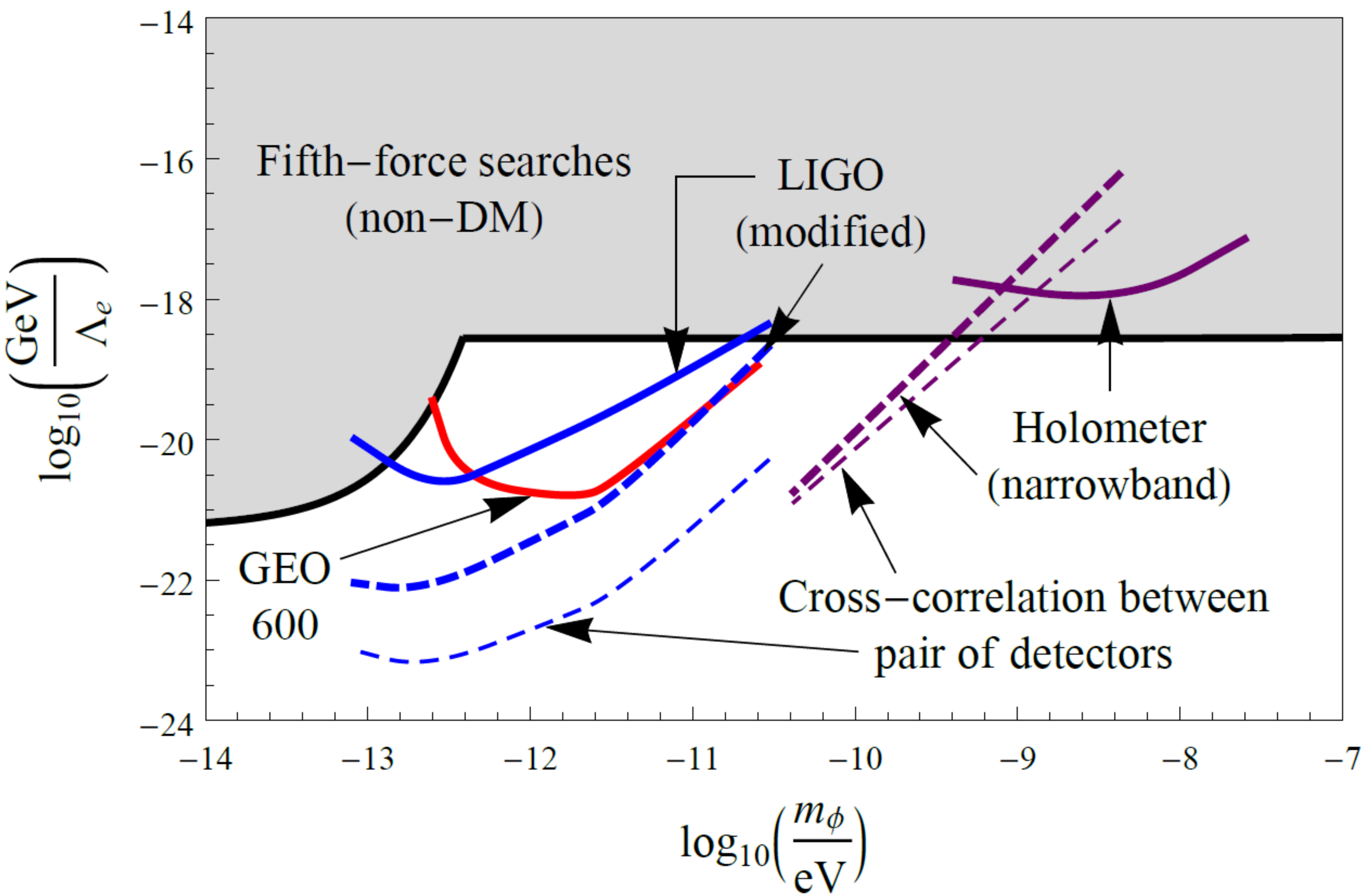

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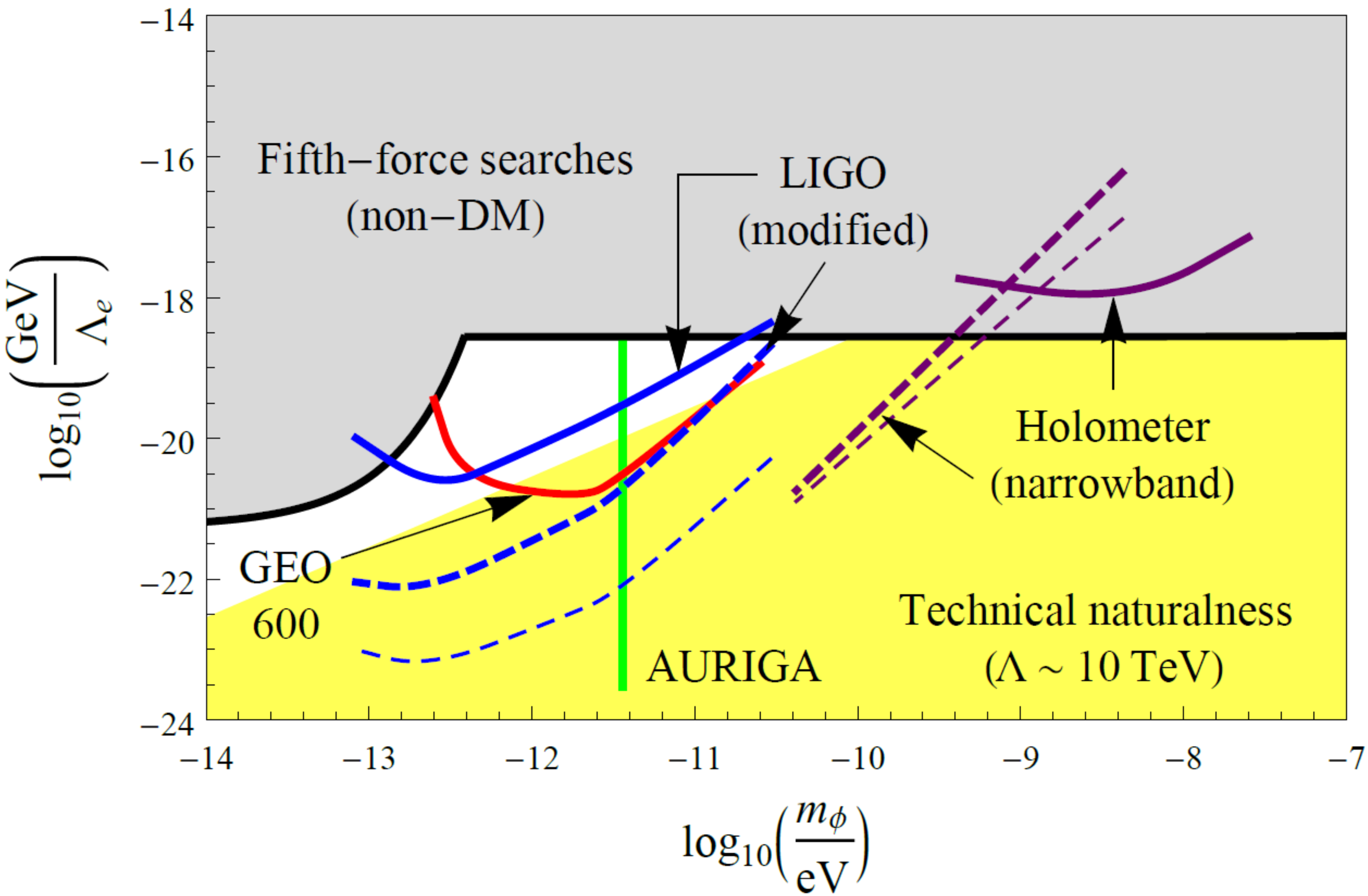

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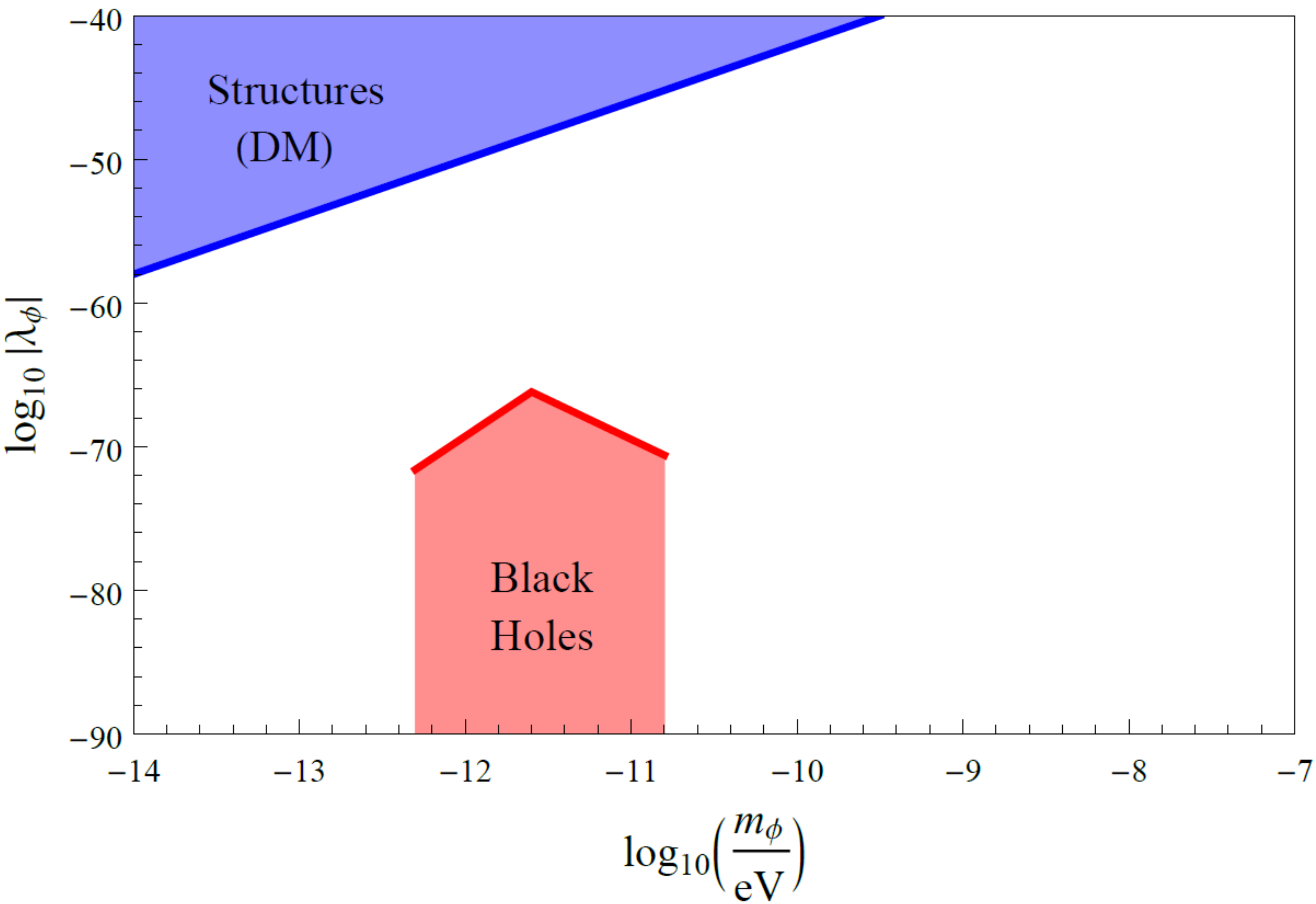
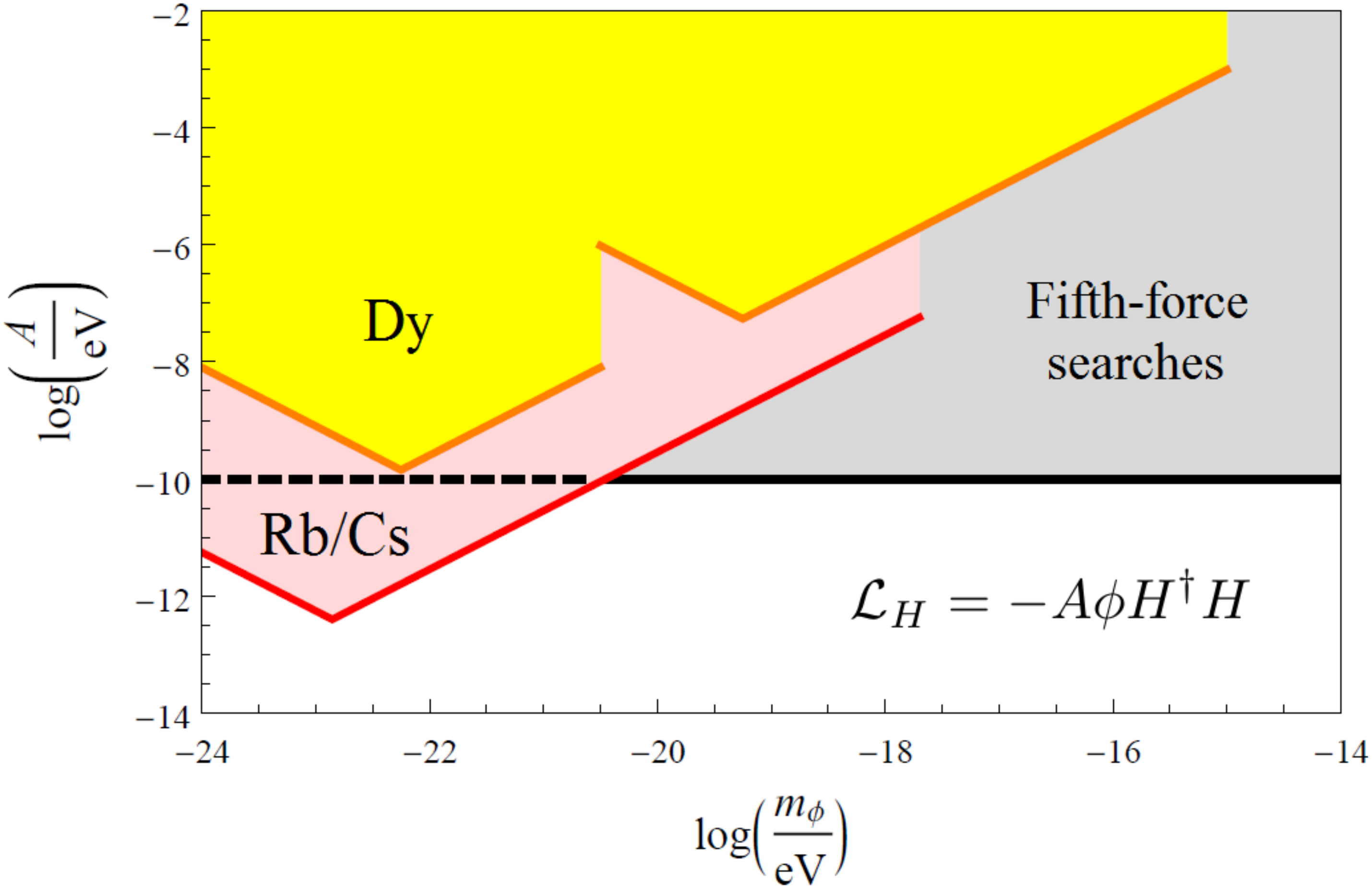


Constraints on Linear Interaction of Scalar Dark Matter with the Higgs Boson

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 ($t_{\mathrm{weak}} \approx 1\mathrm{s}$ – $t_{\mathrm{BBN}} \approx 3$ min)
- Primordial ^{4}He abundance sensitive to *n*/*p* ratio (almost all neutrons bound in ^{4}He after BBN)

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

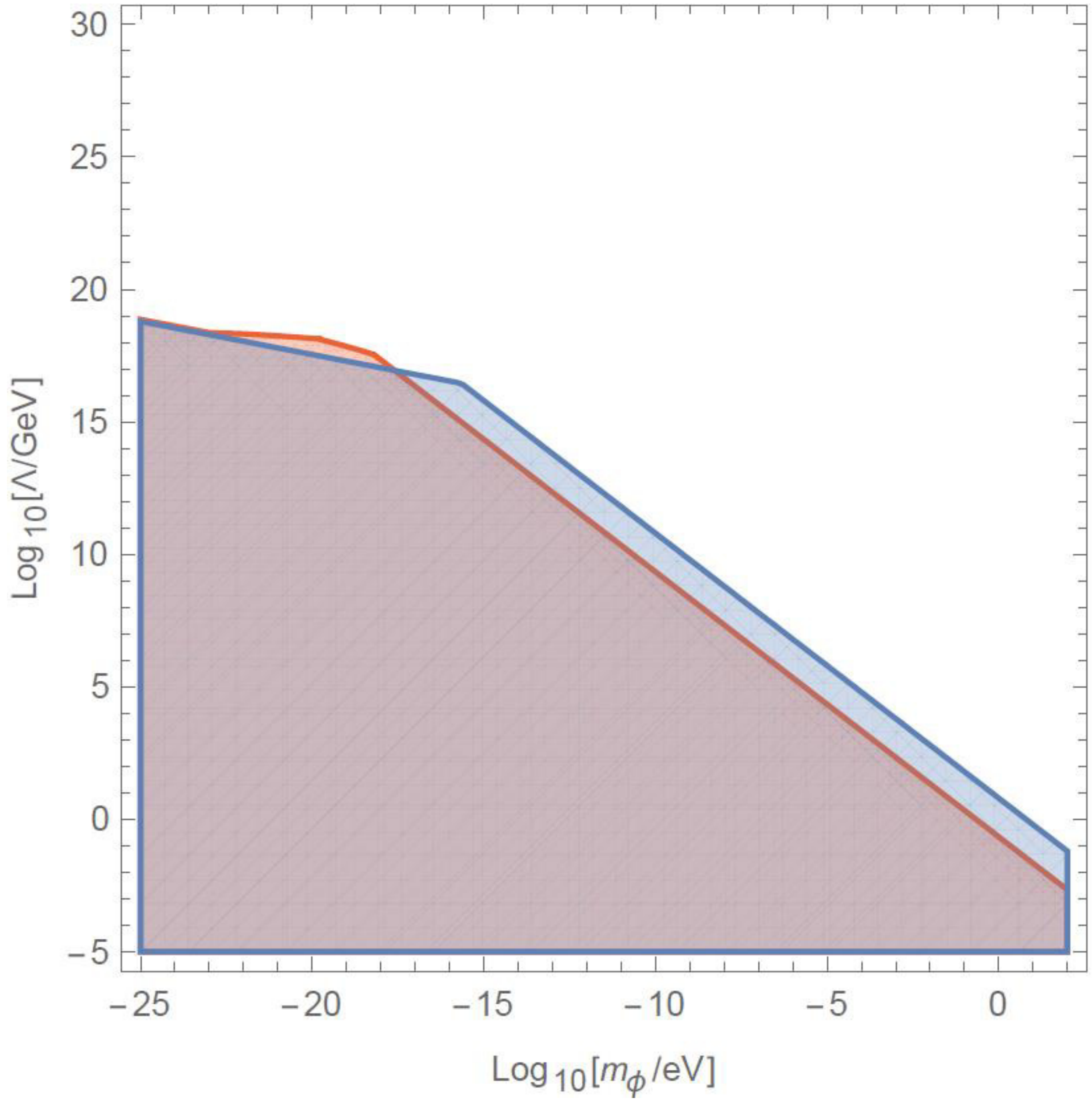
$$p + e^- \rightleftharpoons n + \nu_e$$

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

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

Back-Reaction Effects in BBN

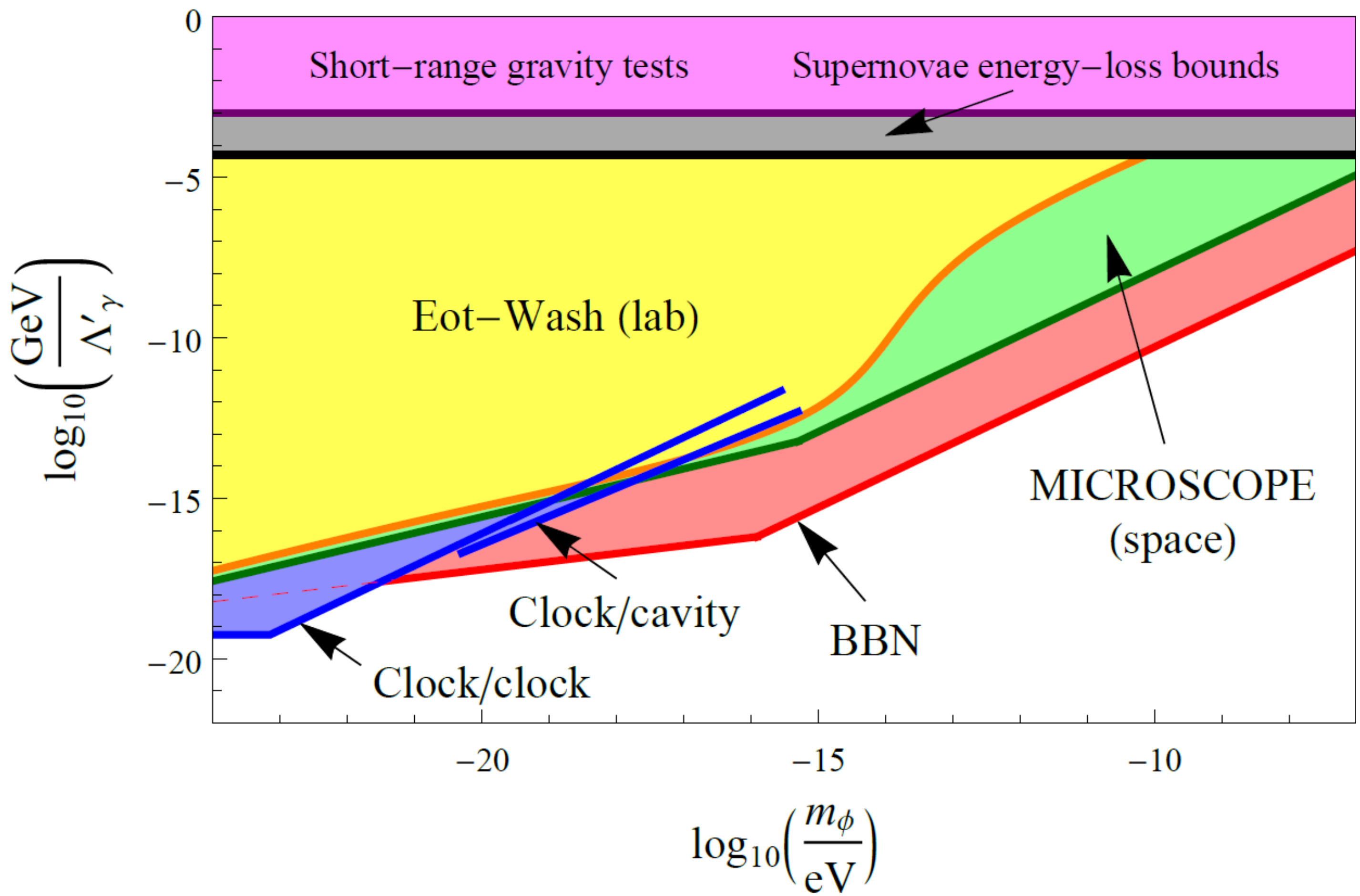
[Sörensen, Sibiryakov, Yu, PRELIMINARY – In preparation]



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!

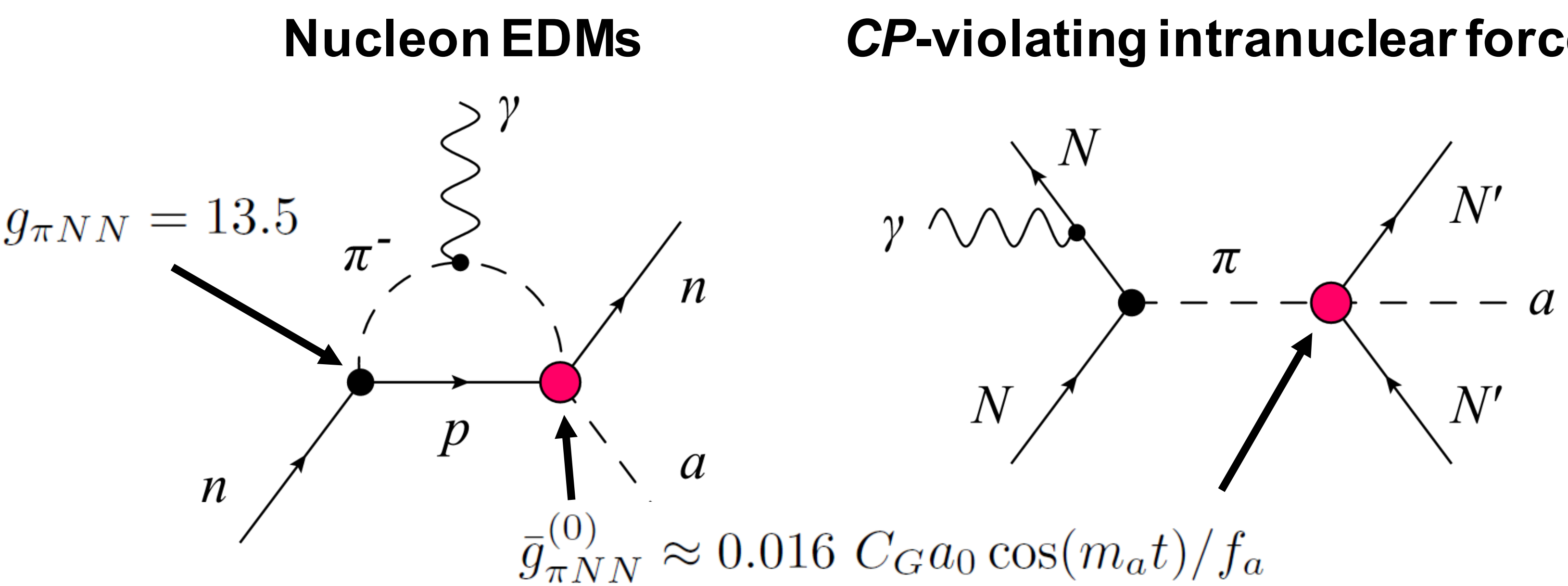


Oscillating Electric Dipole Moments

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

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

$$\mathcal{L}_g = \frac{C_G a_0 \cos(m_a t)}{f_a} \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} G\tilde{G}$$



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