

Interferometer Searches for Dark Matter

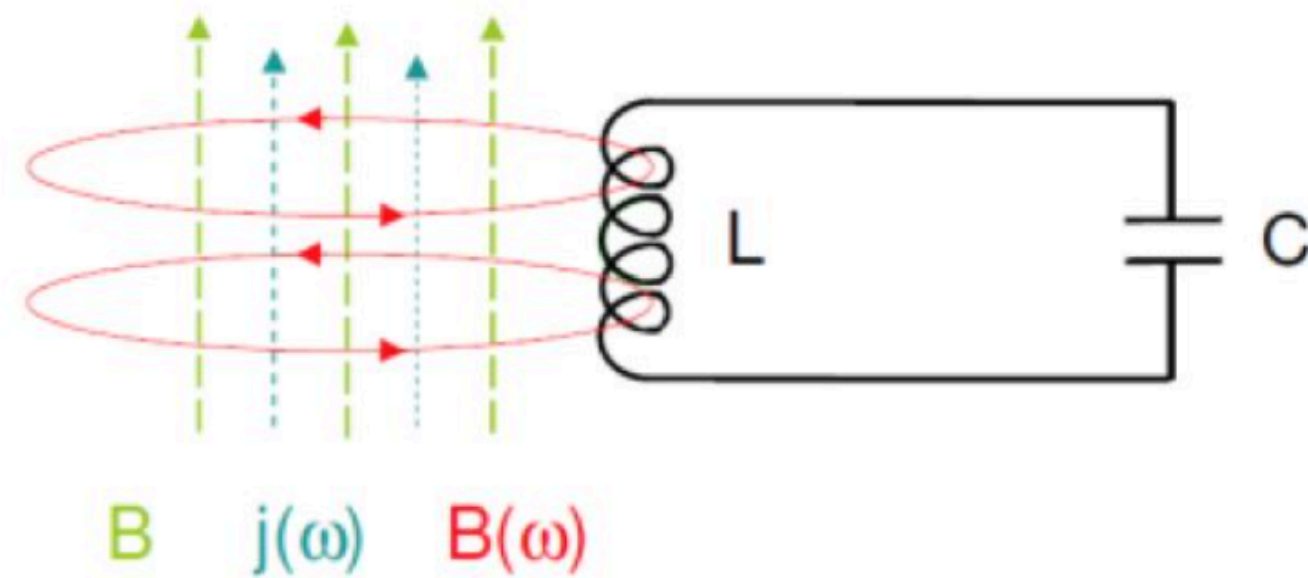
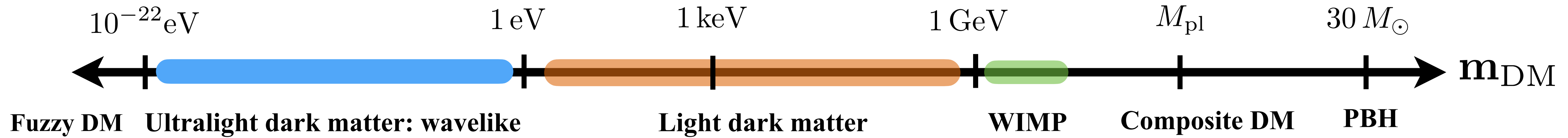
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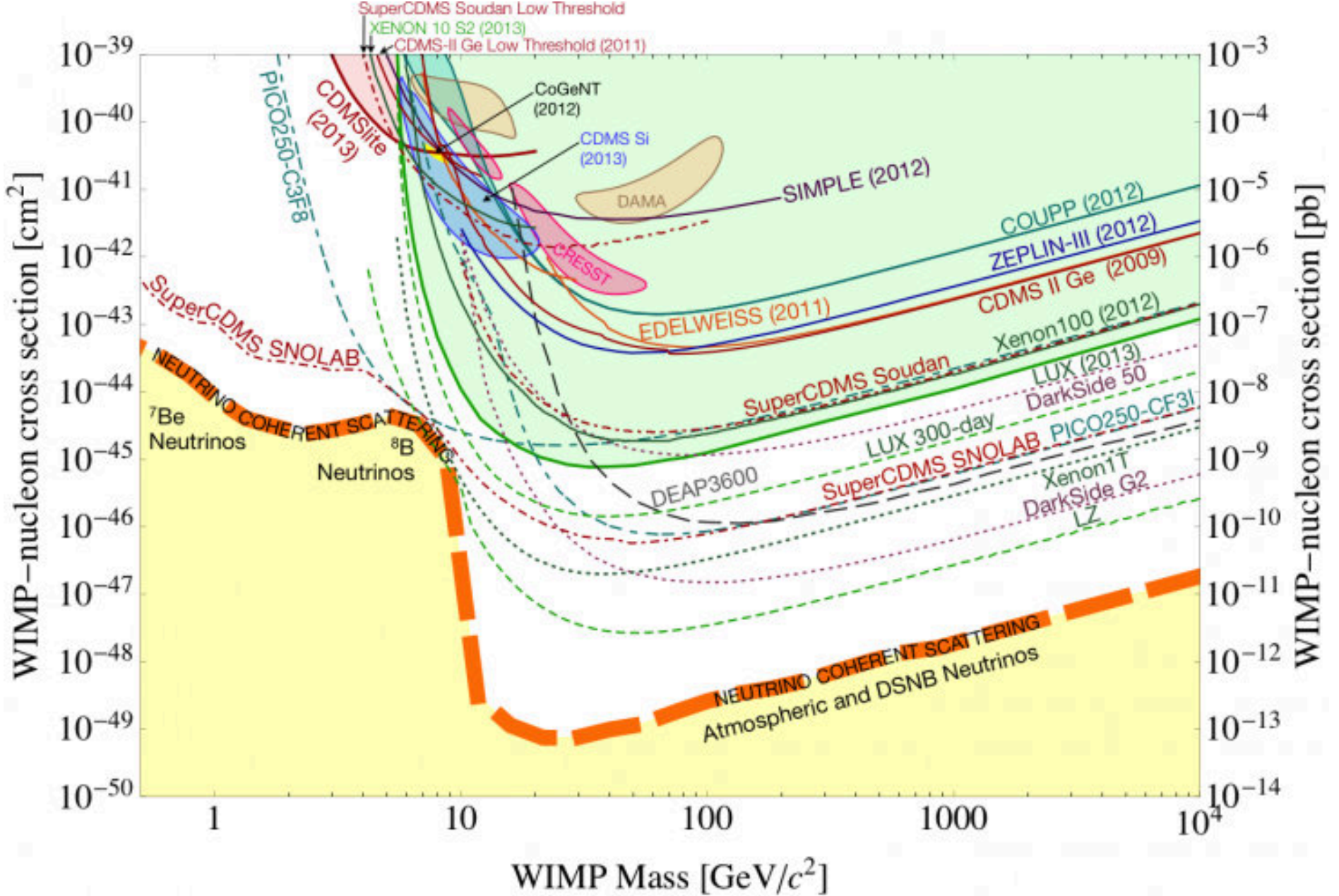
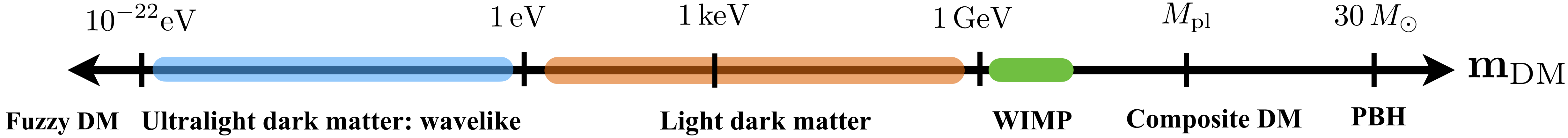
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The next discovery?



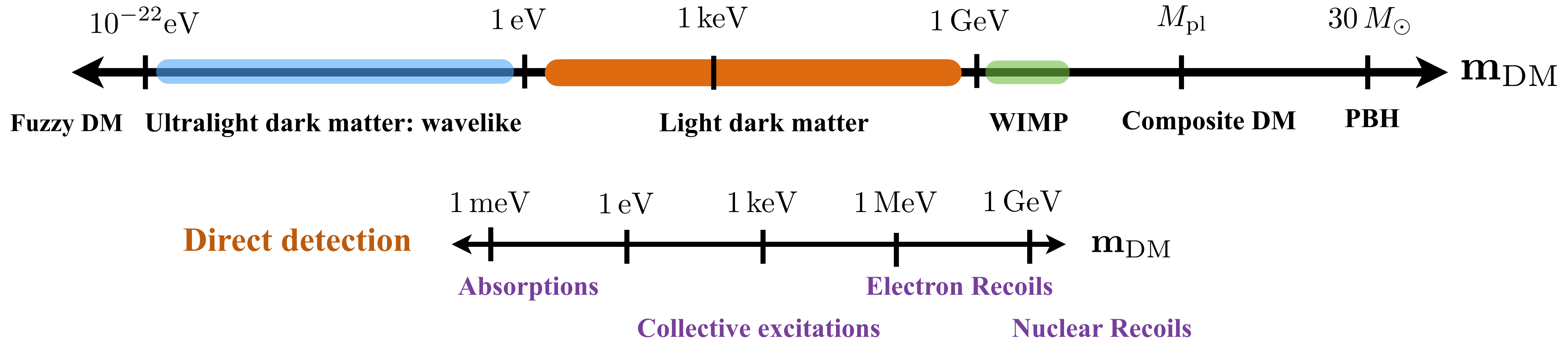
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- **Low energy threshold**

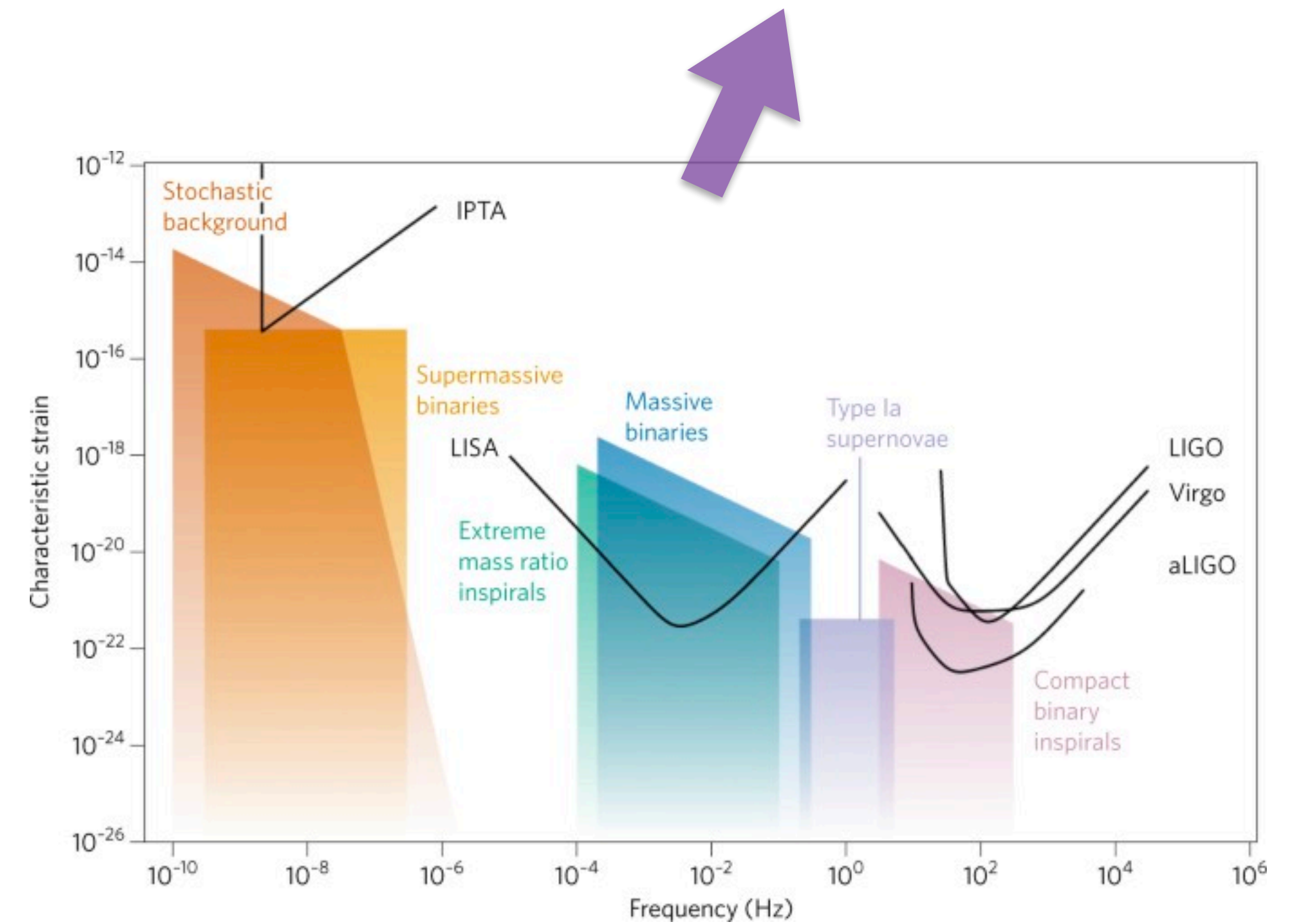
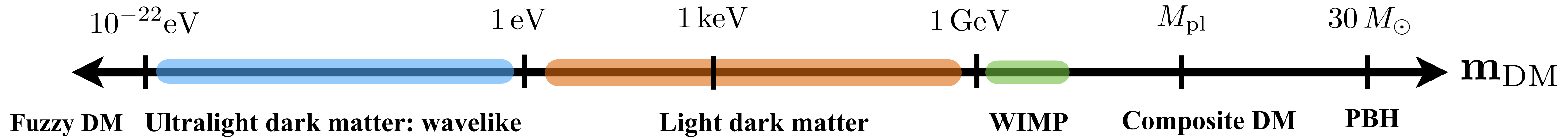
$$E_{\text{R}}^{\text{max}} = \frac{2\mu_{\chi N}^2 v^2}{m_N} \simeq 20 - 200 \text{ keV} \quad \text{for WIMP mass range}$$

- **Small momentum deposition can boost the rate**

$$\bar{\sigma} \propto \alpha_{\chi} \alpha_n \frac{\mu^2}{q^4} \quad \text{for light mediator}$$

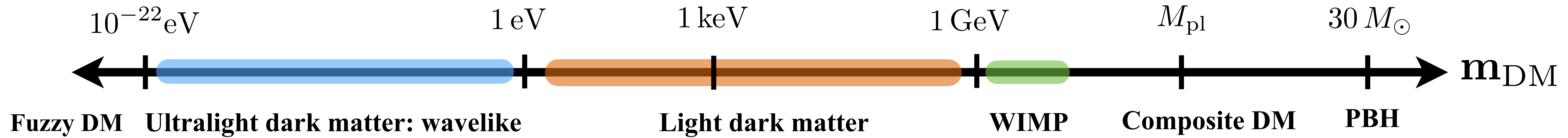
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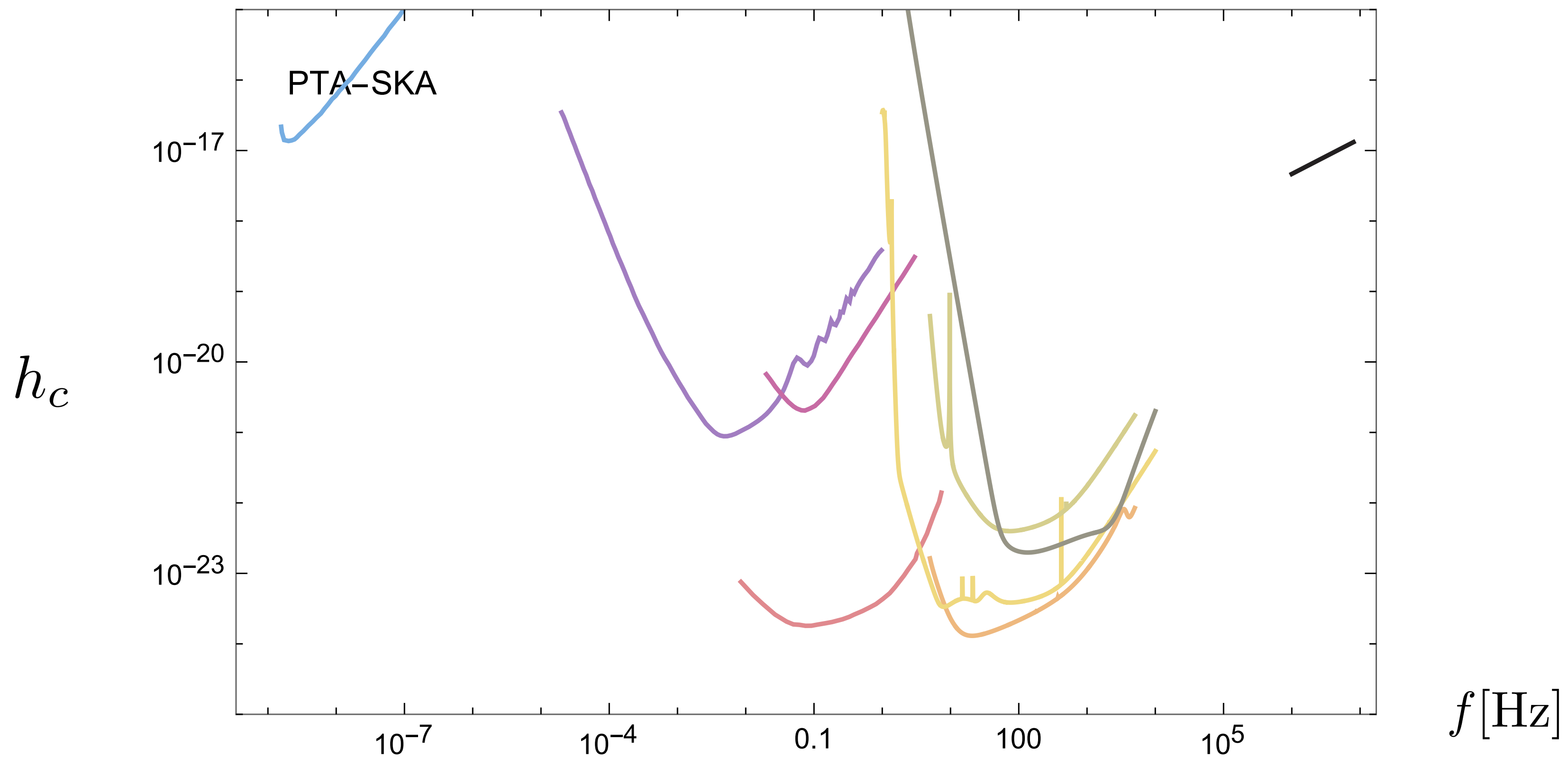
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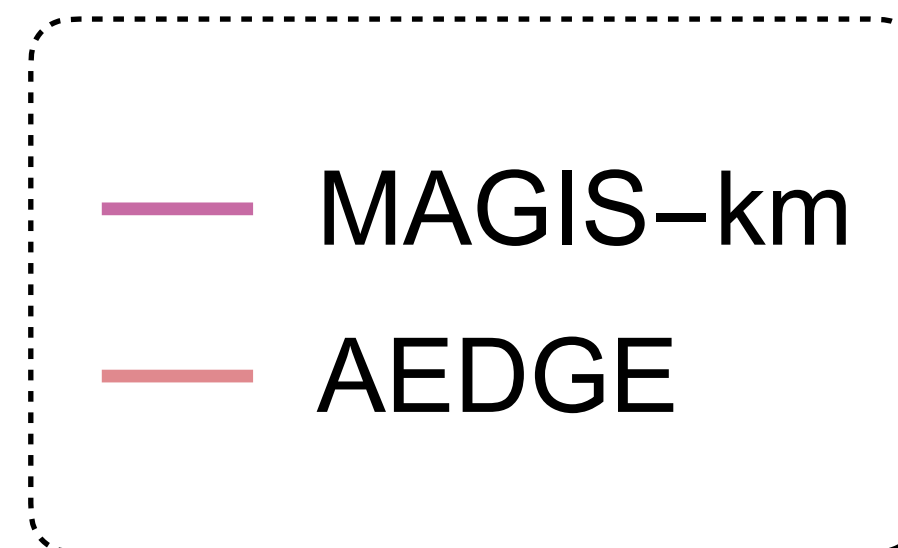
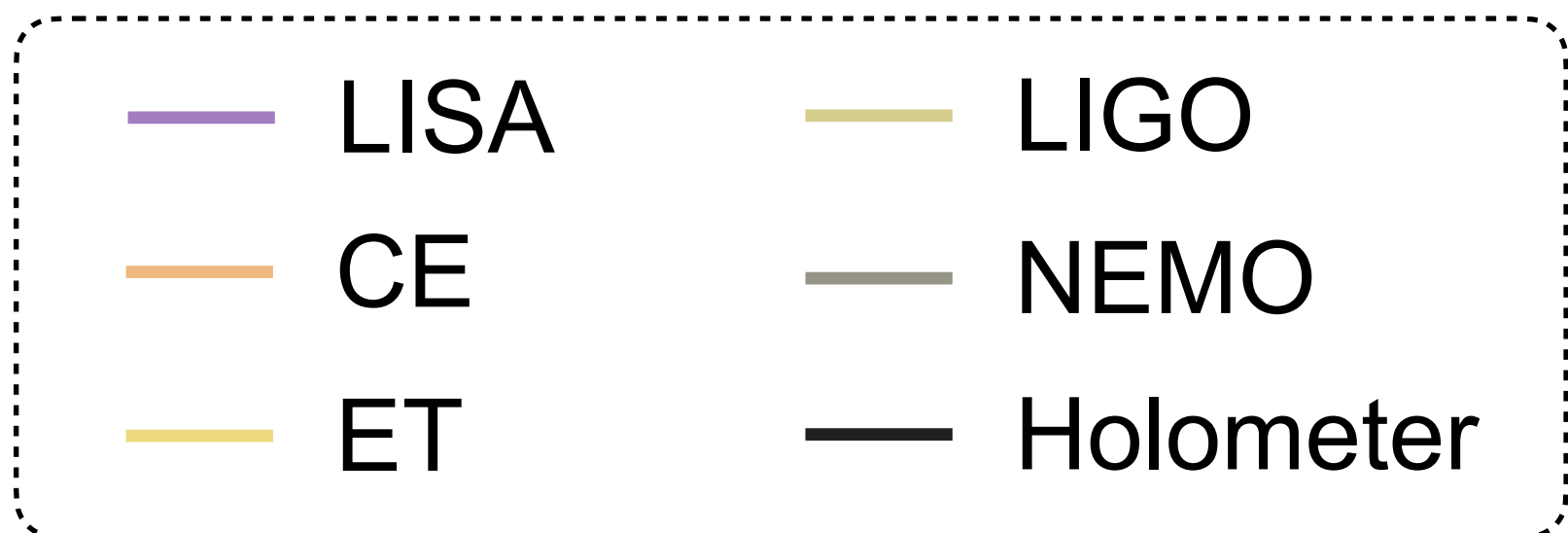
**Devices with super high sensitivity to classical
and quantum fluctuations.**

“sub-attometer position sensing over multi-kilometer baselines” - LIGO
And yet to be continued...

Interferometers as high precision sensors



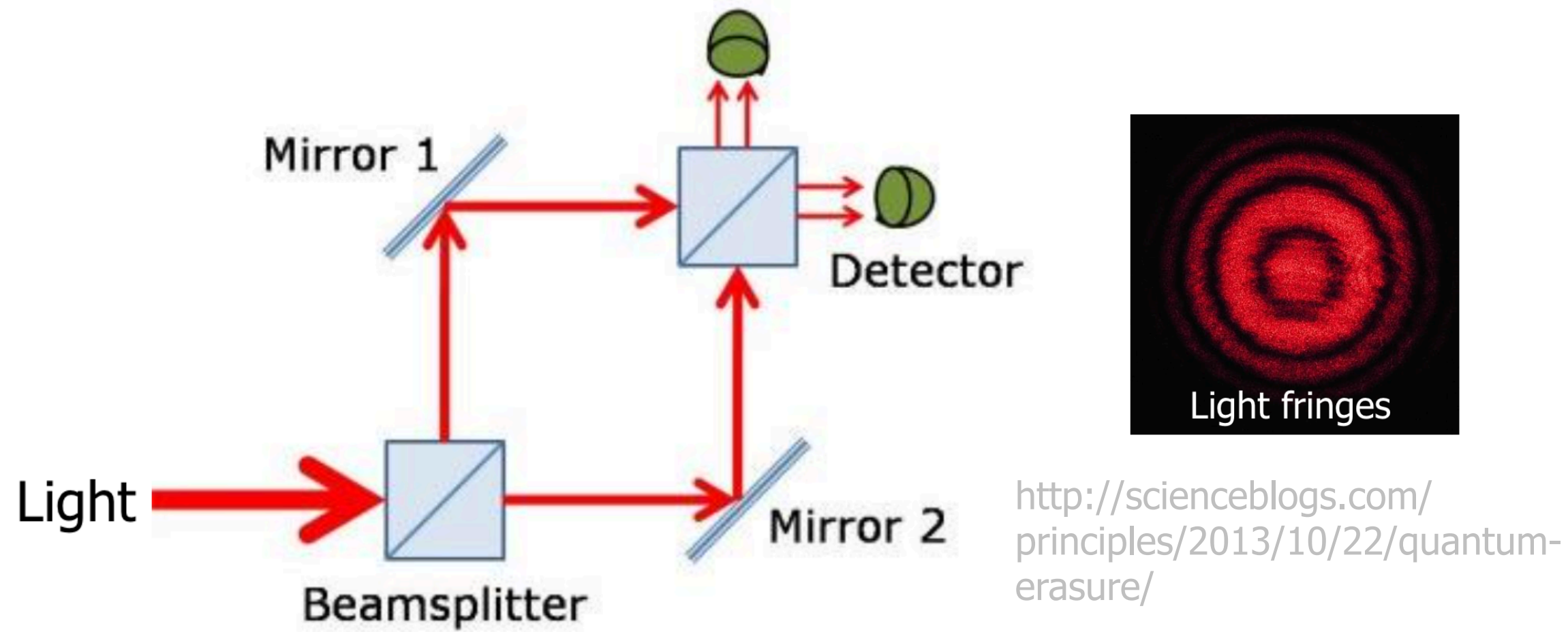
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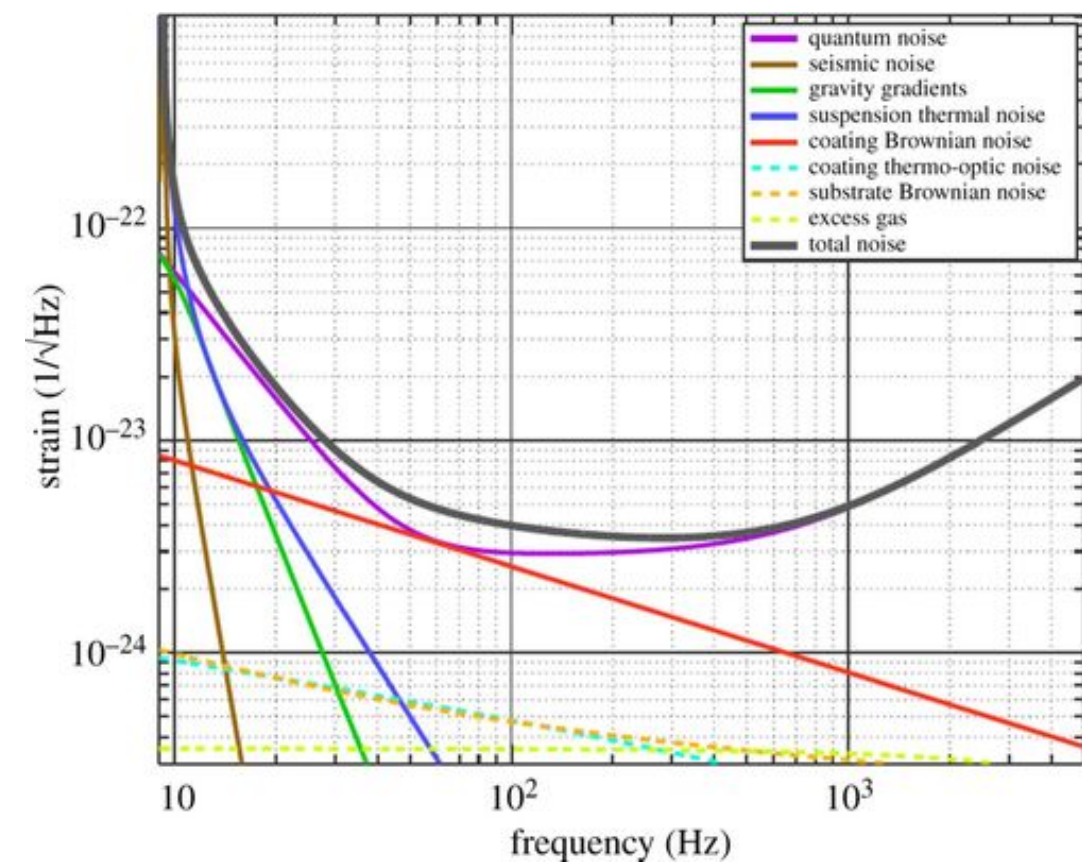
Atom Interferometers

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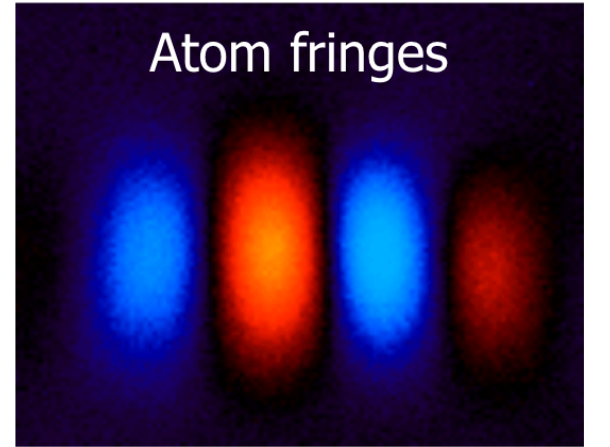
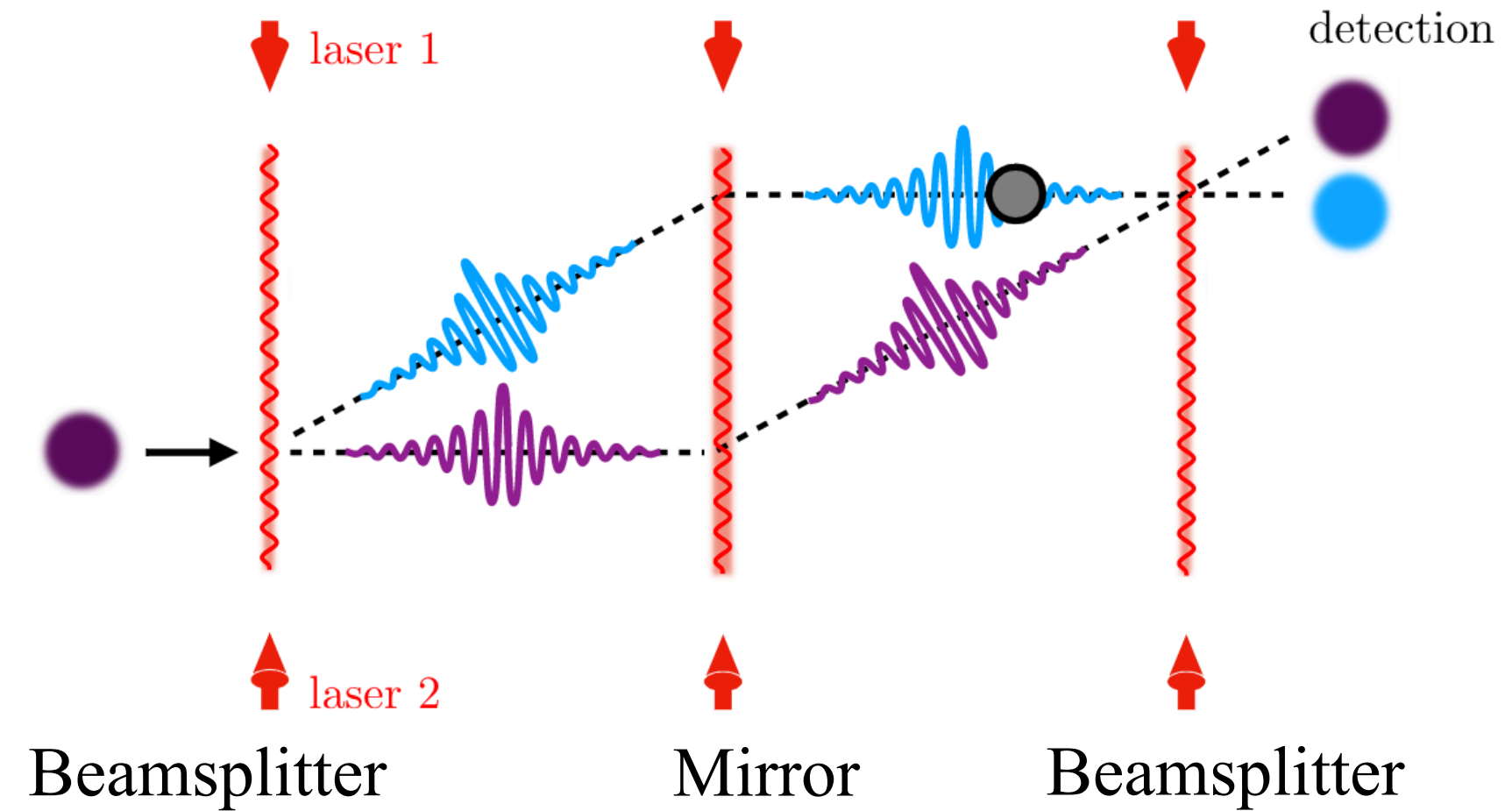


The LIGO Scientific Collaboration 2015

Gravitational wave

quantum geometry, fifth force,
dark matter direct detection...

Matter-Wave Interferometers



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$$\sigma_\phi \equiv \frac{1 \text{ rad}}{\sqrt{N_{\text{ind}}}}$$

$$\sigma_\phi = \frac{1}{4} m_{\text{ind}} \Delta x t_{\text{exp}} a_{\text{min}}$$

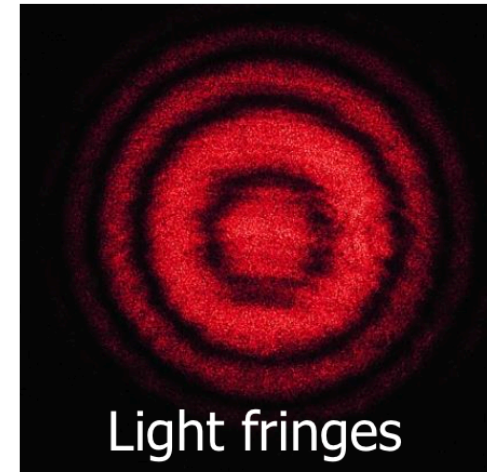
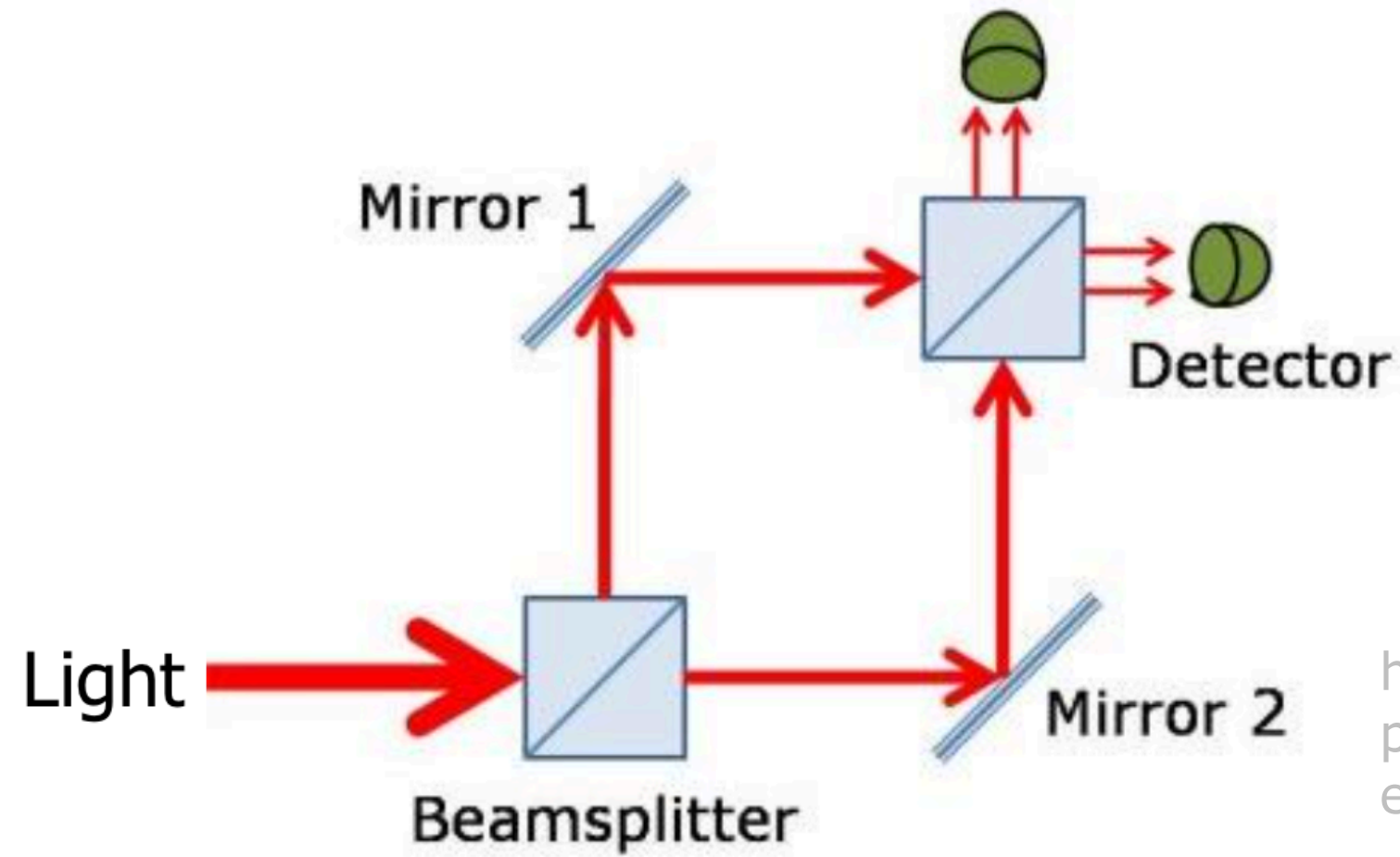
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fine structure constant, equivalent principle
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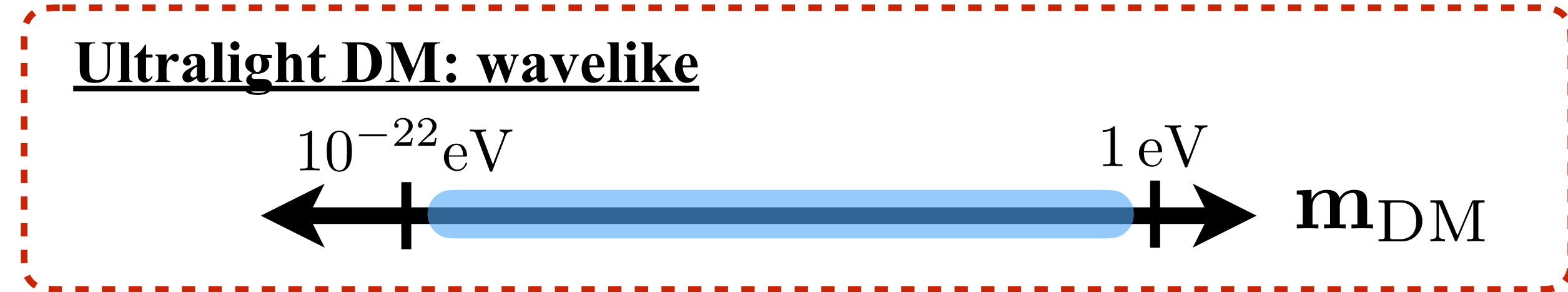
For a review, see e.g. Bertone et al, SciPost Phys.Core 3 (2020) 007

Laser interferometer as Dark Matter Detectors

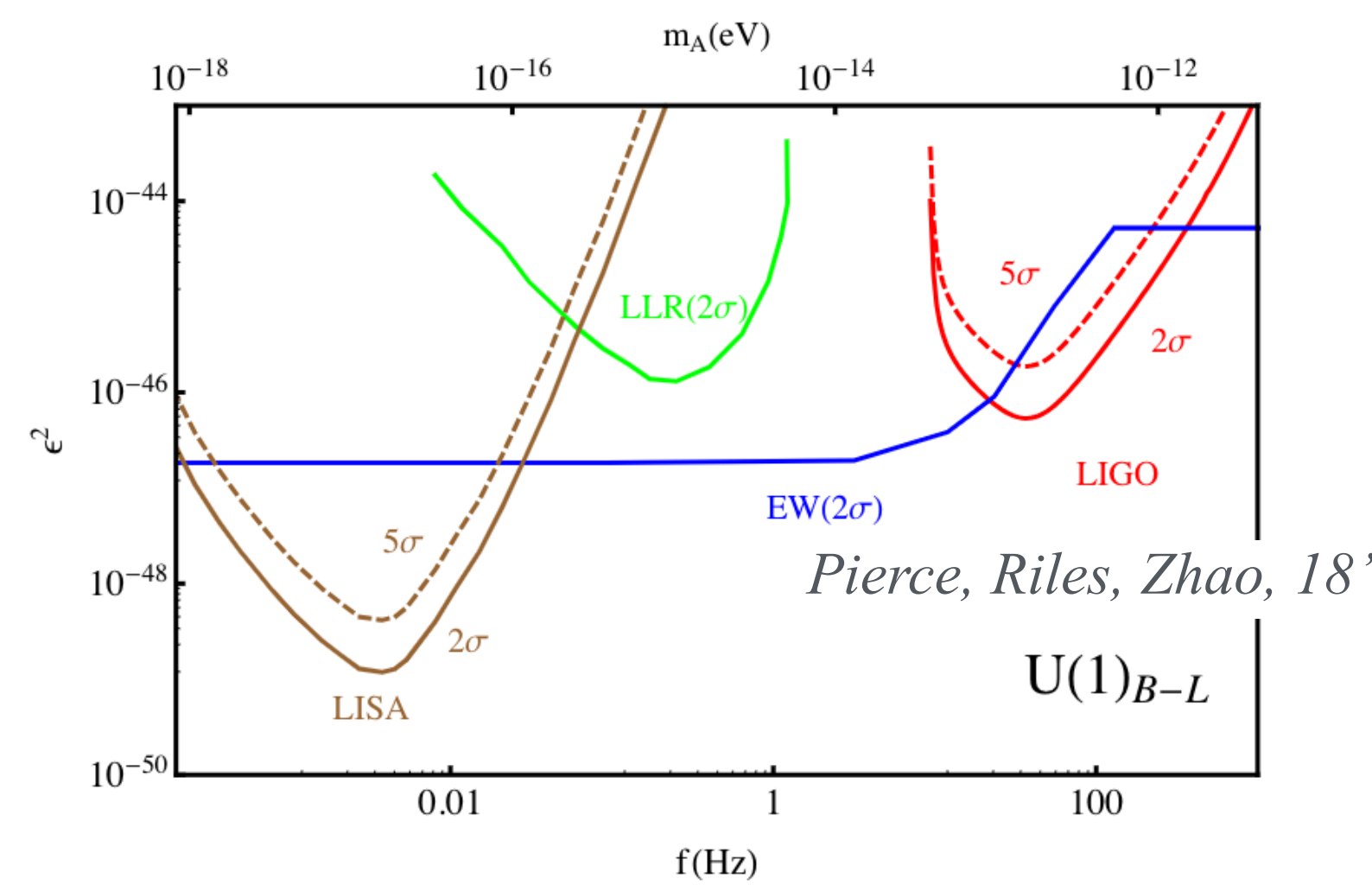
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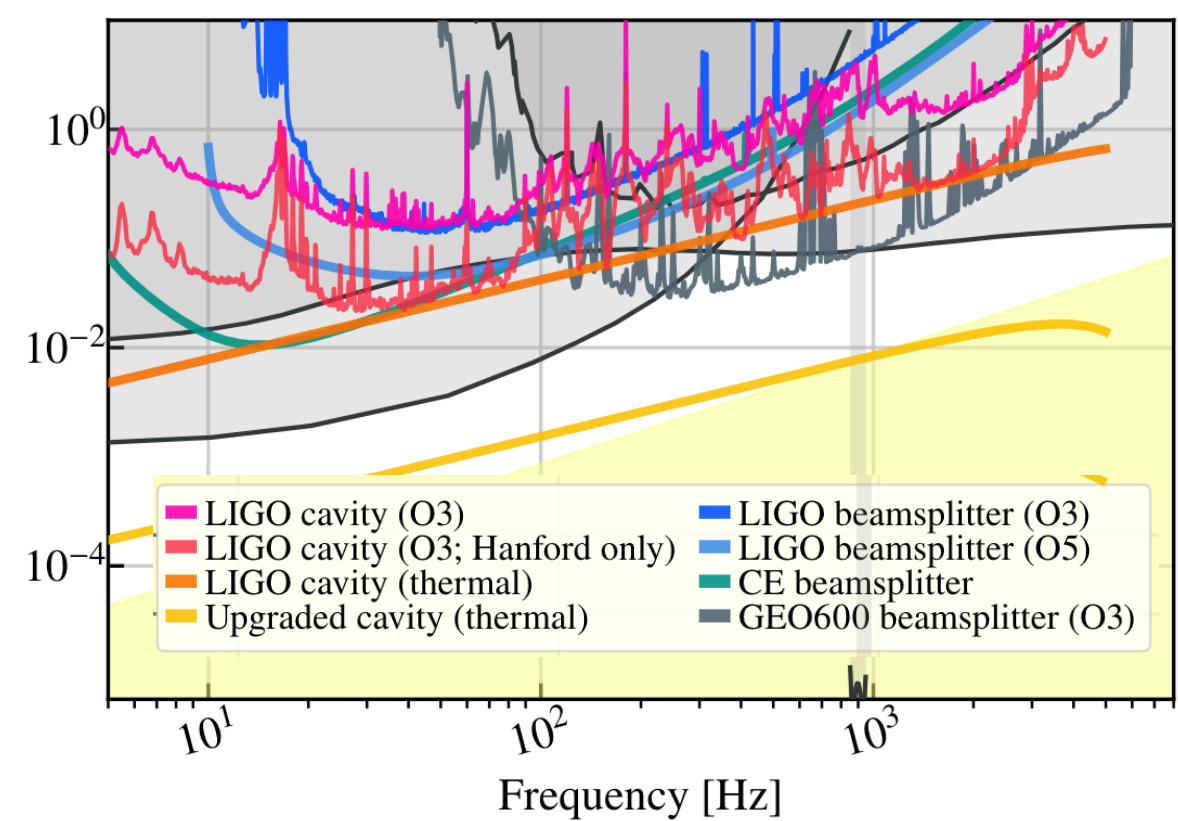
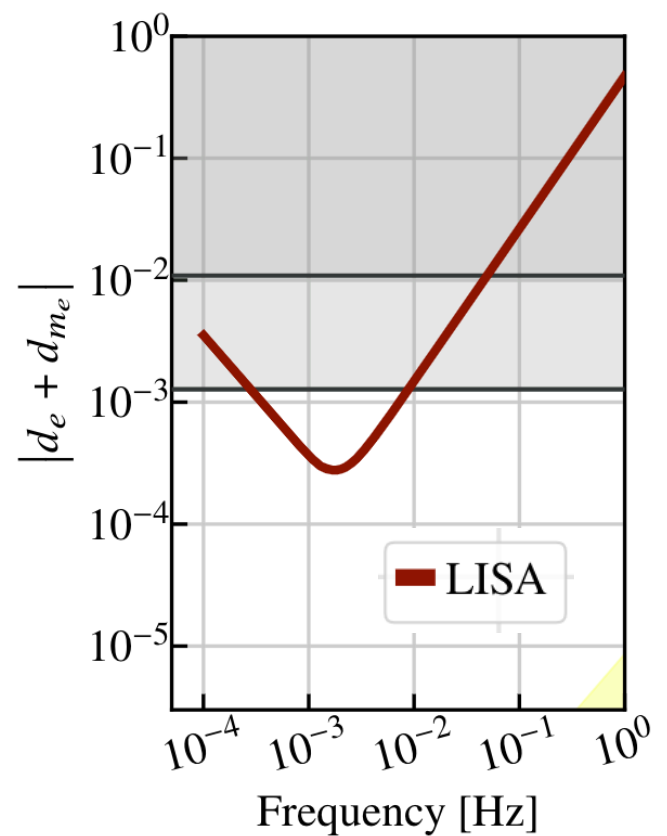
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$$m_{\text{DM}} \sim 4 \times 10^{-13} \text{ eV} \frac{f_{\text{GW}}}{100 \text{ Hz}}$$



$U(1)_B$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ dark photon DM acts as a fifth force on mirrors.

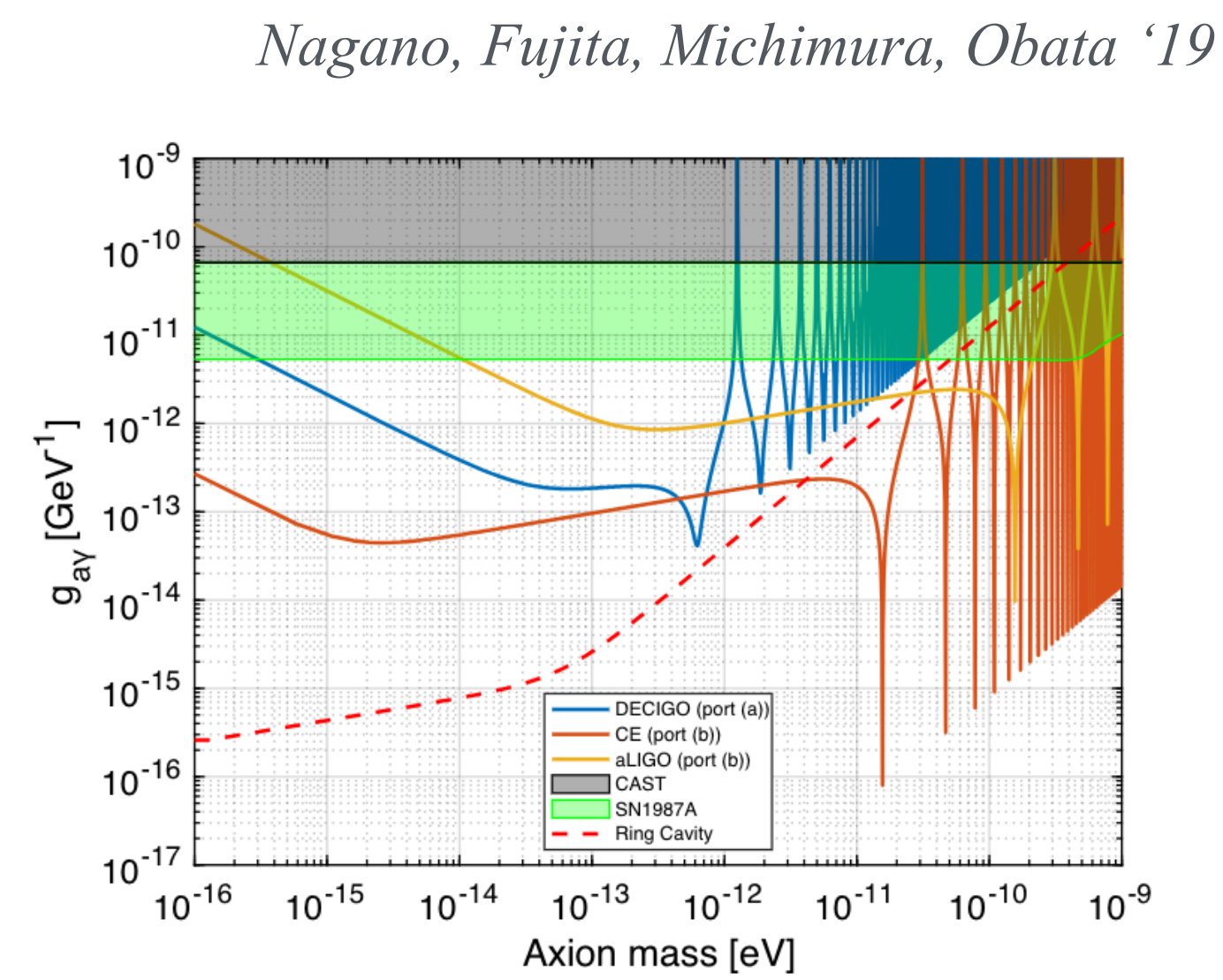


$$\frac{\Delta\alpha(t)}{\alpha} = A_e \cos(\Omega_{\text{DM}}t) \quad \text{Stadnik, Flambaum '15}$$

$$\frac{\Delta m_e(t)}{m_e} = A_{m_e} \cos(\Omega_{\text{DM}}t) \quad \text{Morisaki, Suyama '18}$$

Hall, Aggarwal, '22 ...

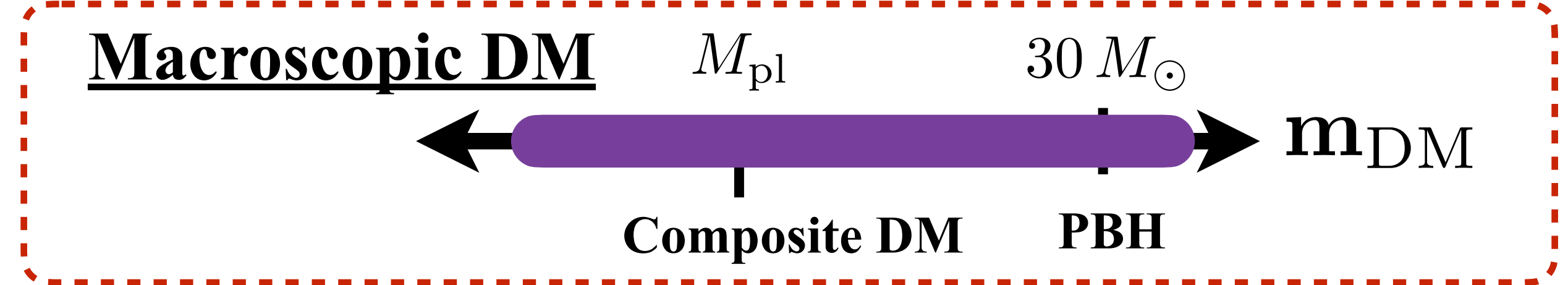
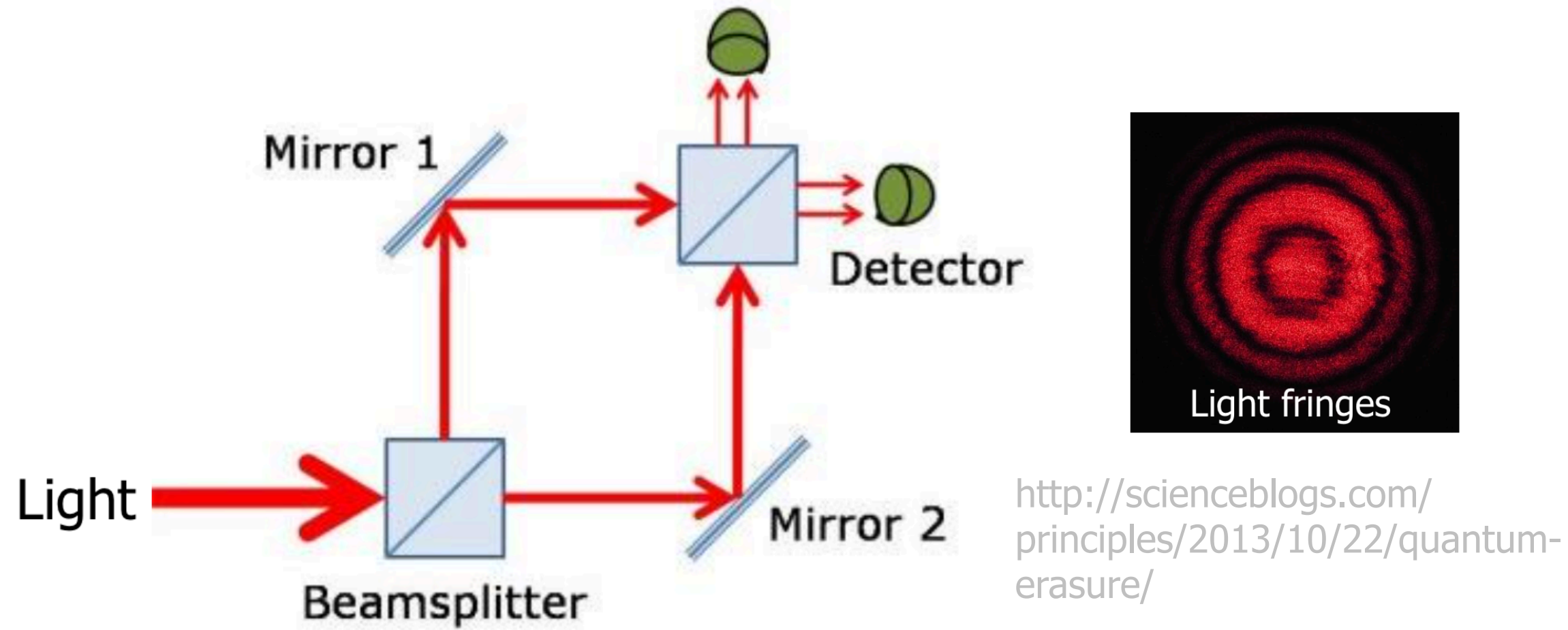
Temporal variations on physical parameters (coupling to the photon or fermions)



Axions can induce polarization change of photons circulating in FP cavities.

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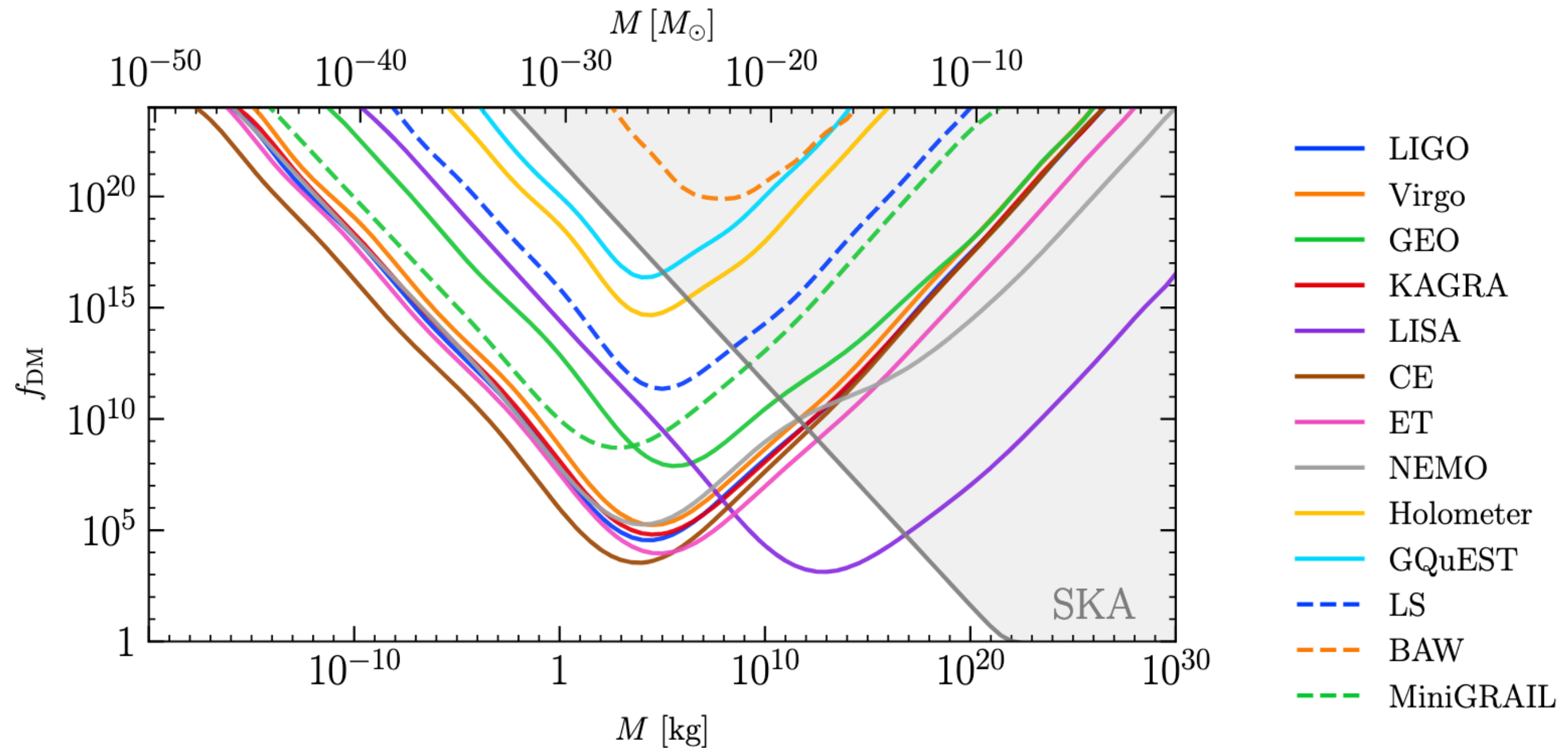
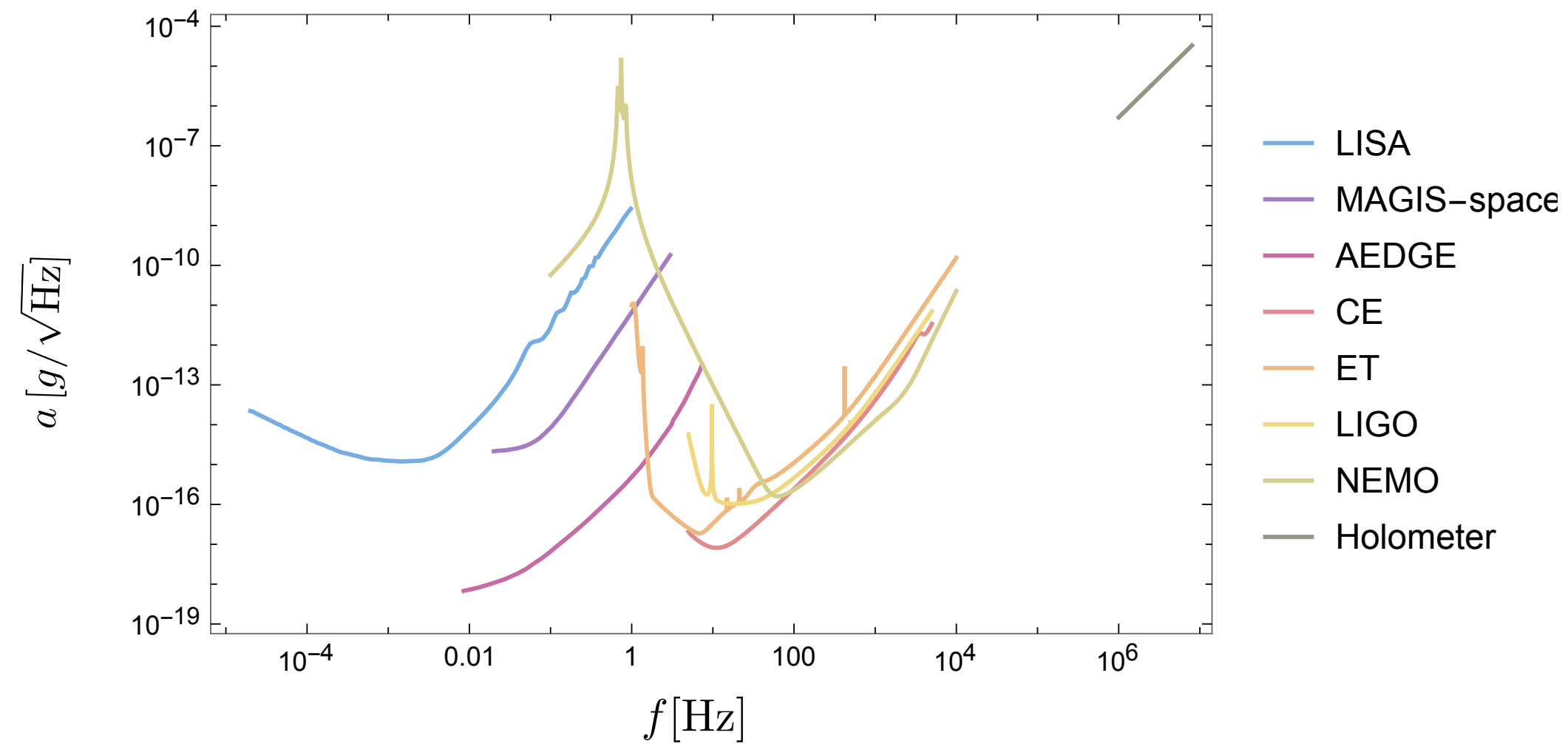


Ultra-heavy clumpy DM can induce acceleration through pure **gravity**.

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$$R \sim (\rho_{DM}/M)L^2 v_{DM} \sim 1/\text{year}$$

Accelerometers of ultra high sensitivity.

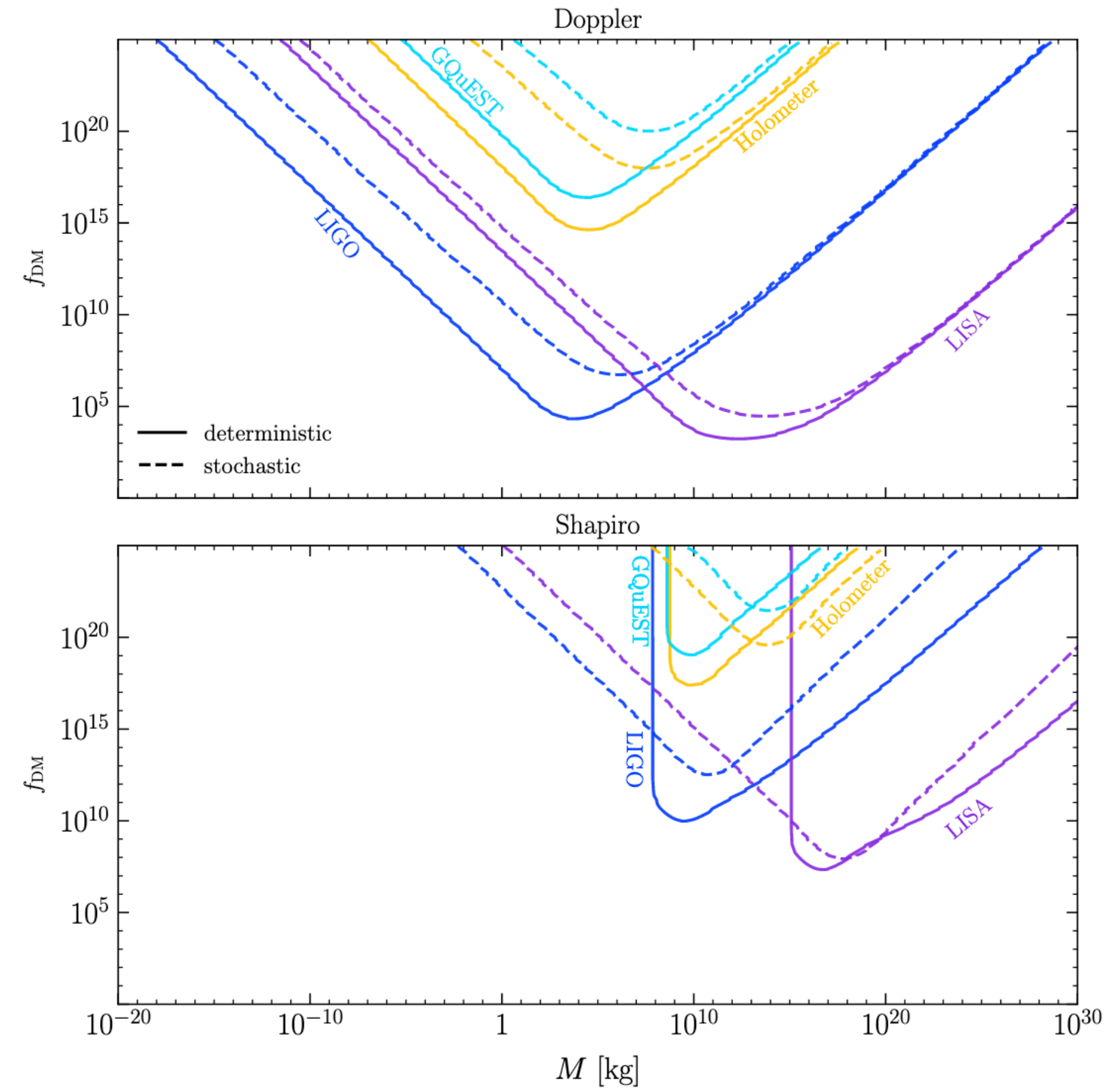
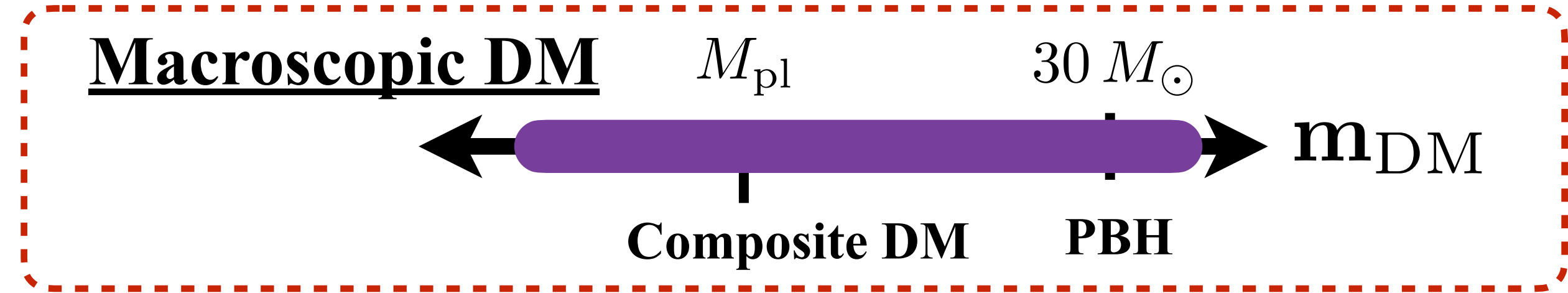
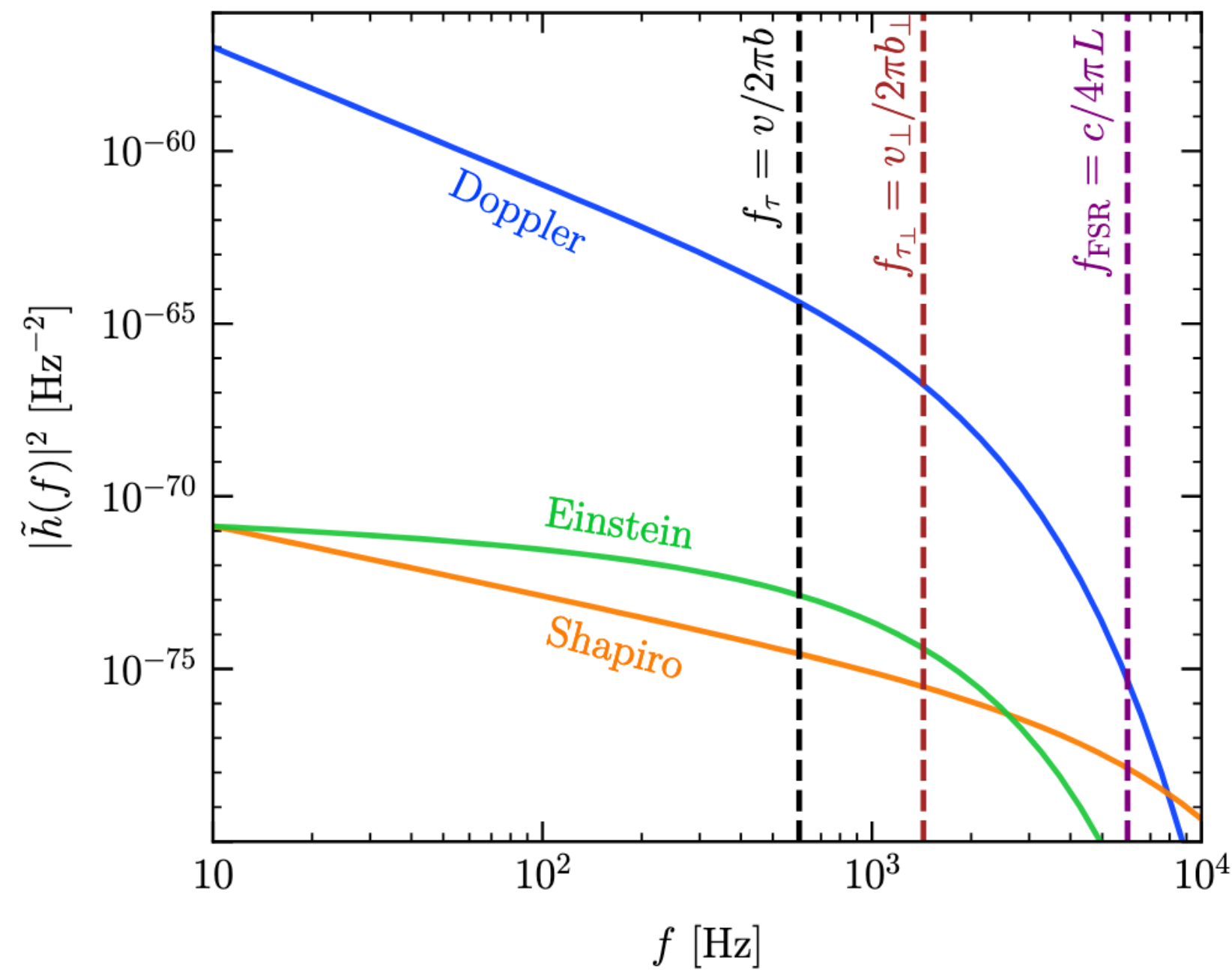


Projected 90th-percentile upper limits on transiting DM fraction. One year observation time.

Du, Lee, YW, Zurek 23'

**Beyond a deterministic
accelerometer model.**

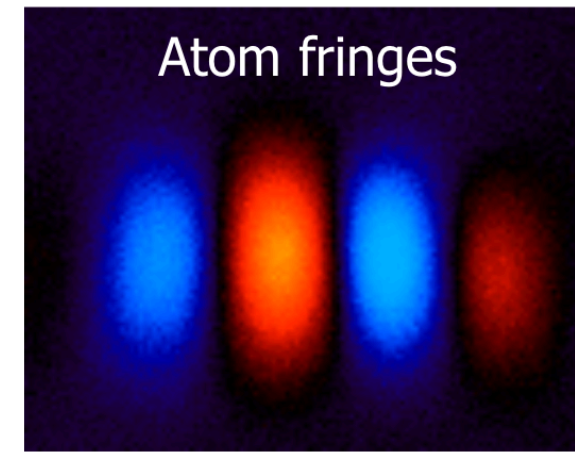
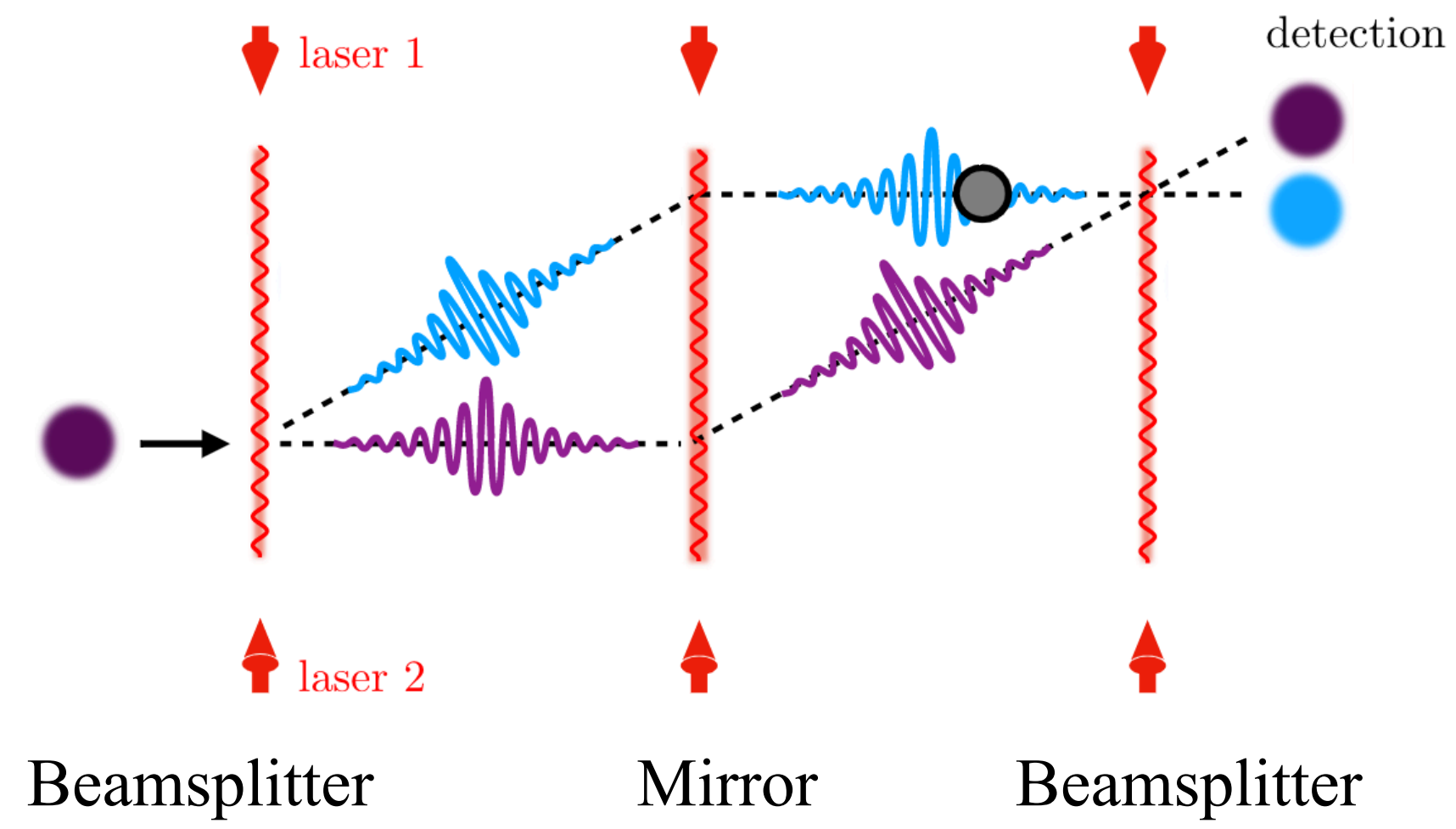
$$c\delta T_\gamma \equiv cT_\gamma - 2L = \underbrace{c\delta\tau}_{\text{Einstein}} + \underbrace{2r_M \left(t + \frac{L}{c}, L \right) - r_M(t, 0) - r_M \left(t + \frac{2L}{c}, 0 \right)}_{\text{Doppler}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \int_0^L dr \mathcal{H}^{\text{out}} \left(t + \frac{r}{c}, r \right) - \frac{1}{2} \int_L^0 dr \mathcal{H}^{\text{in}} \left(t + \frac{2L-r}{c}, r \right)}_{\text{Shapiro}}.$$



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Matter-Wave Interferometers as Dark Matter Detectors

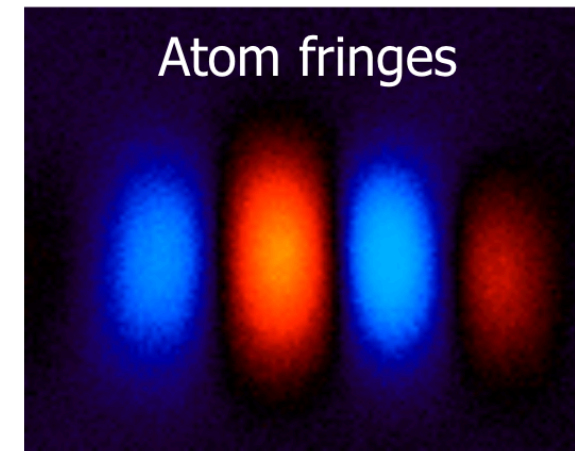
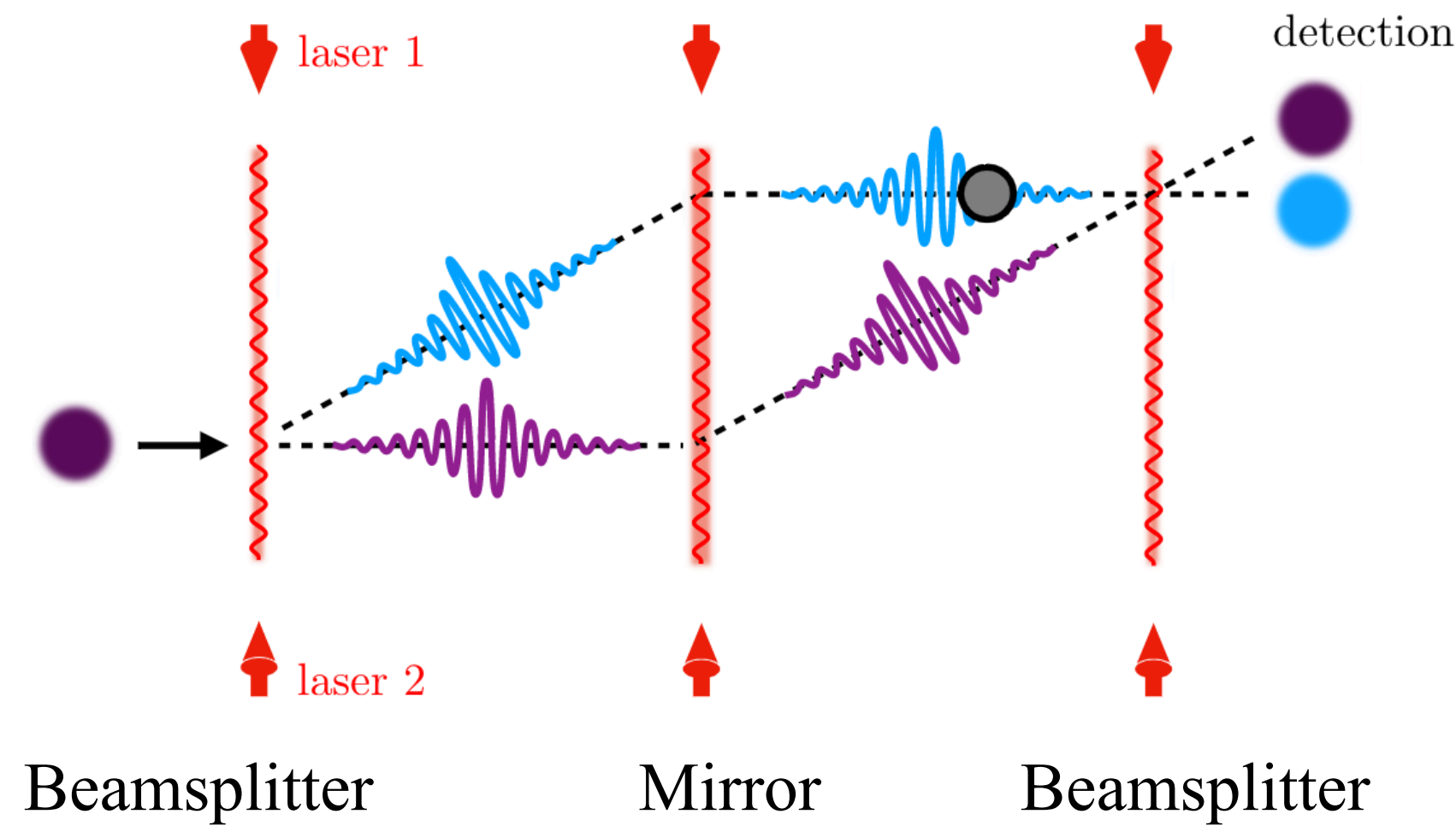
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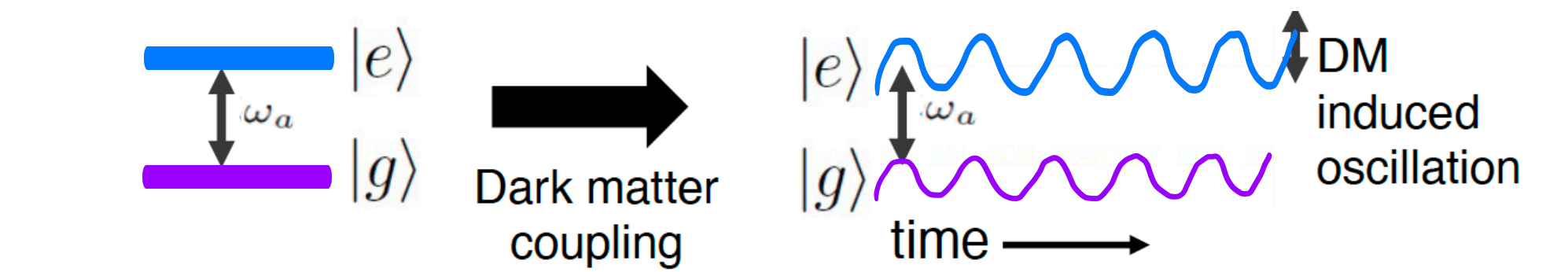
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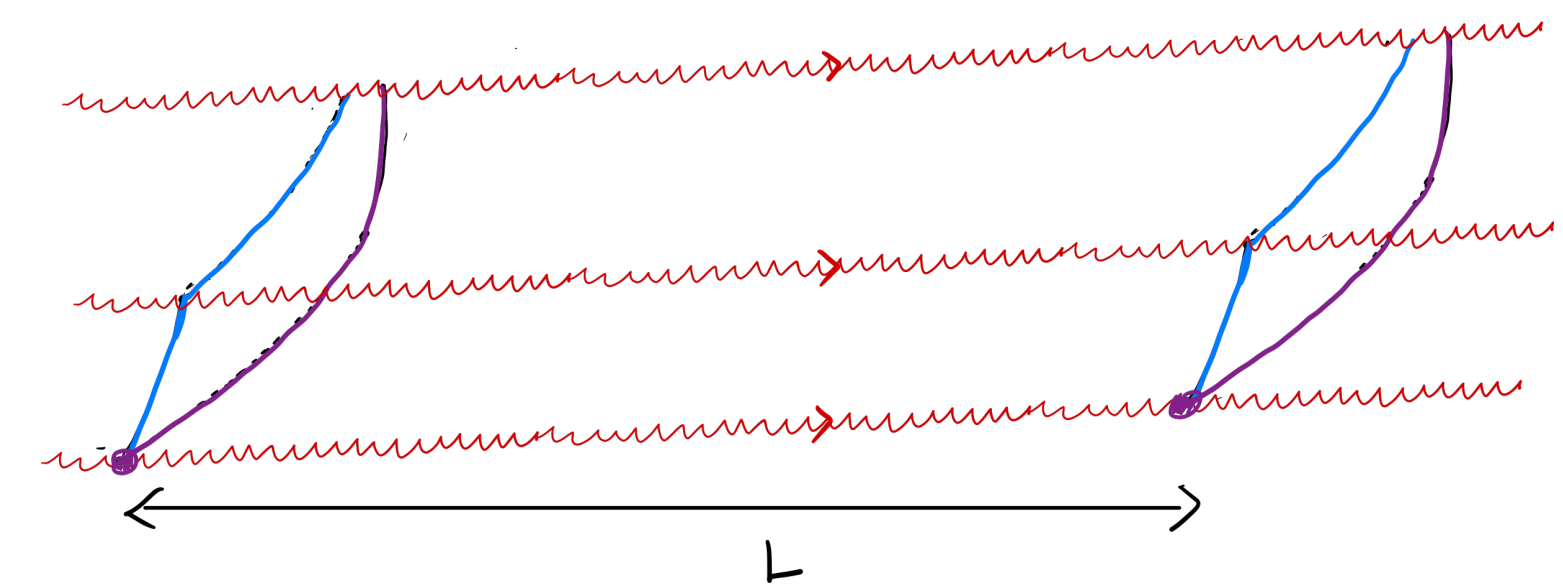


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Ultralight DM: wavelike

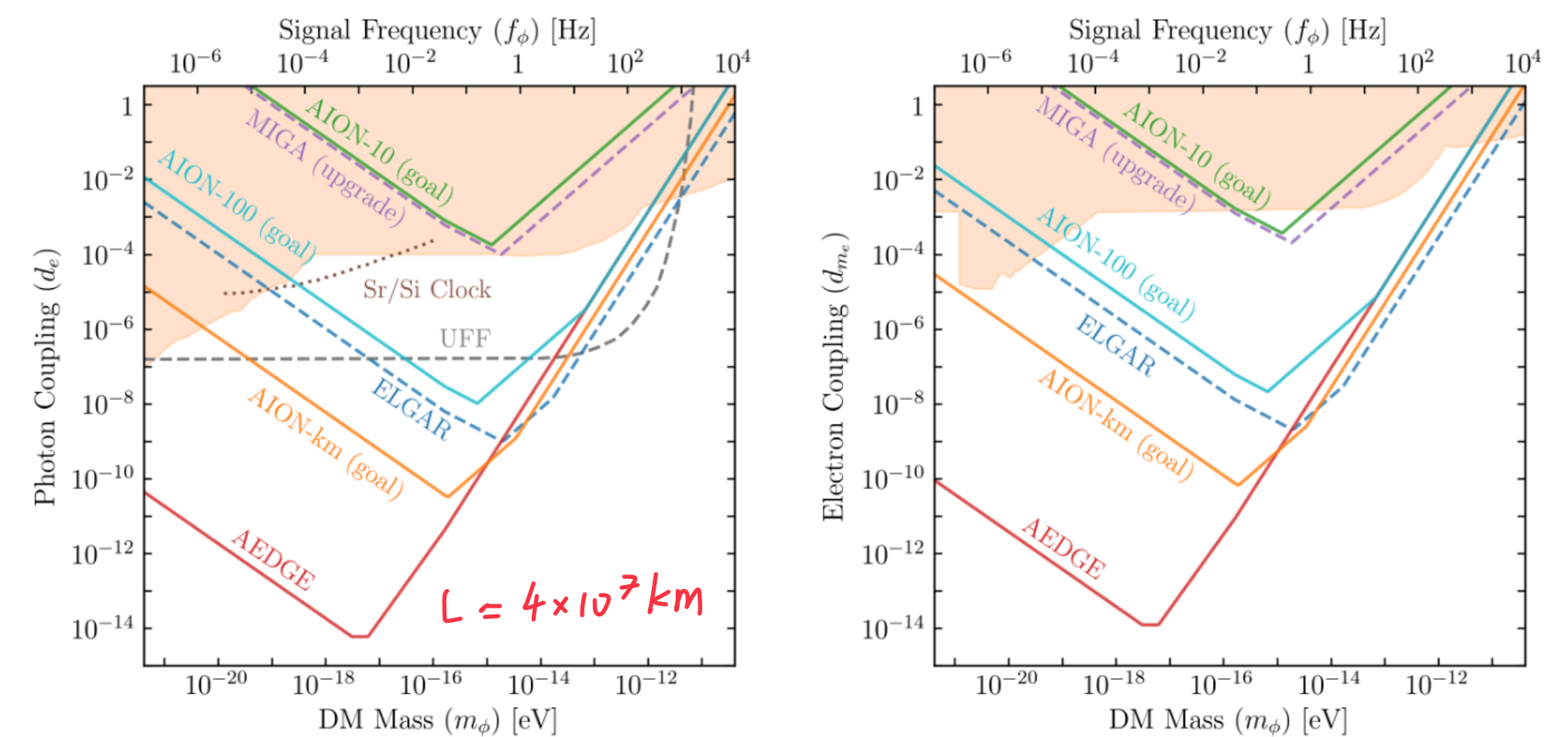


From Oliver Buchmueller's talk



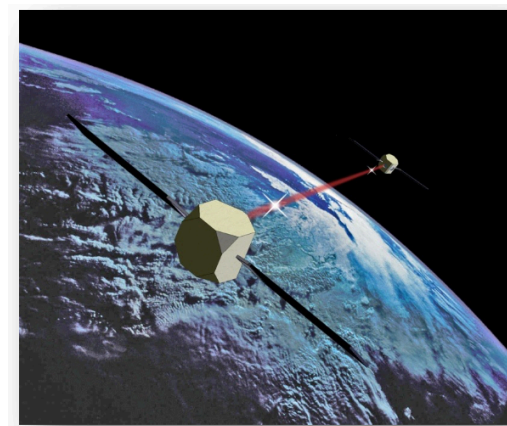
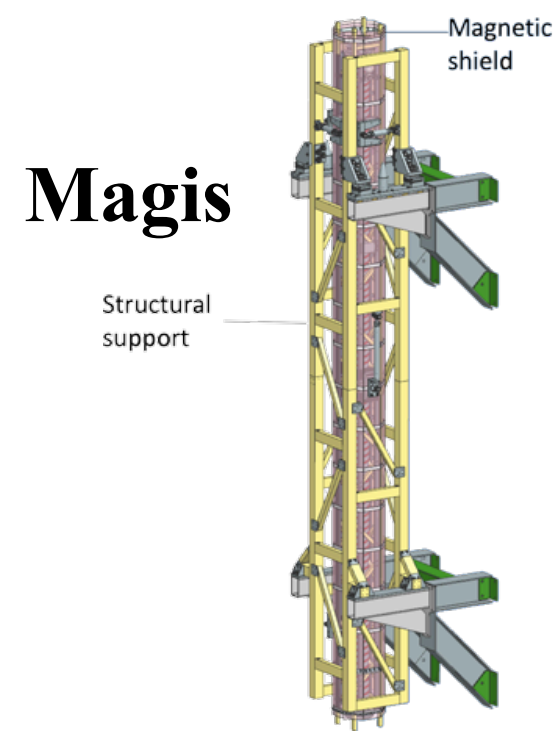
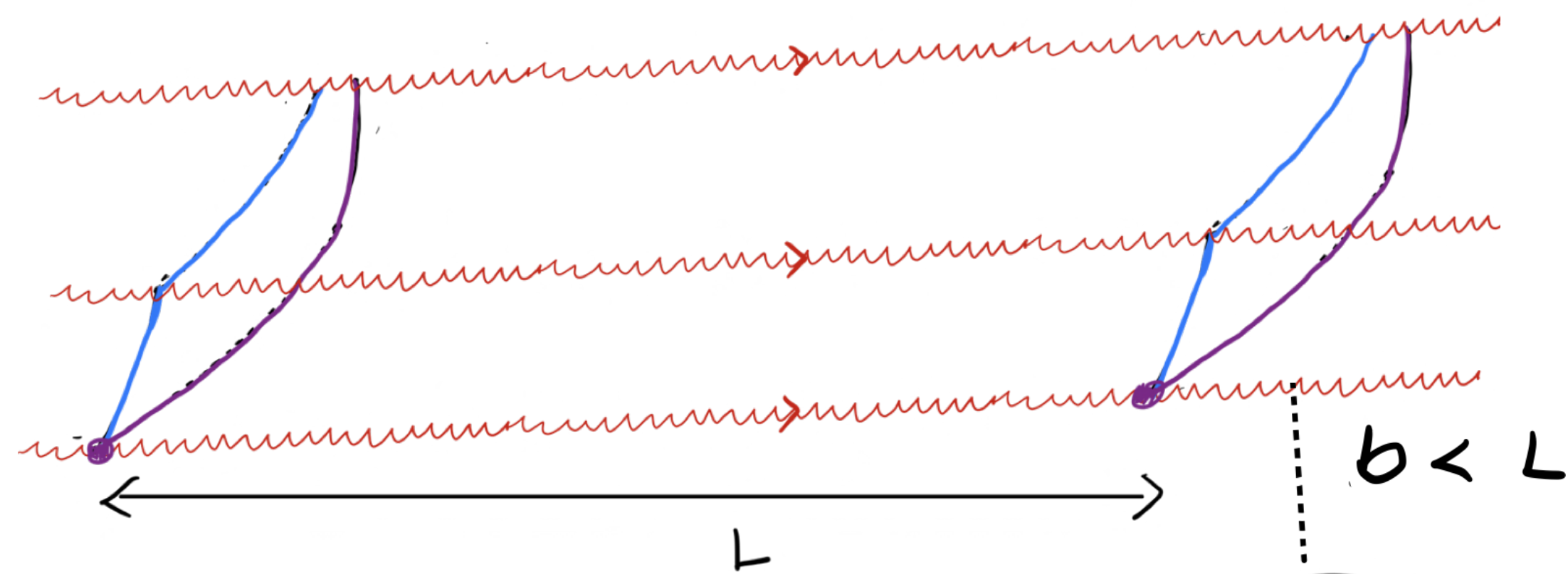
Long baseline large scale experiment

Snowmass
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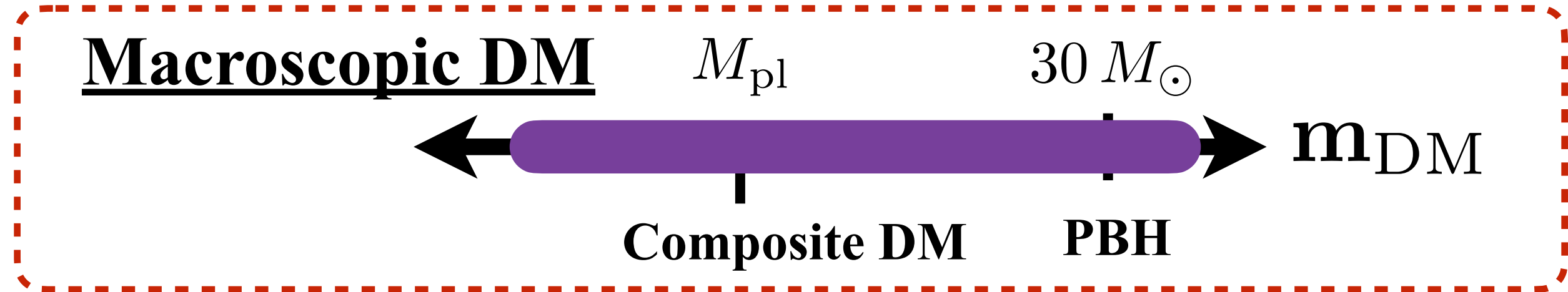
Long-baseline Atom Interferometers



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$$\Delta\phi \sim k_{\text{eff}} a t_{\text{exp}}^2$$

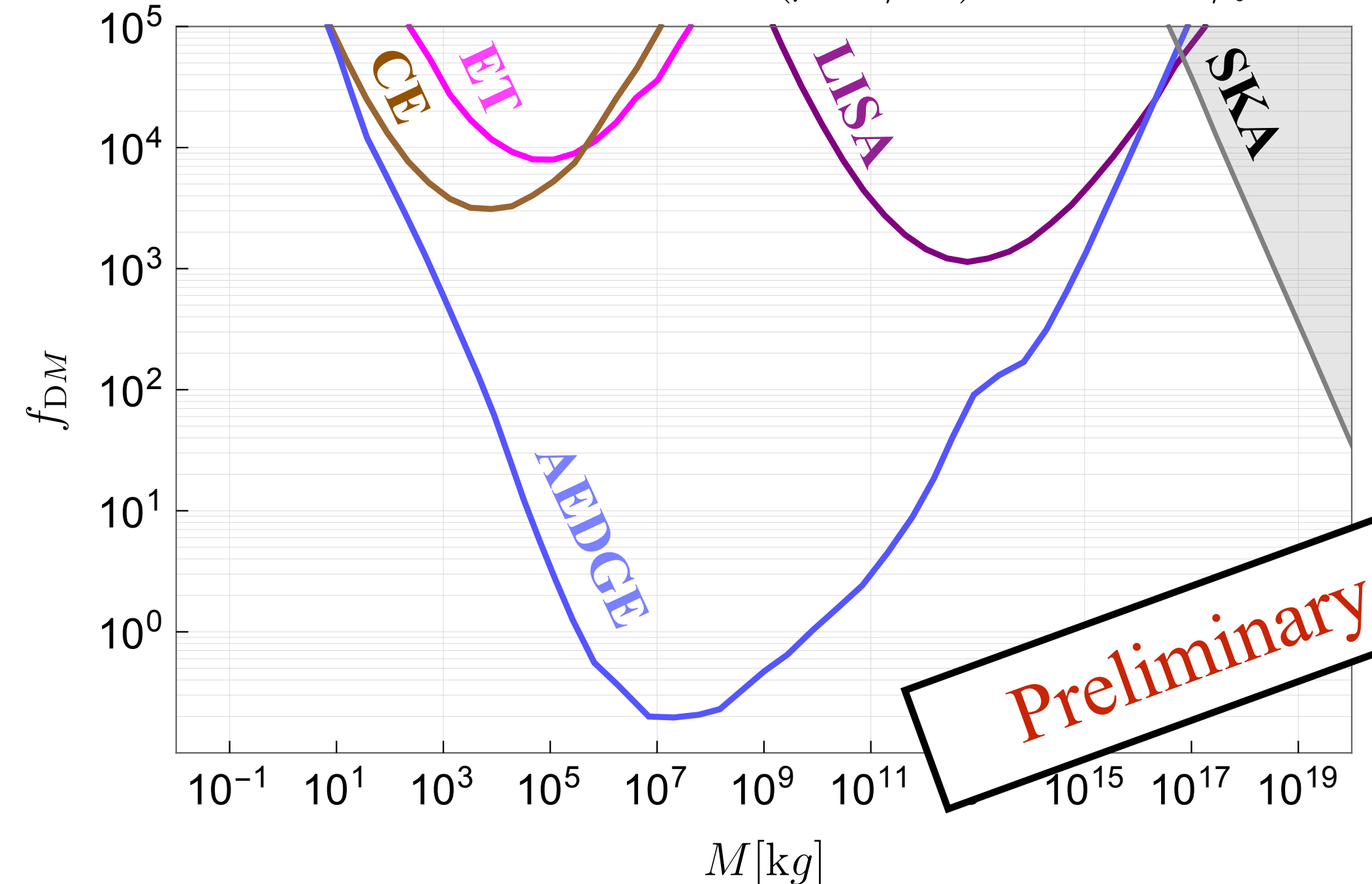
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Atom interferometer phase shift from linearized gravity and a weak potential

Long-baseline Atom Interferometer Gradiometer

Example: a weak potential

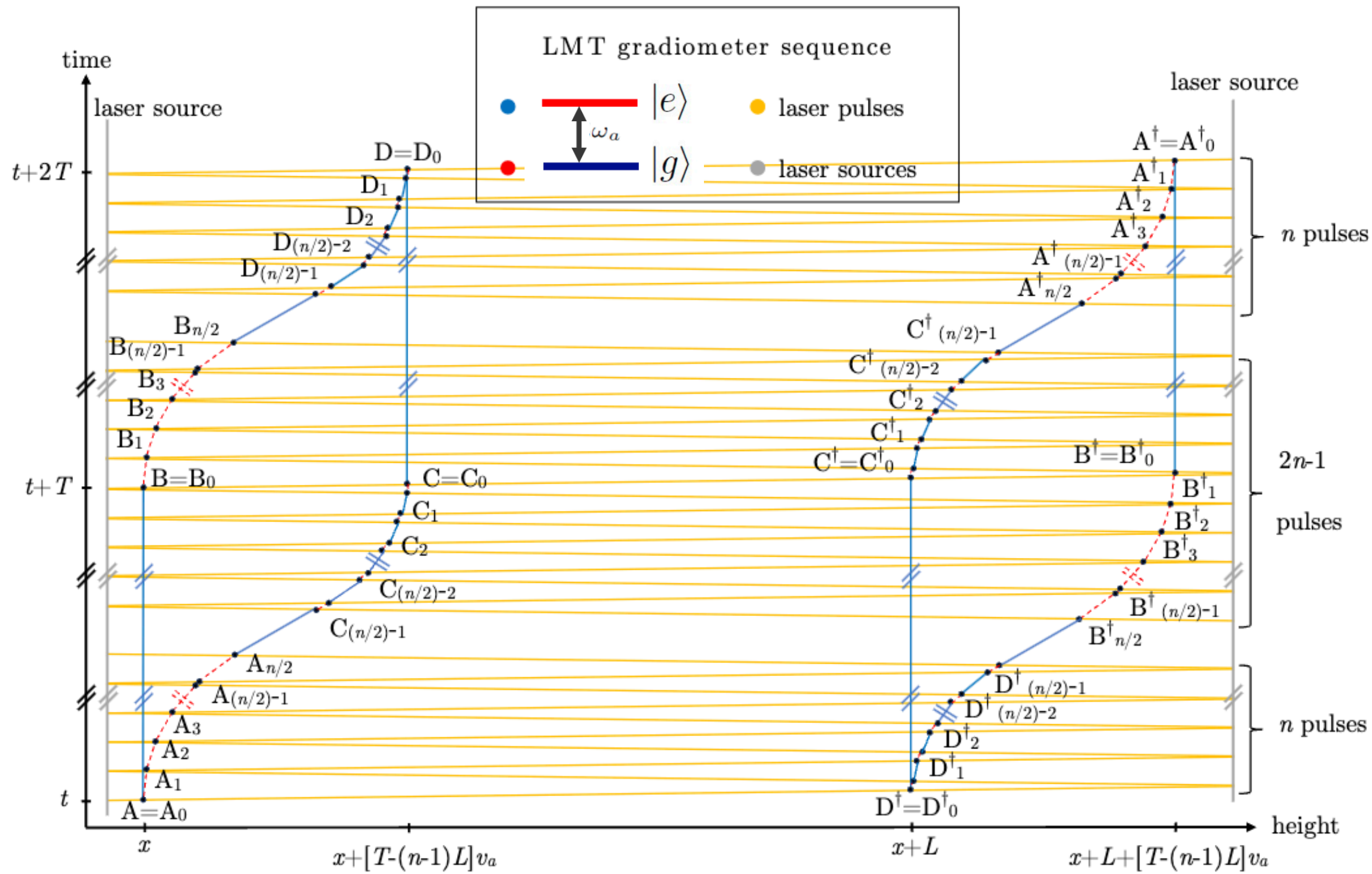
$$ds^2 = -(1 + 2\Phi)dt^2 - 8\Phi v_i dx_i dt + (1 - 2\Phi)dx_i dx_i$$

gives

$$\tilde{\Delta}\phi_{\mathcal{E}}(\omega, \mathbf{x}_0) = T^2 \mathbf{k}_{\text{eff}} \cdot \nabla \tilde{\Phi}(\omega, \mathbf{x}_0) K_1(\omega) + T^2 \omega_a \tilde{\Phi}(\omega, \mathbf{x}_0) K_2(\omega)$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}\phi_{\mathcal{D}}(\omega, \mathbf{x}_0) \simeq T^2 \mathbf{k}_{\text{eff}} \cdot \nabla \tilde{\Phi}(\omega, \mathbf{x}_0) K_D(\omega)$$

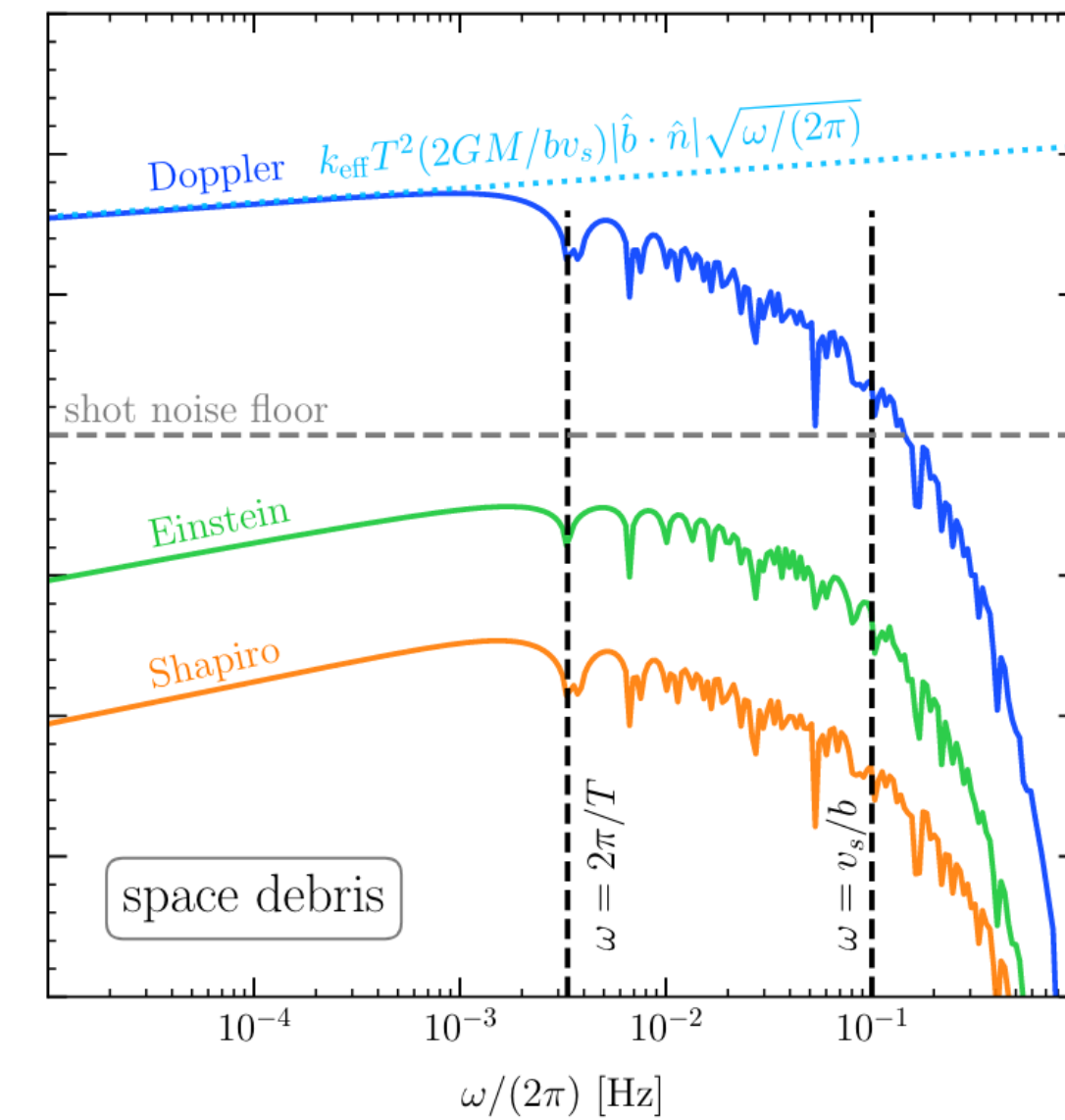
$$\tilde{\Delta}\phi_{\mathcal{S}}(\omega, \mathbf{x}_1 \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_2) \simeq T^2 |\mathbf{k}_{\text{eff}}| \mathcal{FT}_{t \rightarrow \omega} \left\{ \int_{|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1|/2}^{-|\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1|/2} dx \Phi \left(t \pm x, \frac{\mathbf{x}_1 + \mathbf{x}_2}{2} + x \frac{\mathbf{x}_2 - \mathbf{x}_1}{|\mathbf{x}_2 + \mathbf{x}_1|} \right) \right\} K_S(\omega)$$



$$\Delta\phi_{\text{tot}} = \oint m \sqrt{-g_{\mu\nu} \frac{dx^\mu}{dt} \frac{dx^\nu}{dt}} dt \quad [\text{Dimopoulos, Graham, Hogan, and Kasevich 1, 08'}] [\text{Roura, 20'}]$$

$$\Delta\phi_{\text{tot}} = -\frac{1}{2} \oint m \left(1 + \int dt' \mathbf{v}_a \cdot \nabla \right) h_{00} dt + \omega_a \int_{|e\rangle} dt + \mathcal{O}(h^2 v_a, h v_a^2)$$

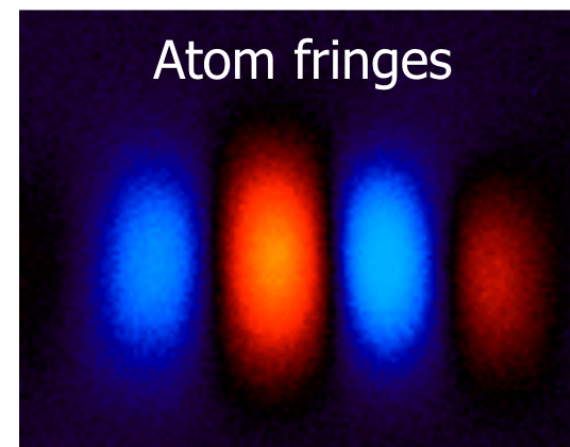
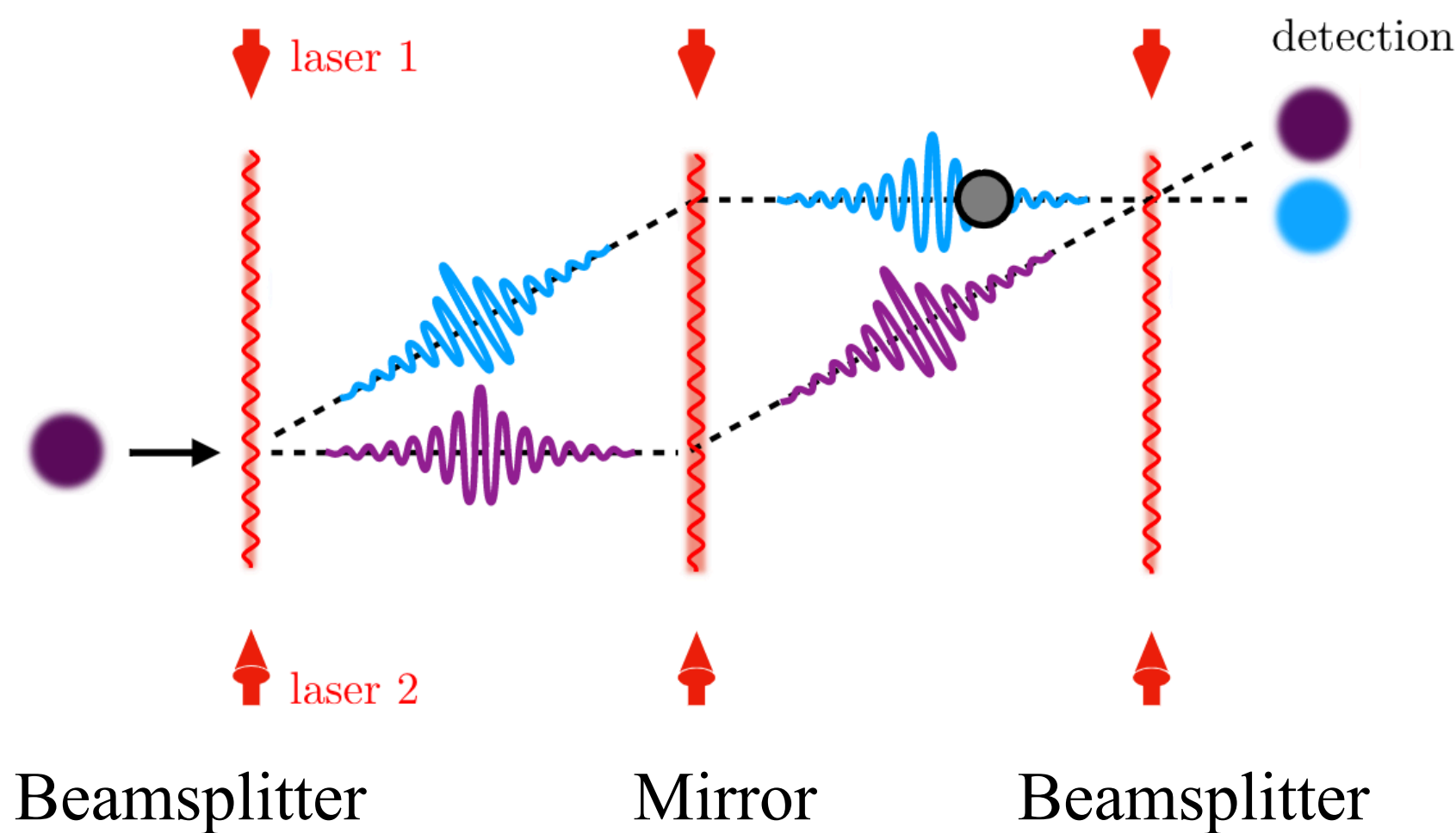
Einstein delay **Doppler shift, Shapiro delay**



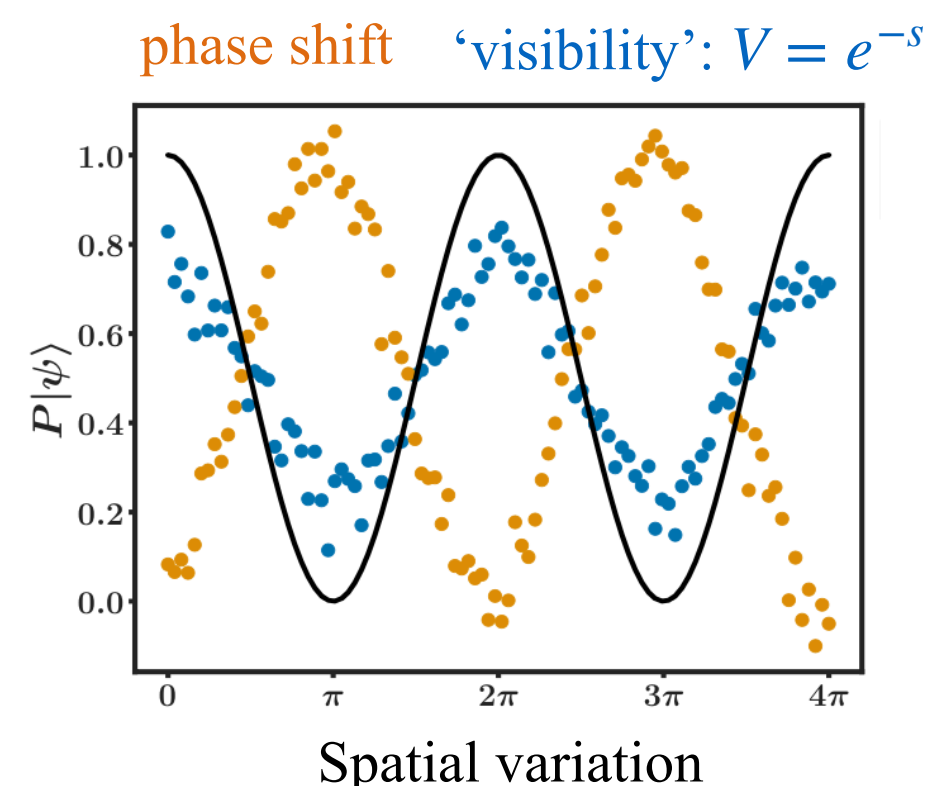
Different contributions to the phase shift of a benchmark space debris.

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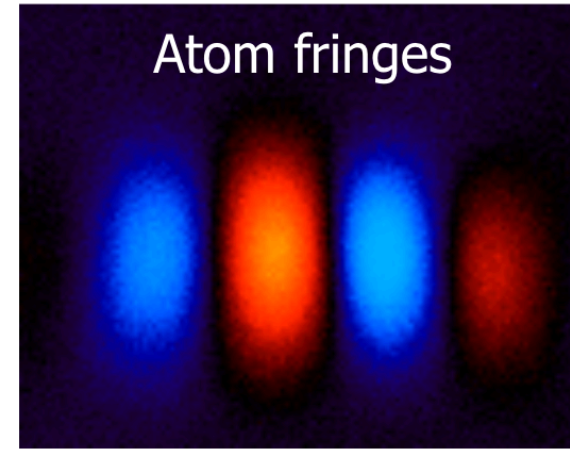
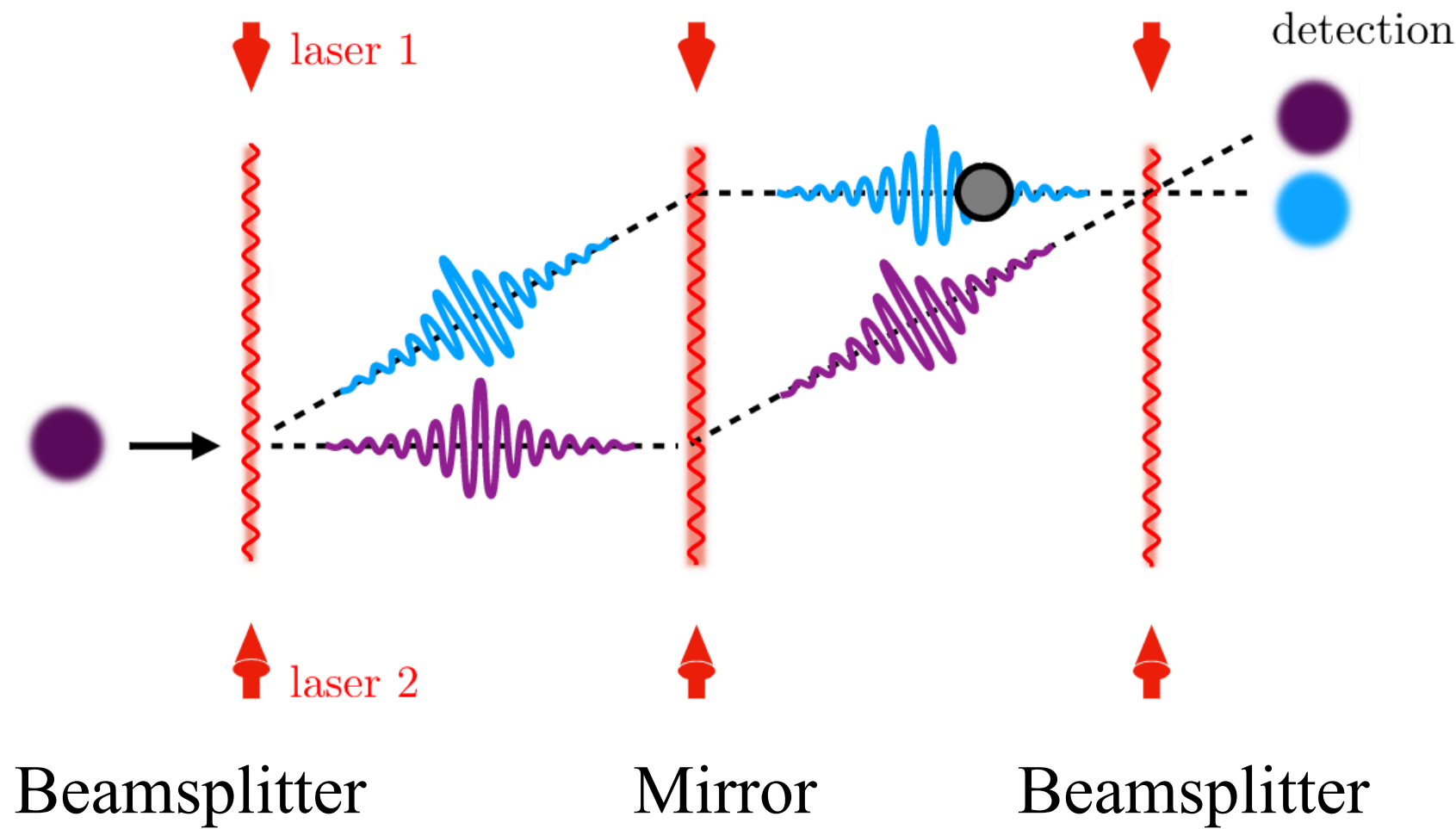
$$\Psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \text{purple dot} \\ \text{blue dot} \end{pmatrix}$$

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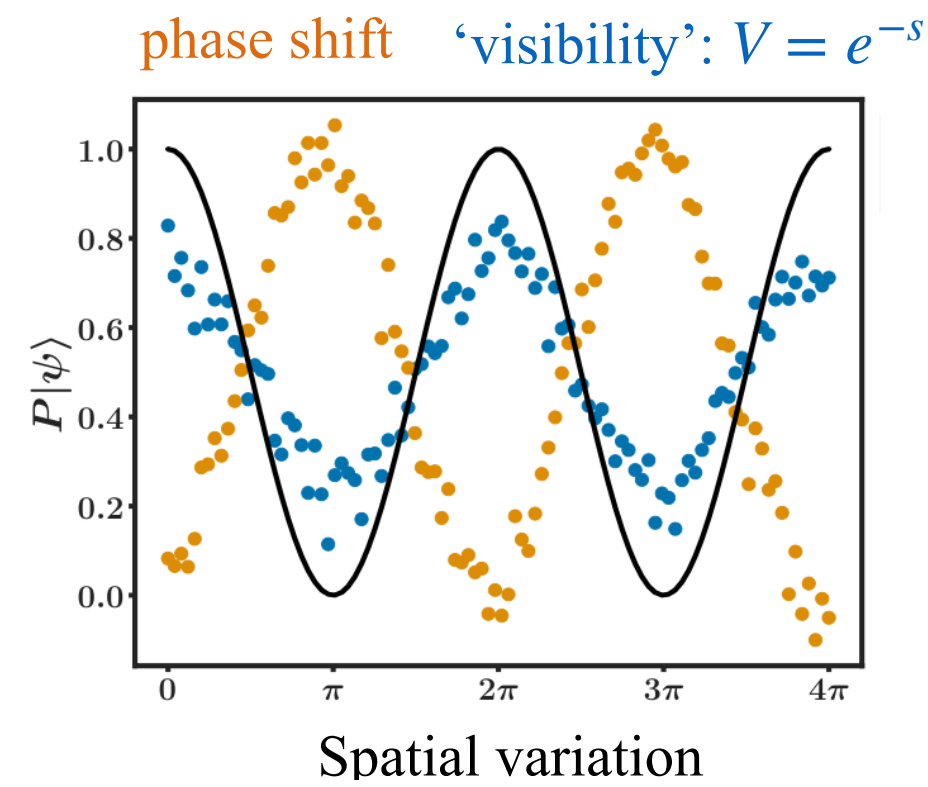
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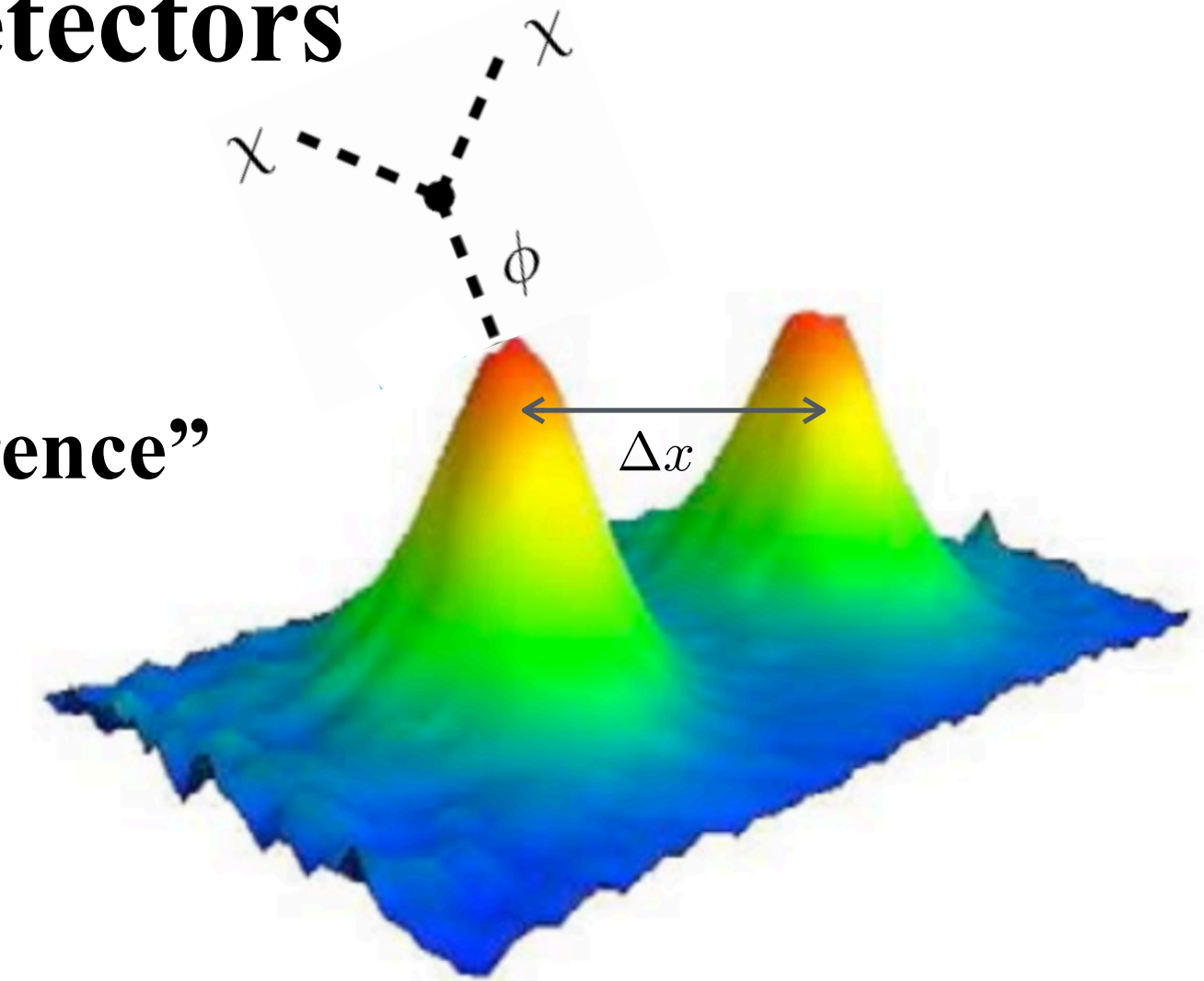
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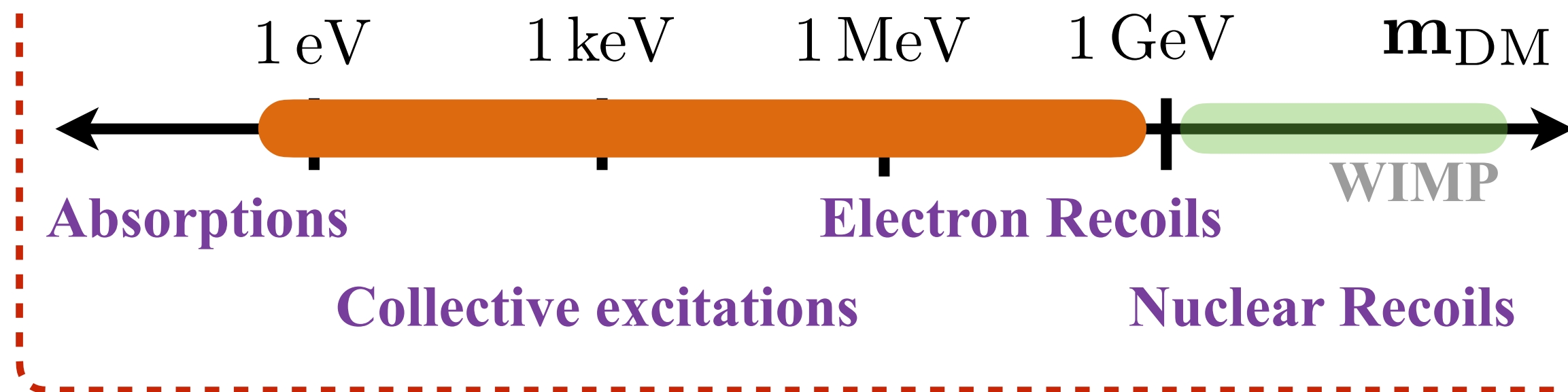
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“Collisional decoherence”



Light DM



- **‘Zero’ energy threshold**

Decoherence depends on momentum transfer

- **Coherent enhancement**

$$R \propto N_{\text{atm}}^2 \quad \text{for } q^{-1} \gtrsim r_C$$

Decoherence factor from DM events

$$\gamma = \exp \left[-\frac{m_T}{N_{\text{ind}}} \int_0^{t_{\text{exp}}} R dt \right]$$

t_{exp} : measurement time

m_T : target mass

N_{ind} : number independently detected targets

Event rate per target mass

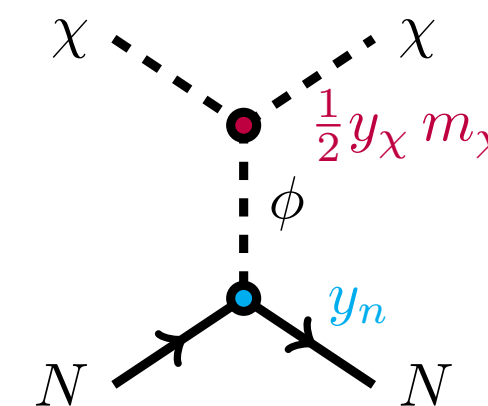
$$R = \frac{1}{\rho_T} \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi} \int d^3\mathbf{v} f(\mathbf{v}) \frac{\pi \bar{\sigma}}{\mu^2} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3} \mathcal{F}_{\text{med}}^2(\mathbf{q}) S(\mathbf{q}, \omega_{\mathbf{q}})$$

m_χ : DM mass $\rho_{T,\chi}$: target/DM mass density $\mu \approx m_\chi$: DM – nucleon reduced mass

DM velocity distribution: $f(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{N_0} \exp \left(-\frac{(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_e)^2}{v_0^2} \right) \Theta(v_{\text{esc}} - \|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_e\|)$

\mathbf{q} : momentum deposition $\omega_{\mathbf{q}} = \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{v} - \frac{q^2}{2m_\chi}$: energy deposition

spin-independent DM scattering processes



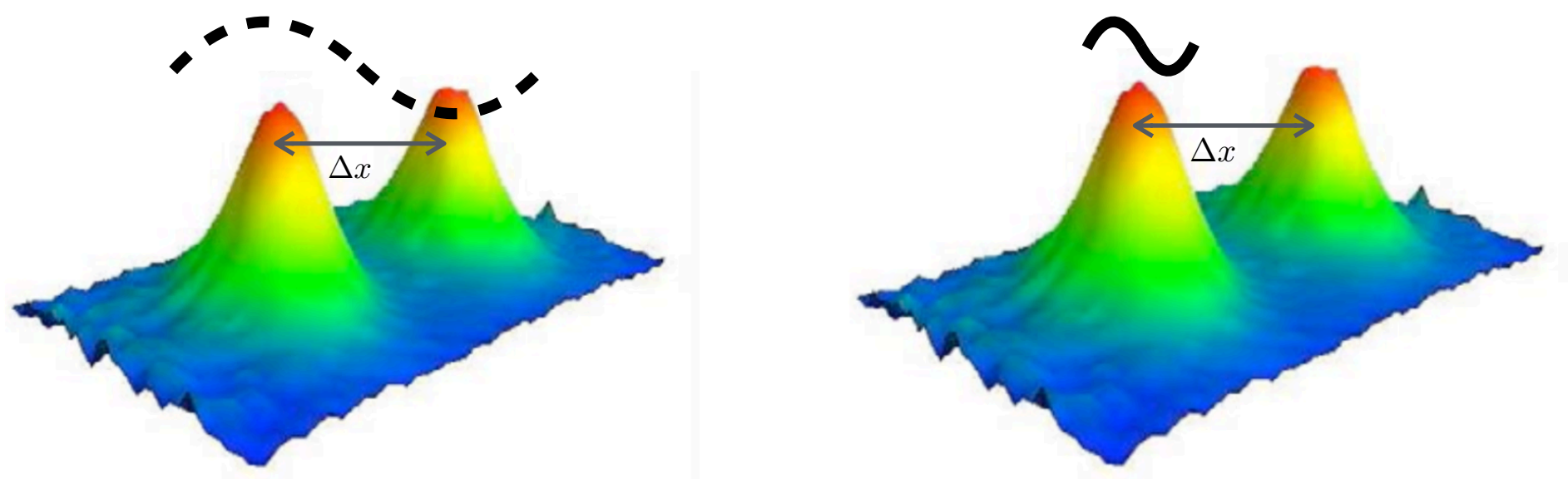
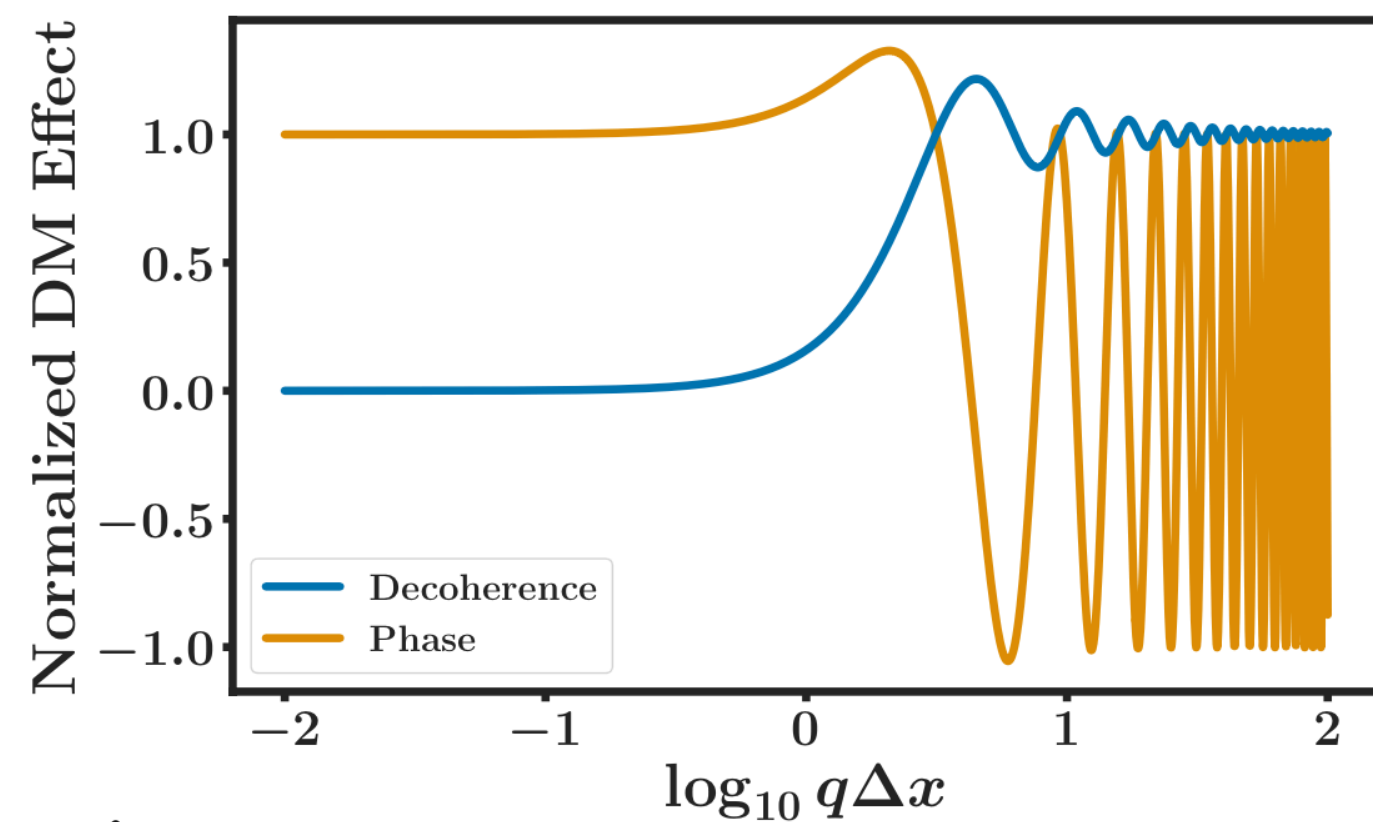
$$\bar{\sigma} = \frac{y_\chi^2 y_n^2}{4\pi} \frac{\mu^2}{(m_\chi^2 v_0^2 + m_\phi^2)^2}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{med}}(q) = \frac{(m_\chi v_0)^2 + m_\phi^2}{q^2 + m_\phi^2} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{heavy mediator} \\ (m_\chi v_0/q)^2, & \text{light mediator} \end{cases}$$

Dynamical structure factor for target response: $S(\mathbf{q}, \omega) \equiv \frac{p_{\text{decoh}}}{V} \sum_f |\langle f | \mathcal{F}_T(\mathbf{q}) | i \rangle|^2 2\pi\delta(E_f - E_i - \omega_{\mathbf{q}})$

Response from two coherent atom clouds

$$p_{\text{decoh}} = 1 - \exp[i\mathbf{q} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{x}]$$



$q \gtrsim 1/\Delta x$: large cloud separation

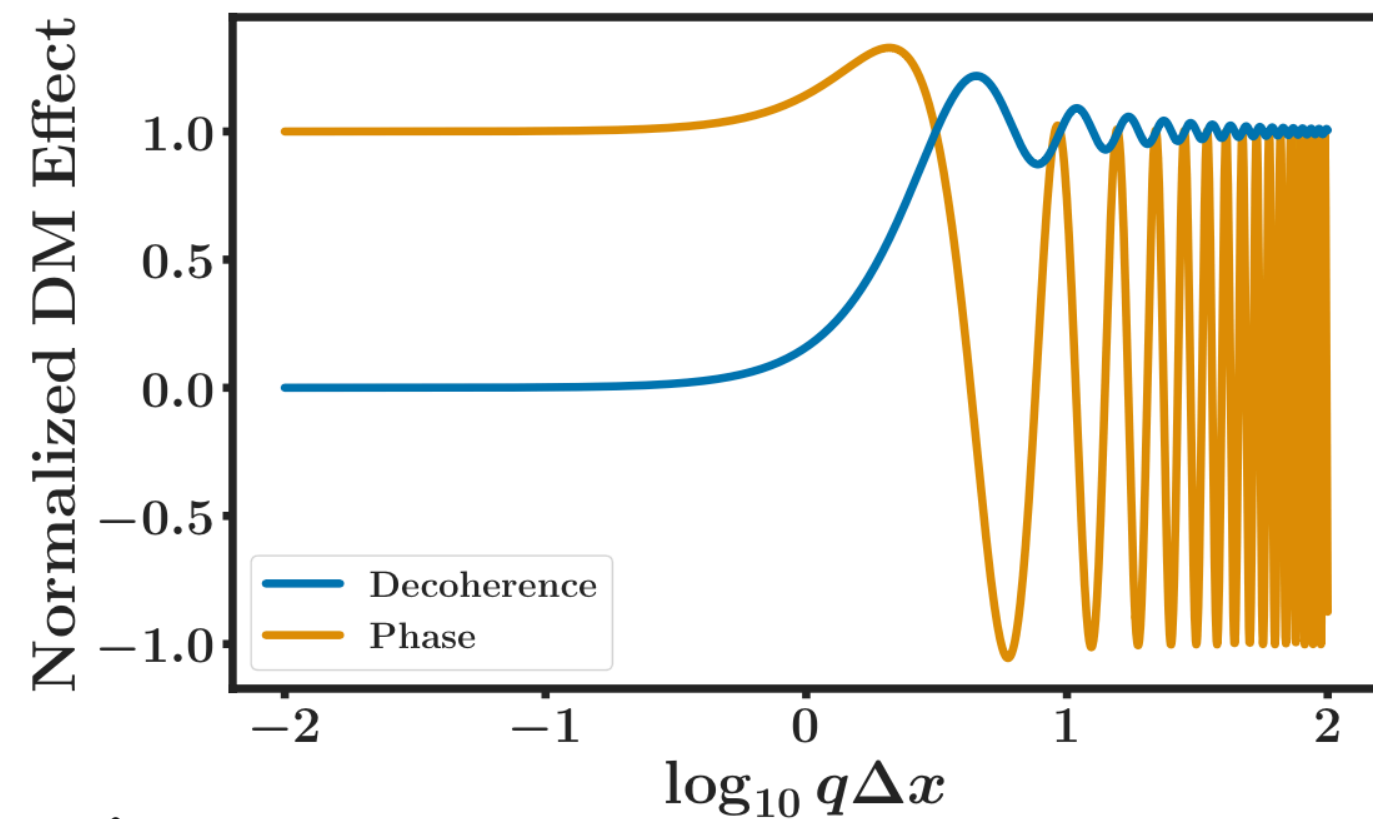
$$\Delta x = 10^{-7} \text{ m} \rightarrow q \gtrsim \text{eV}$$

$$\Delta x = 1 \text{ m} \rightarrow q \gtrsim 0.1 \mu\text{eV}$$

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Response from each cloud: process dependent

Example: nuclear recoil (phase shift)

$$\sum_f |\langle f | \mathcal{F}_T(\mathbf{q}) | i \rangle|^2 = N_{\text{atm}}(N_{\text{atm}} - 1)F^2(qr_C) + N_{\text{atm}}F_A^2(qr_A) + N_{\text{atm}}/A$$

► **Cloud form factor:** $F(qr_C) = \frac{3j_1(qr_C)}{qr_C} \xrightarrow{1/q \gtrsim r_C} 1$

► **Atom form factor:** $F_A(qr_A) = \frac{3j_1(qr_A)}{qr_A} e^{-q^2 s_p^2/2} \xrightarrow{1/q \gtrsim r_A} 1$

Coherent scattering: $qr_C \lesssim 1 \rightarrow \sum_f |\langle f | \mathcal{F}_T(\mathbf{q}) | i \rangle|^2 \approx N_{\text{atm}}^2$

$q \lesssim 1/r_C$, $S(q, \omega) \propto N_{\text{atm}}^2$: small cloud size and large number of atoms

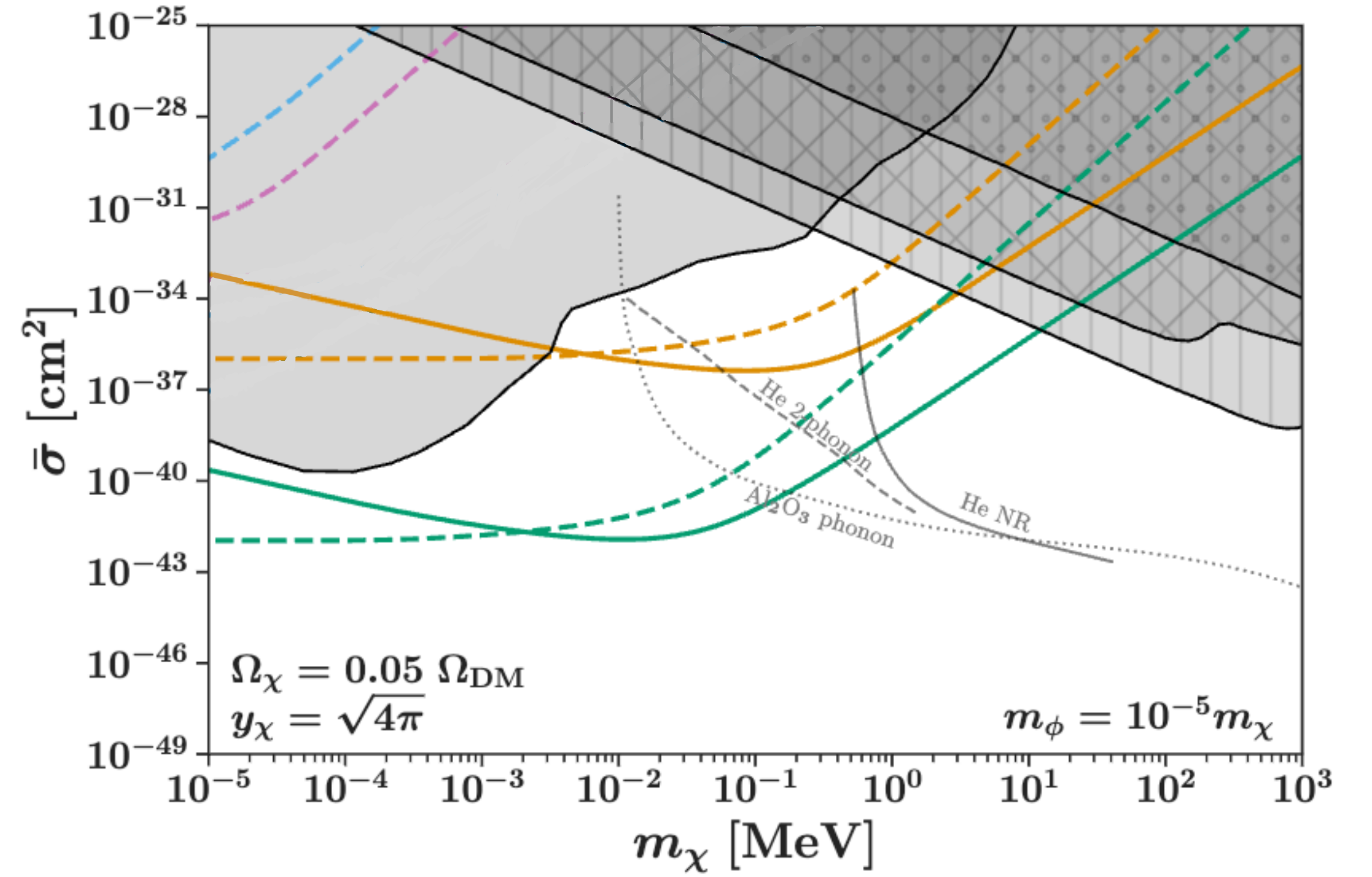
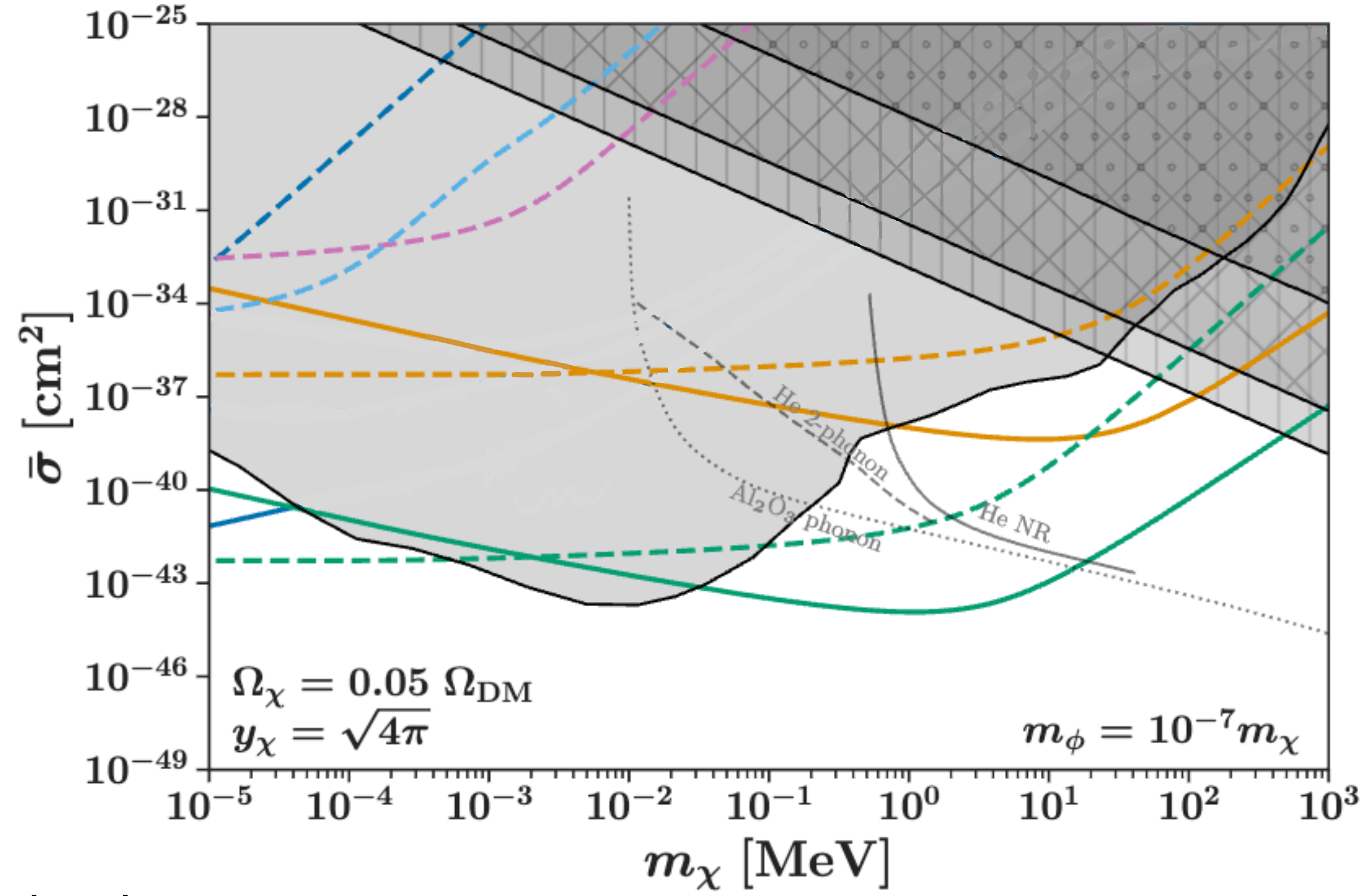
$q \gtrsim 1/\Delta x$: large cloud separation

$$\Delta x = 10^{-7} \text{ m} \rightarrow q \gtrsim \text{eV}$$

$$\Delta x = 1 \text{ m} \rightarrow q \gtrsim 0.1 \mu\text{eV}$$

$$r_C = \text{cm} \rightarrow q \lesssim 10 \mu\text{eV}$$

Reach for light mediator



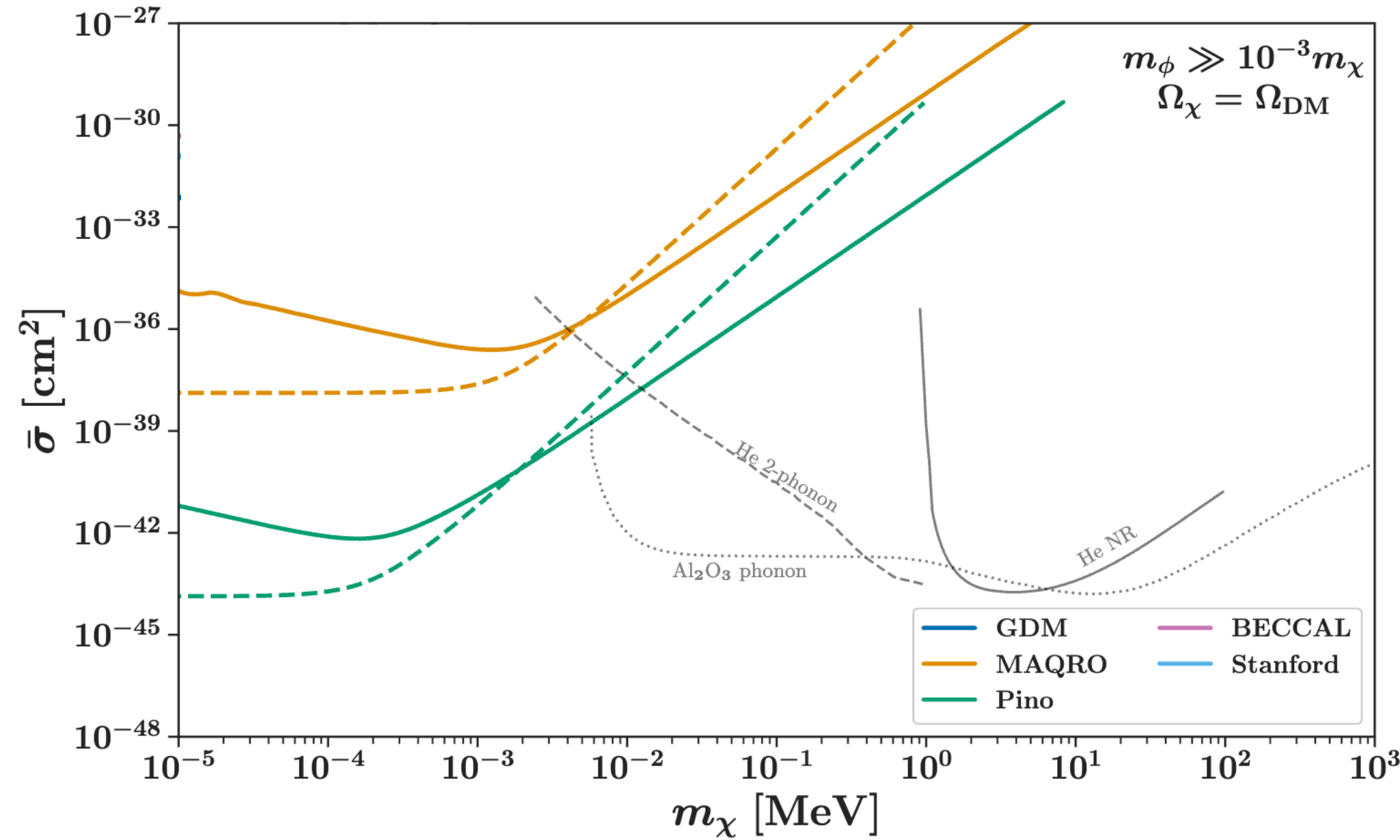
Solid: deconerence
Dashed: phase shift

Mission	Target	r_{cloud} [m]	N_{nucleon}	Δx [m]	t_{exp} [s]	σ_{ϕ} [rad]
BECCAL	^{87}Rb	1.5×10^{-4}	8.7×10^7	3×10^{-3}	2.6	1.0×10^{-3}
MAQRO	SiO_2	1.2×10^{-7}	10^{10}	10^{-7}	100	1.0
GDM	^{87}Rb	10^{-3}	8.7×10^9	25	20	1.0×10^{-4}
Pino	Nb	10^{-6}	2.2×10^{13}	2.9×10^{-7}	0.483	1.0
Stanford	^{87}Rb	2×10^{-4}	3.5×10^8	6.7×10^{-2}	1.91	5.0×10^{-4}

- * Interferometer experiments are sensors of ultra high sensitivity;
- * Dark matter candidates over a broad mass range can induce potential signals in interferometer experiments;
- * Laser interferometers: ultralight DM oscillations and acceleration induced by macroscopic dark matter
- * Matter-wave interferometers: ultralight DM, macroscopic dark matter and decoherence effect of sub-GeV dark matter scattering
- * Active field for more ideas

Thank you!

Heavy mediator and other processes



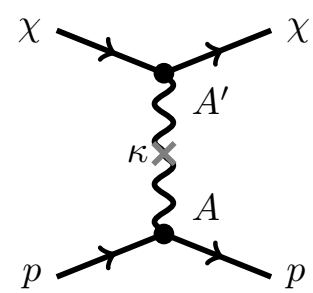
$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{med}}(q) = \frac{(m_\chi v_0)^2 + m_\phi^2}{q^2 + m_\phi^2} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{heavy mediator} \\ (m_\chi v_0/q)^2, & \text{light mediator} \end{cases}$$

- * The rate prefers **large momentum transfer**: no coherent enhancement;
- * Most of the parameter space, for scalar mediator, has been excluded by various collider, astrophysical, and cosmological constraints.

▶ Hidden photon processes

◆ Kinematic mixing

$$H_I = -\alpha \kappa \int d^3\mathbf{r} n(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \mathbf{E}'(\mathbf{r})$$



$$\bar{\sigma} = \kappa^2 \frac{\mu^2}{\pi} \frac{1}{(m_\chi^2 v_0^2 + m_{A'}^2)^2}$$

$$\sum_f |\langle f | \mathcal{F}_T(\mathbf{q}) | i \rangle|^2 g(\mathbf{q}, \omega_1) = a_0^6 \frac{q^2}{2} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}_1}{(2\pi)^3} \omega_1 S(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{k}_1) g(\mathbf{q}, \omega_1)$$

Suppressed by poor polarizability of atom clouds

▶ Axion scattering

Fukuda, Shirai '21

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{a^2}{8f_a^2} \sum_{N=p,n} \delta m_N \bar{N} N$$

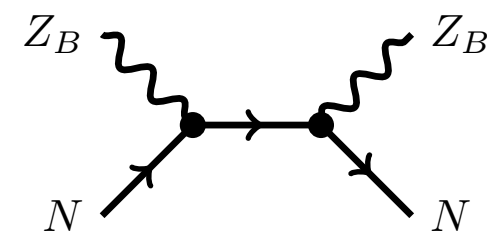
$$\bar{\sigma} = \frac{\mu^2}{256\pi} \left(\frac{\delta m_N}{f_a^2} \right)^2 \frac{1}{m_a^2}$$

Heavy mediator scenario

Only probes f_a up to 100GeV

◆ baryon and lepton number couplings

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g_B}{3} \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q Z_B^\mu$$



$$\bar{\sigma} = \frac{3}{16\pi m_N^2} \left(\frac{g_B}{3} \right)^4$$

Heavy mediator scenario

▶ and more...

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{(X - X_{\text{bkg}})^2}{\sigma_X^2}$$

Decoherence s $V = e^{-s}$

* Quantum noise limit (QNL)

See e.g. Bize et. al. 05'

$$\sigma_V \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{\text{ind}}}}$$

► **Atom interferometers:** $N_{\text{ind}} = N_{\text{atom}}$

► **Matter interferometers:** $N_{\text{ind}} = 1$

* Over the experiment run time (1 year), the noise scales with the number of measurement:

$$\sigma_V \propto N_{\text{meas}}^{-1/2} \quad \text{with} \quad N_{\text{meas}} = T_{\text{run}}/t_{\text{exp}}$$

Phase ϕ

* Quantum noise limit

$$\sigma_\phi \equiv \frac{1 \text{ rad}}{\sqrt{N_{\text{ind}}}}$$

* Some experiments phrase the phase sensitivity as the minimal measurable acceleration $\sigma_\phi = \frac{1}{4} m_{\text{ind}} \Delta x t_{\text{exp}} a_{\text{min}}$,

Other bounds and projections

Direct Detections

- * Prospects from superfluid helium for the NR and 2-phonon excitations, and the Al₂O₃ for phonon excitations, are compatible with certain AI proposals above 10 keV mass;

Terrestrial bounds

- * Meson decays $K \rightarrow \pi \phi$, $B \rightarrow K \phi$

- * Fifth force

Hadrophilic massive mediator induces Yukawa potential $V(r) = -\frac{y_n^2}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} e^{-m_\phi r}$

Astrophysical bounds

- * Stellar emission

Light bosons coupling to electrons or nucleons can be emitted by stars, resulting in rapid cooling

- * Dark matter self interaction (DMSI)

If χ composes all of the DM in the universe, DMSI are constrained by cluster mergers and halo shaped observations to satisfy

$$\sigma_{\text{DMSI}}/m_\chi < 1 - 10 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$$

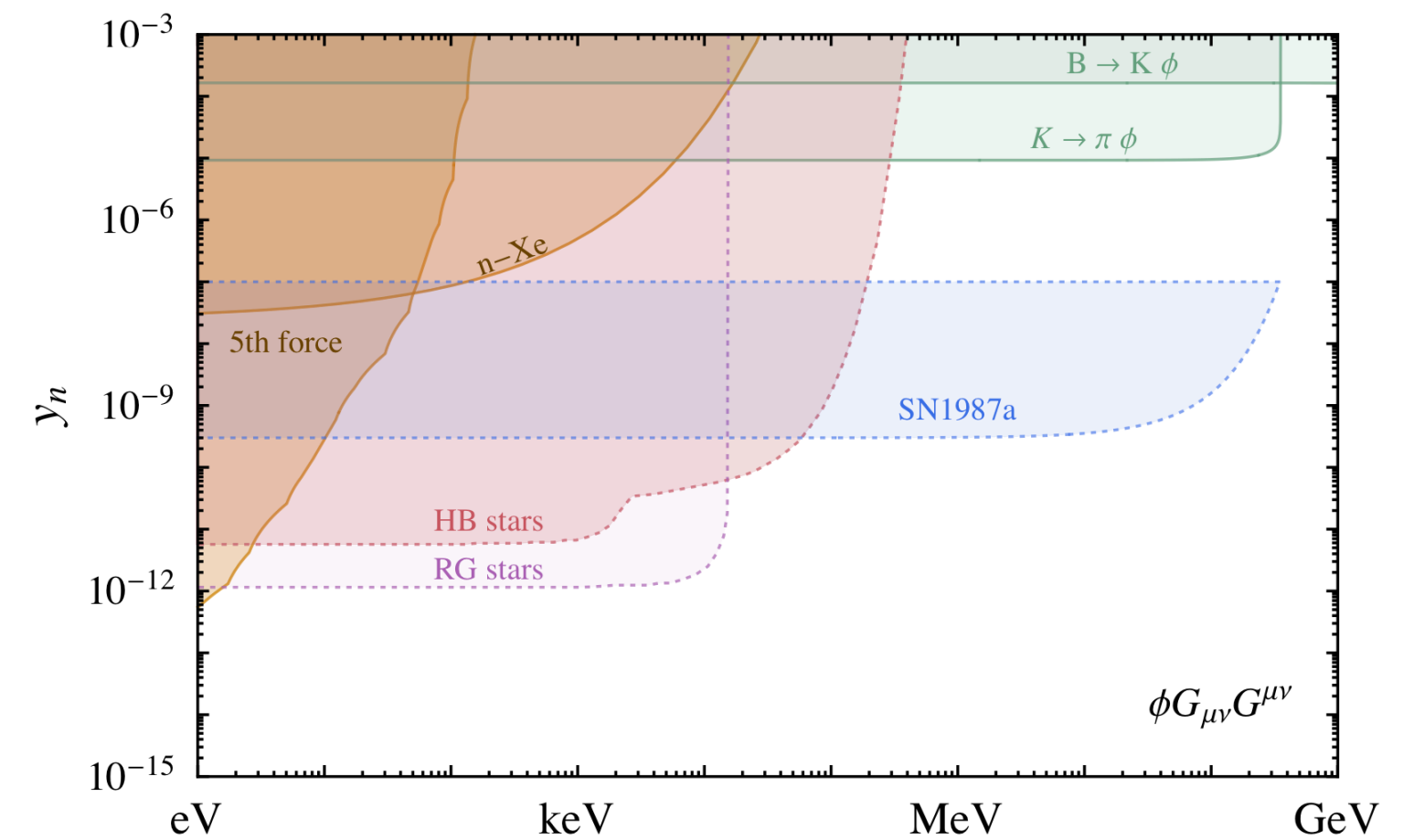
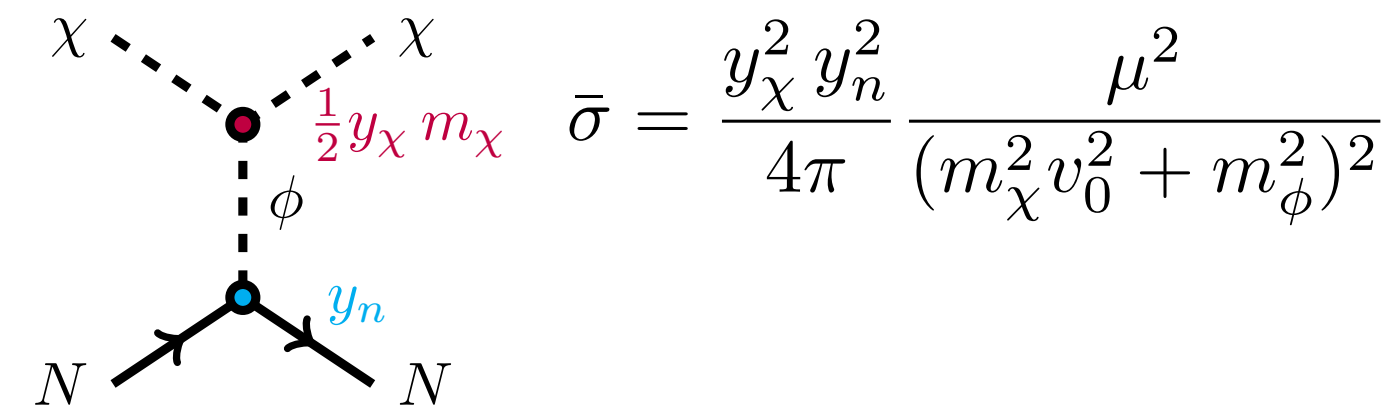
The DMSI bound can be considerably relaxed if χ is a subcomponent of the total DM.

Cosmological bounds

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = \frac{4}{7} \sum_i g_i \left(\frac{g(T_{\nu L}^{\text{dec}})}{g(T_i)} \right)^{4/3} \xrightarrow[\chi \text{ cannot be produced thermally}]{\text{with } y_n < 10^{-9}, \phi \text{ decouples before QCD}}$$

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \simeq 0.06 \sum_i g_i$$

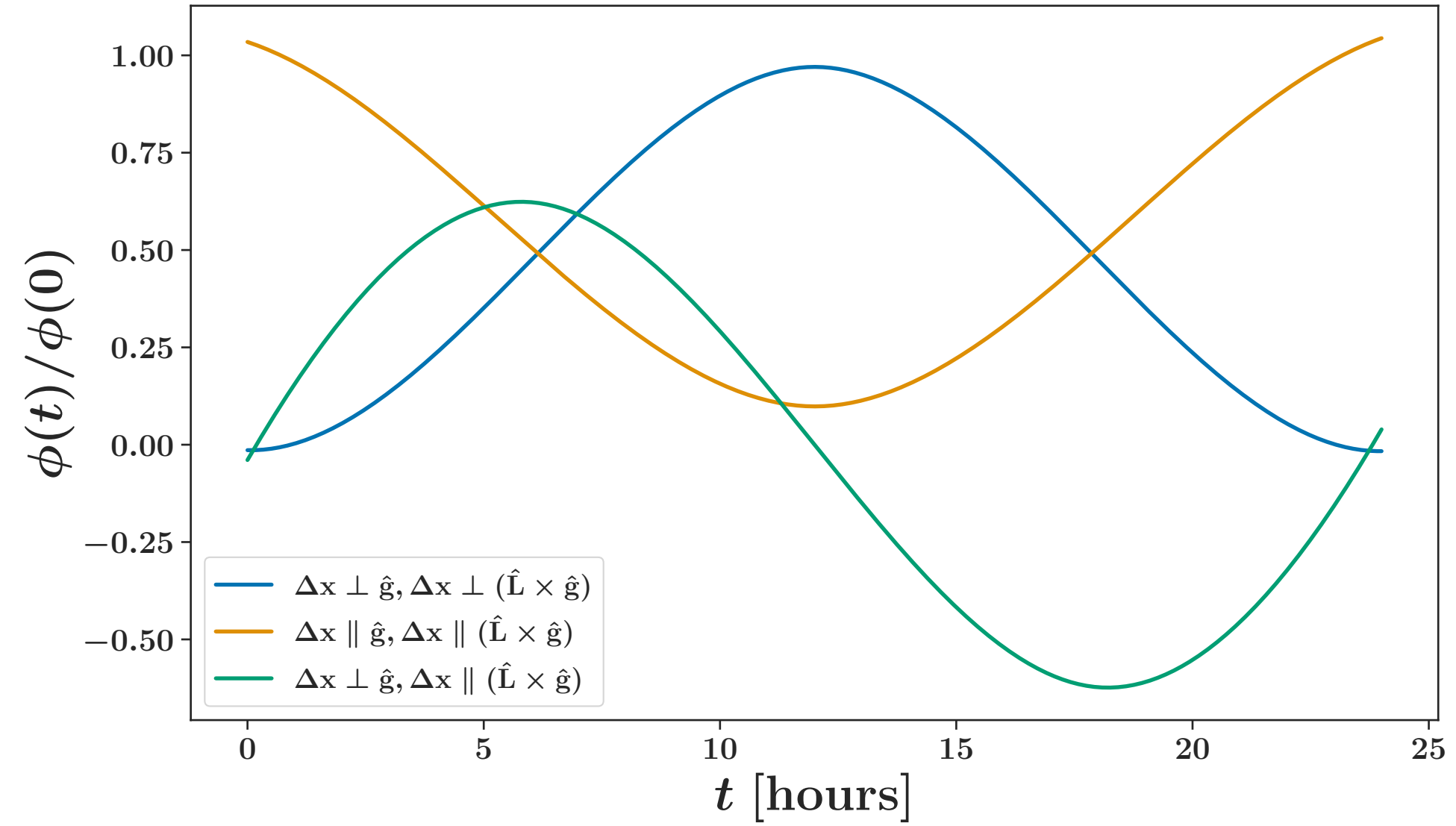
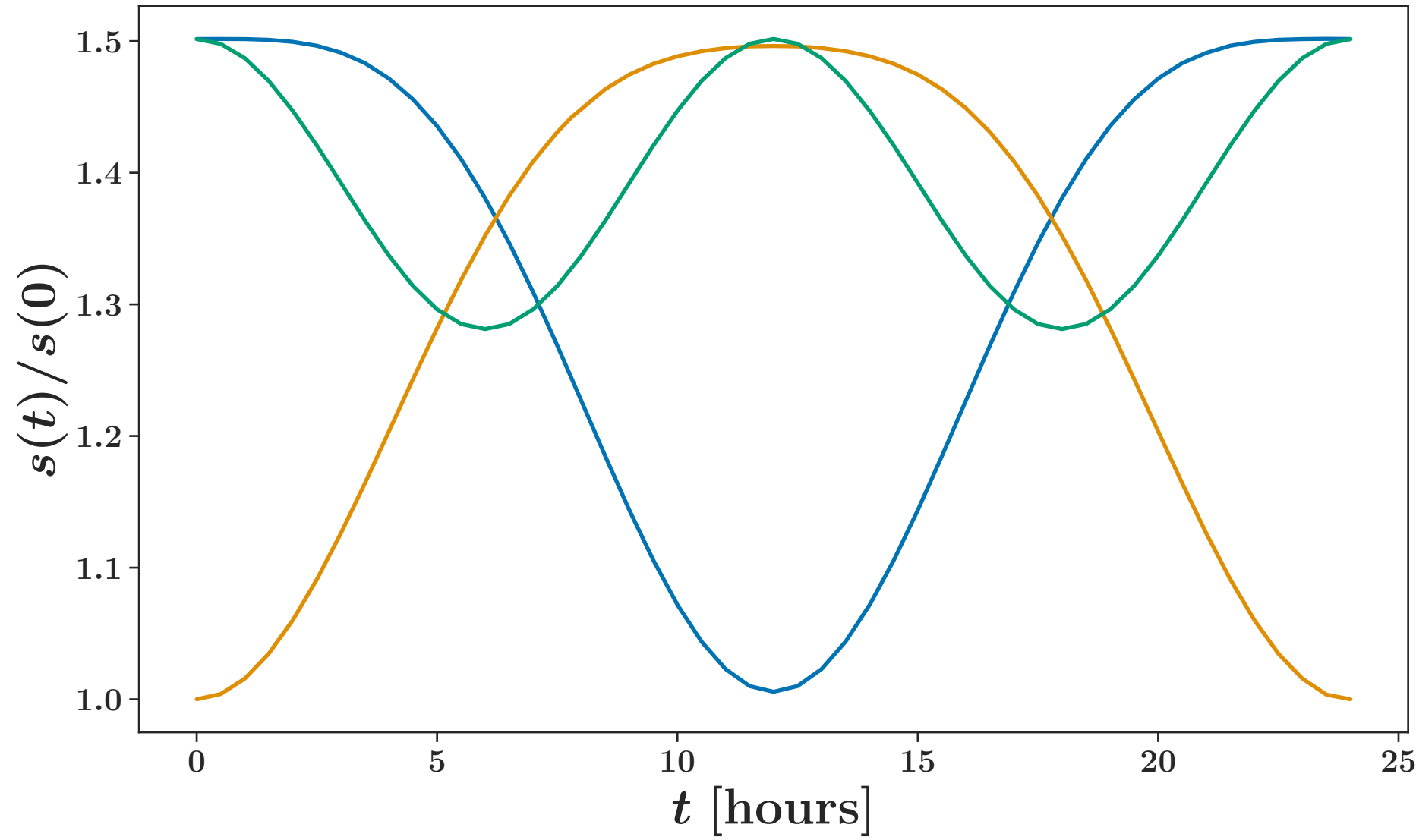
Not in tension with current measurements, but will be easily probed by upcoming experiments.



Knapen, Lin, Zurek '22

we assume DM sub-component for light mediator

Daily modulation



Directional signal: $p_{\text{decoh}} = 1 - \exp[i\mathbf{q} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{x}]$

DM velocity distribution in the lab frame: $f(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{1}{N_0} \exp\left(-\frac{(\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_e(t))^2}{v_0^2}\right) \Theta(v_{\text{esc}} - \|\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{v}_e(t)\|)$

$$\mathbf{v}_e(t) = \|\mathbf{v}_e\| \begin{pmatrix} s\theta_e c\theta_x s\phi(t) - s\theta_x s\theta_e c\theta_1 c\phi(t) + s\theta_x c\theta_e s\theta_1 \\ c\theta_e s\theta_g s\theta_1 c\theta_x - s\theta_e s\theta_g c\theta_1 c\theta_x c\phi(t) - s\theta_e c\theta_g s\theta_1 c\phi(t) - c\theta_e c\theta_g c\theta_1 - s\theta_e s\theta_g s\theta_x s\phi(t) \\ s\theta_e c\theta_g c\theta_1 c\theta_x c\phi(t) - c\theta_e c\theta_g s\theta_1 c\theta_x - s\theta_e s\theta_g s\theta_1 c\phi(t) - c\theta_e s\theta_g c\theta_1 + s\theta_e c\theta_g s\theta_x s\phi(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- * Choose the optimal oriental of $\Delta\mathbf{x}$;
- * Can be used to isolate DM signal from isotropic backgrounds.