

Title: Searches for light scalar dark matter

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Abstract:

Part I: Searches for light scalar dark matter

clocks — [arXiv:1405.2925](#) [A. Arvanitaki, J. Huang, KVT]
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rods — [arXiv:1508.01798](#) [A. Arvanitaki, S. Dimopoulos, KVT]
[M. Tobar], [L. Taffarelo]

interferometry — [arXiv:1606.04541](#)
[A. Arvanitaki, P. Graham, J. Hogan, S. Rajendran, KVT]
[H. Mueller], [M. Kasevich]

accelerometers — [A. Geraci], [G. Gratta], [H. Paik], [E. Adelberger]

Part II: Resonant absorption of bosonic dark matter in molecules

[arXiv:1708.xxxxx](#) [A. Arvanitaki, S. Dimopoulos, L. Hollberg, KVT]

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Experimental Techniques in Table-Top Fundamental Physics
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Current “problems” in particle physics

Standard Model of particle physics accurately describes* every known experiment and observation to the measured and calculated precision

theoretical frontiers:

mathematical tools numerological curiosities computational precision

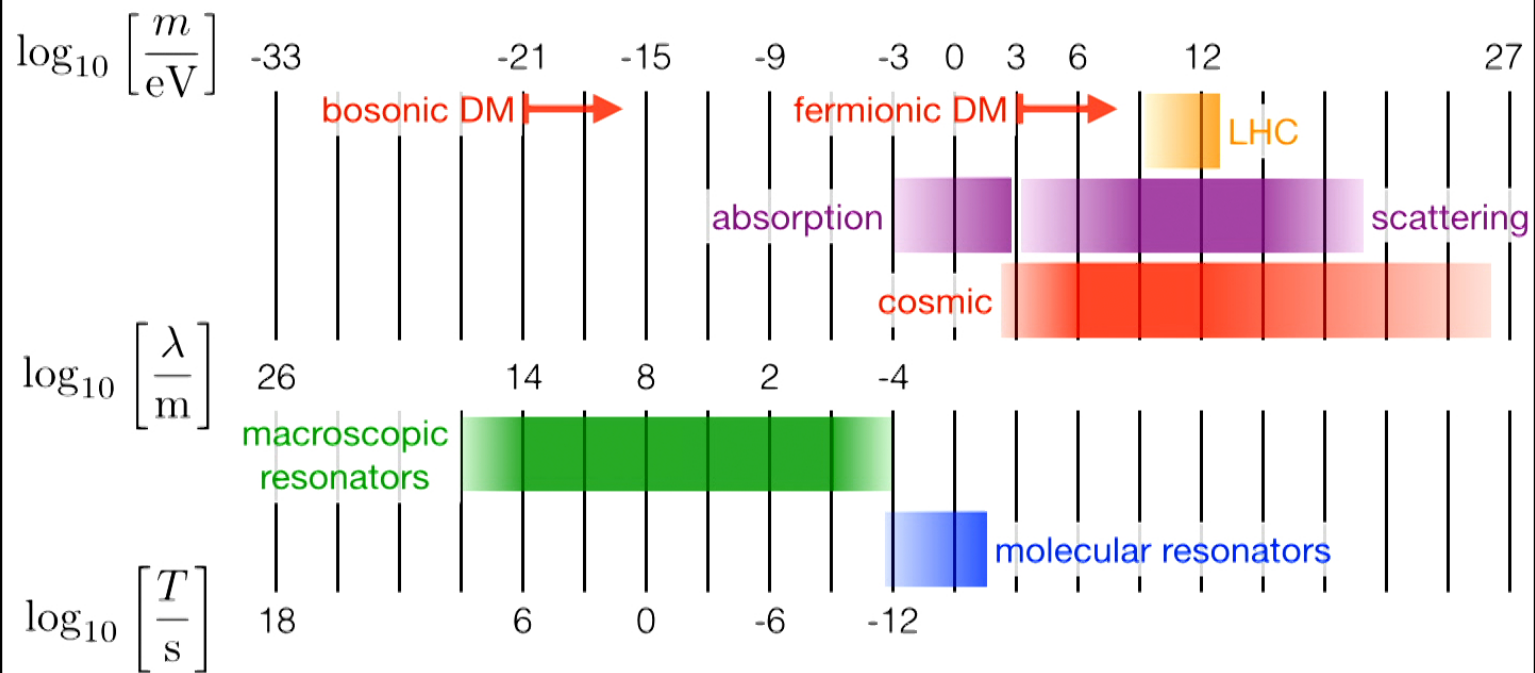
experimental frontiers:

high-energy cosmic intensity precision

*parametrized unknowns:

dark matter | baryon asymmetry | inflation | g-2

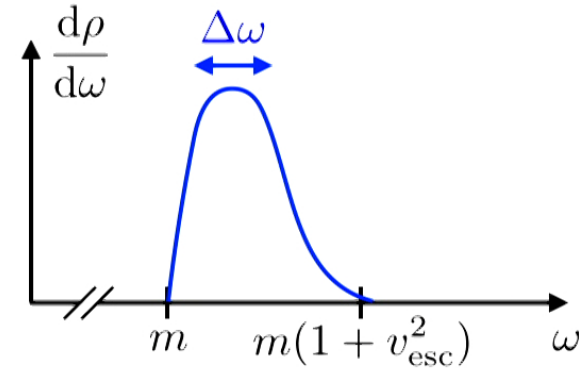
Scales of dark matter



absorption \rightarrow monochromatic signal: $\omega = m(1 + v^2)$

Bosonic dark matter fields and interactions

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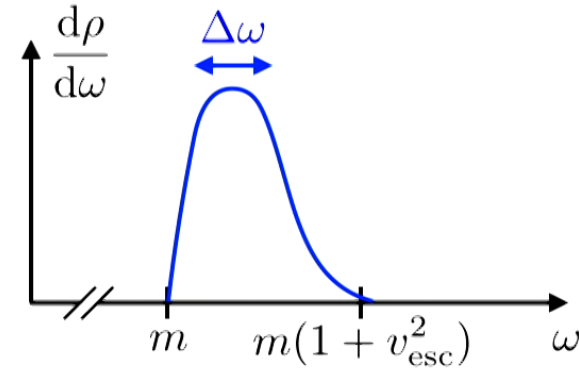
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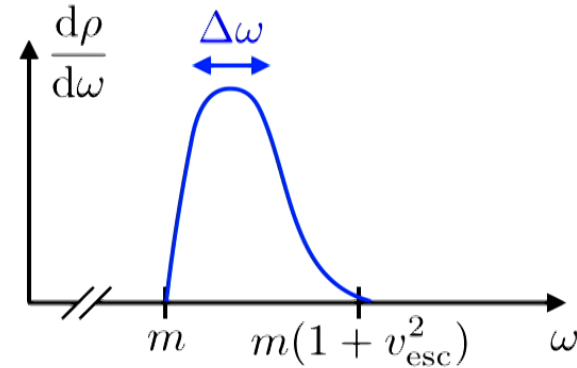
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↳ equivalent to shining 20kW laser
in a 1m² beam waist area →



Part I: Light scalars

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2 \phi^2 + \sqrt{4\pi G_N} \phi \left[\underbrace{+\frac{d_e}{4e^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}_{\alpha \text{ changes}} - \underbrace{\frac{d_g \beta_3}{2g_3} G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A\mu\nu}}_{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \text{ changes}} - \underbrace{d_{m_e} m_e \bar{e}e - \sum_{q=u,d} (d_{m_q} + \gamma_{m_q} d_g) m_i \bar{\psi}_i \psi_i}_{\text{electron and quark masses change}} \right]$$

theories

Higgs portal
dilaton, radion

QCD axion

any Yukawa/gauge modulus

physical effects

$\omega_{\text{clock}} [\alpha, m_e, m_q, \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}]$

$$L_{\text{rod}} = \frac{N}{\alpha m_e}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = -\frac{\nabla M}{M}$$

phenomenology

$$m_e(t, \mathbf{x}) = m_e \left[1 + d_{m_e} \sqrt{4\pi G_N} \phi(t, \mathbf{x}) \right]$$

$$\alpha(t, \mathbf{x}) = \alpha \left[1 + d_e \sqrt{4\pi G_N} \phi(t, \mathbf{x}) \right]$$

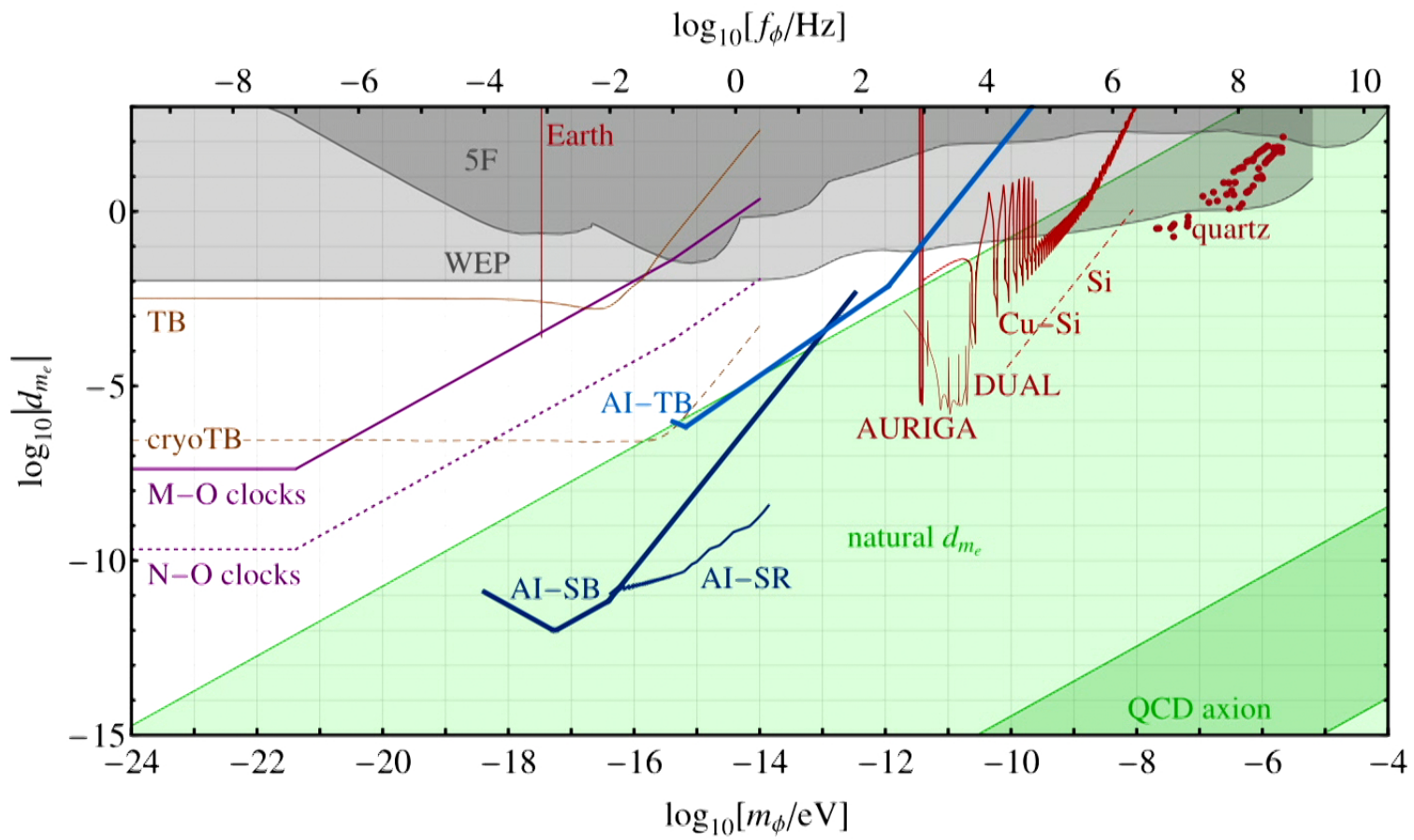
detection

atomic clocks & interferometers

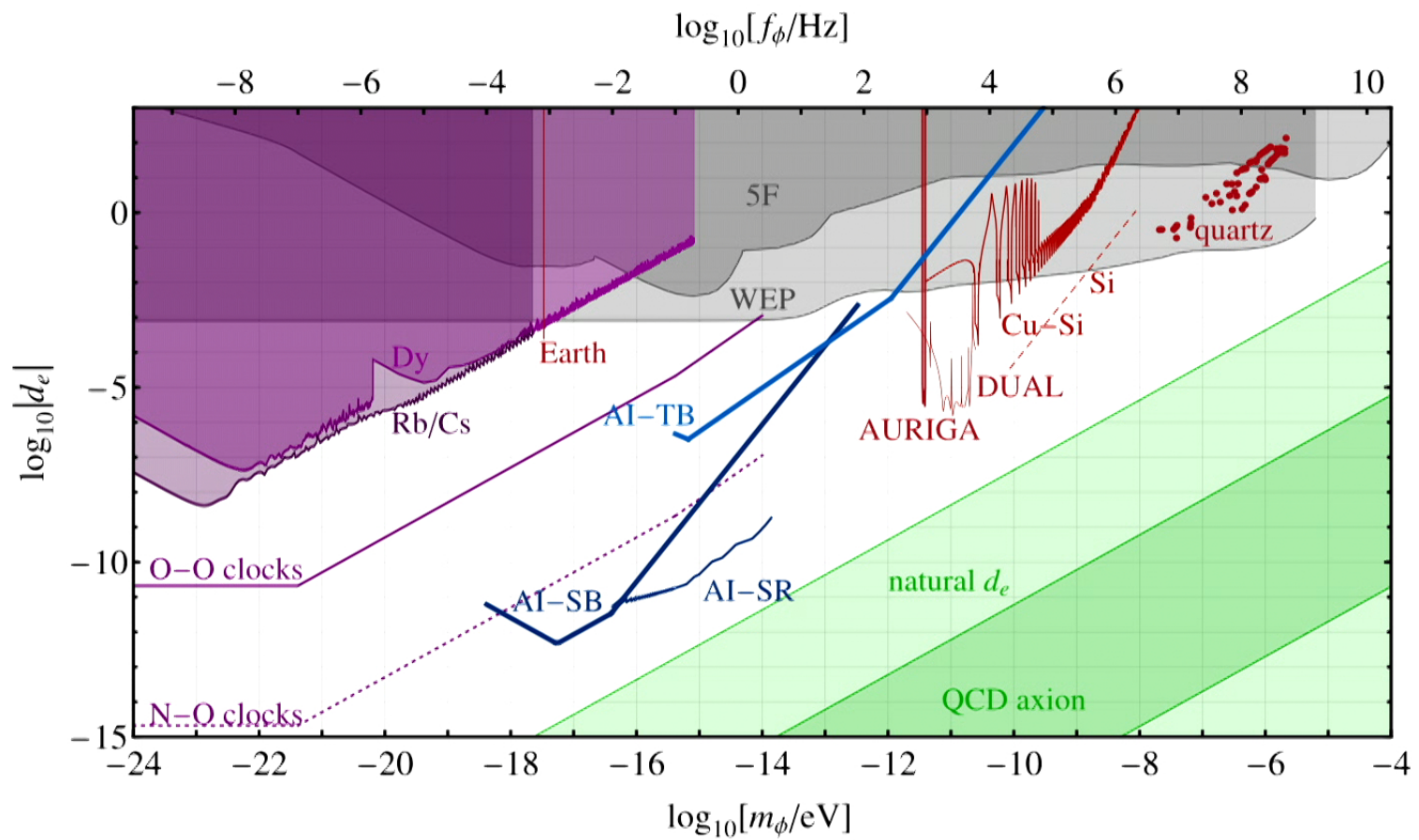
mechanical resonators

accelerometers

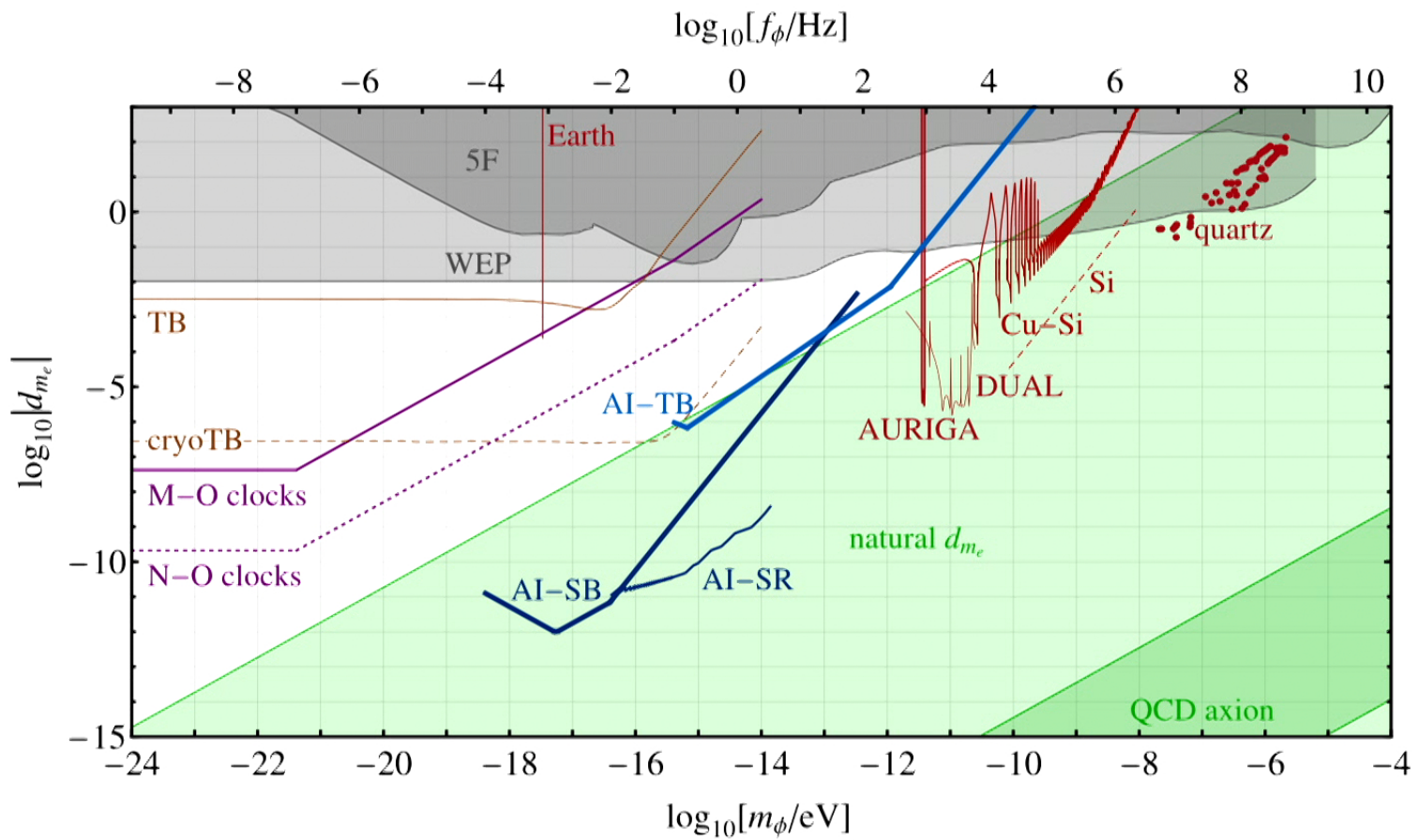
Electron modulus



Photon modulus



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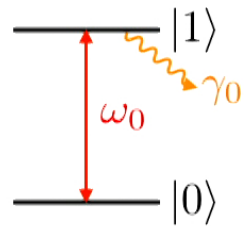
Outline: Part II

- (1) **Dark matter fields can resonantly excite a molecular system**
dynamics of a driven two-level system | overview of molecular levels
- (2) **Experimental setup**
configurations | photon detection | backgrounds | discrimination
- (3) **Dark matter sensitivity** $0.2 \text{ eV} < m < 20 \text{ eV}$
hidden vectors | moduli | axions

Why is a molecular gas a good dark matter detector?

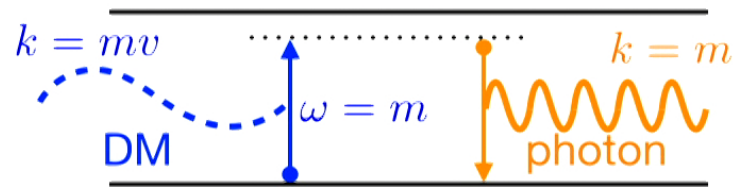
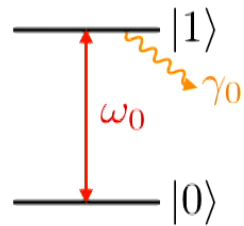
calculable	{	signal rate	discrimination	established field
		backgrounds		

Resonant excitation of a two-level system



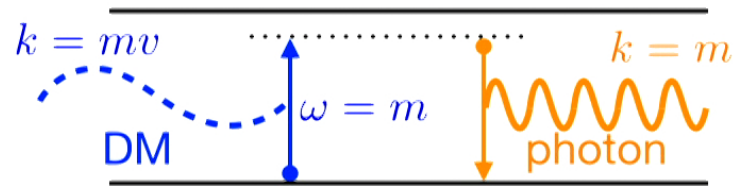
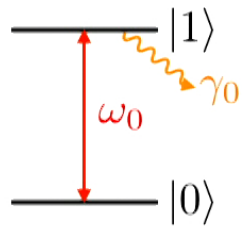
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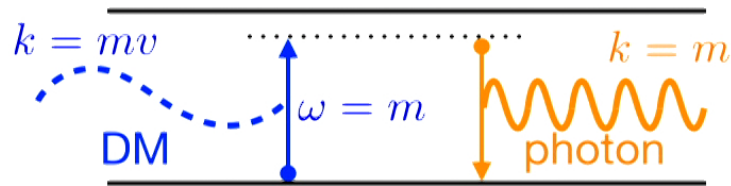
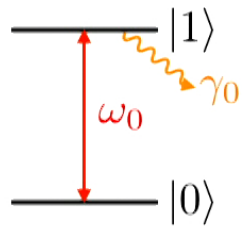
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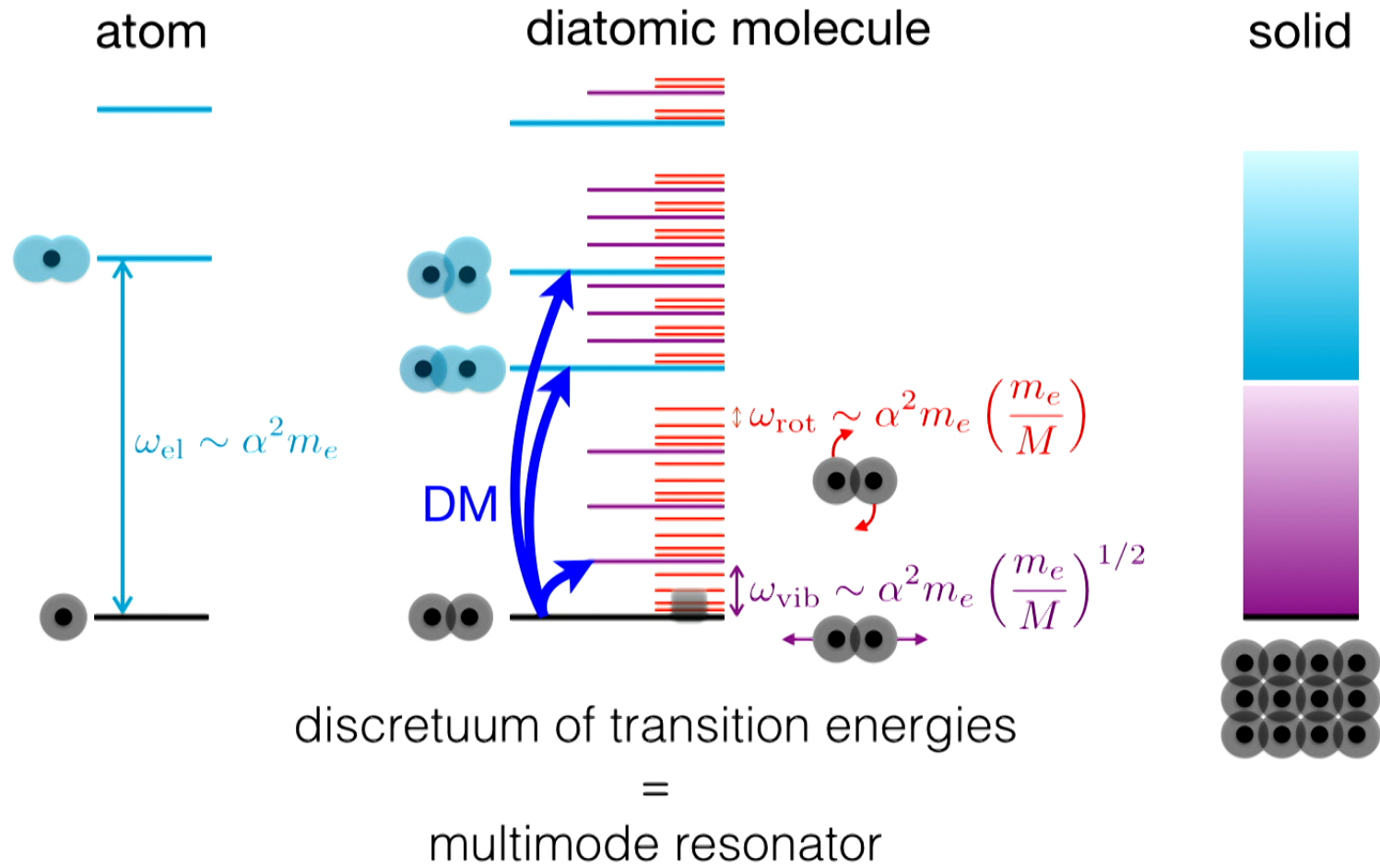
$$\gamma = \gamma_{\text{rad}} + 2\gamma_{\text{col}} + \frac{\Delta\omega}{\pi}$$

$$\gamma_{\text{rad}} \simeq \bar{r}\gamma_0 + \sum_i \gamma_i$$

$$\gamma_{\text{col}} = n\sigma_{\text{col}}v_{\text{mol}}$$

$\Delta\omega_{\text{Doppler}}$ negligible

Molecular levels and transitions



DM absorption rate

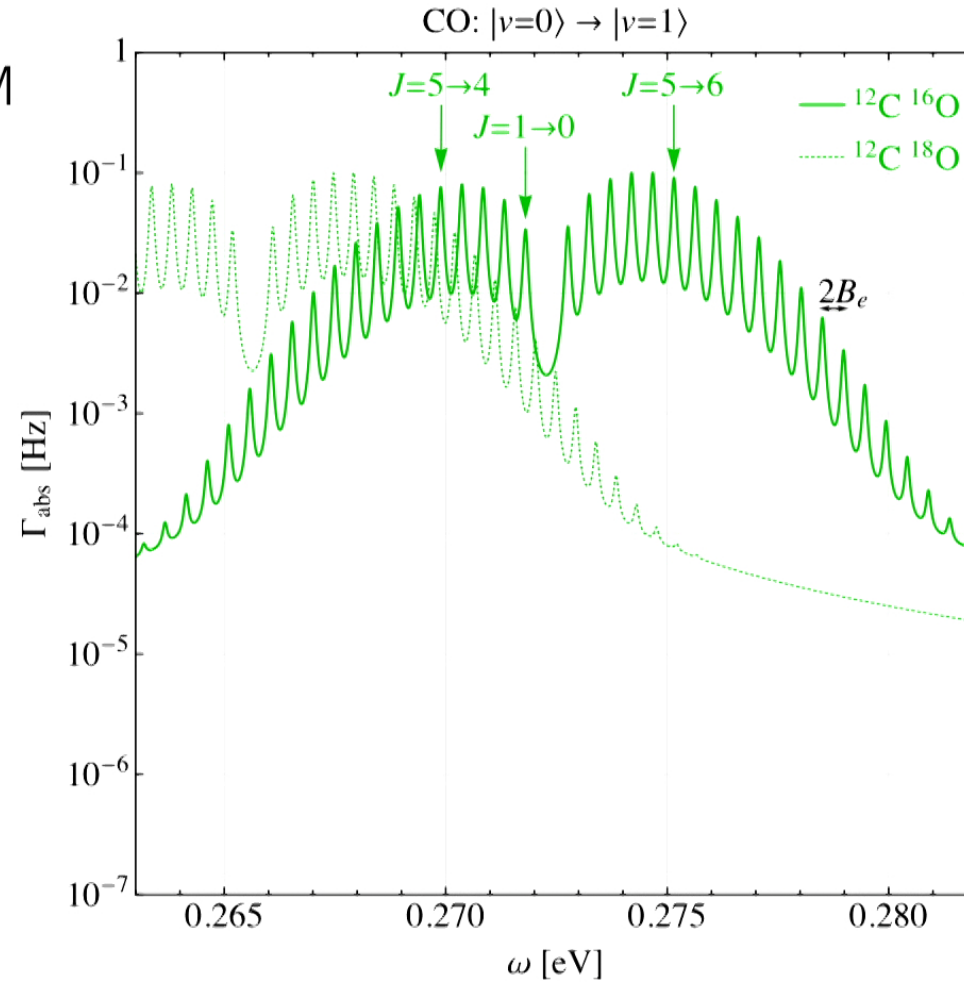
hidden photon DM

$$\epsilon = 10^{-12}$$

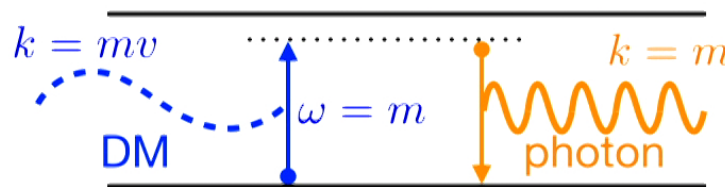
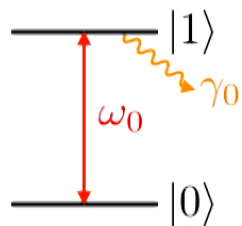
$$V = 300 \text{ cm}^3$$

$$T = 100 \text{ K}$$

$$P = 5 \text{ bar}$$



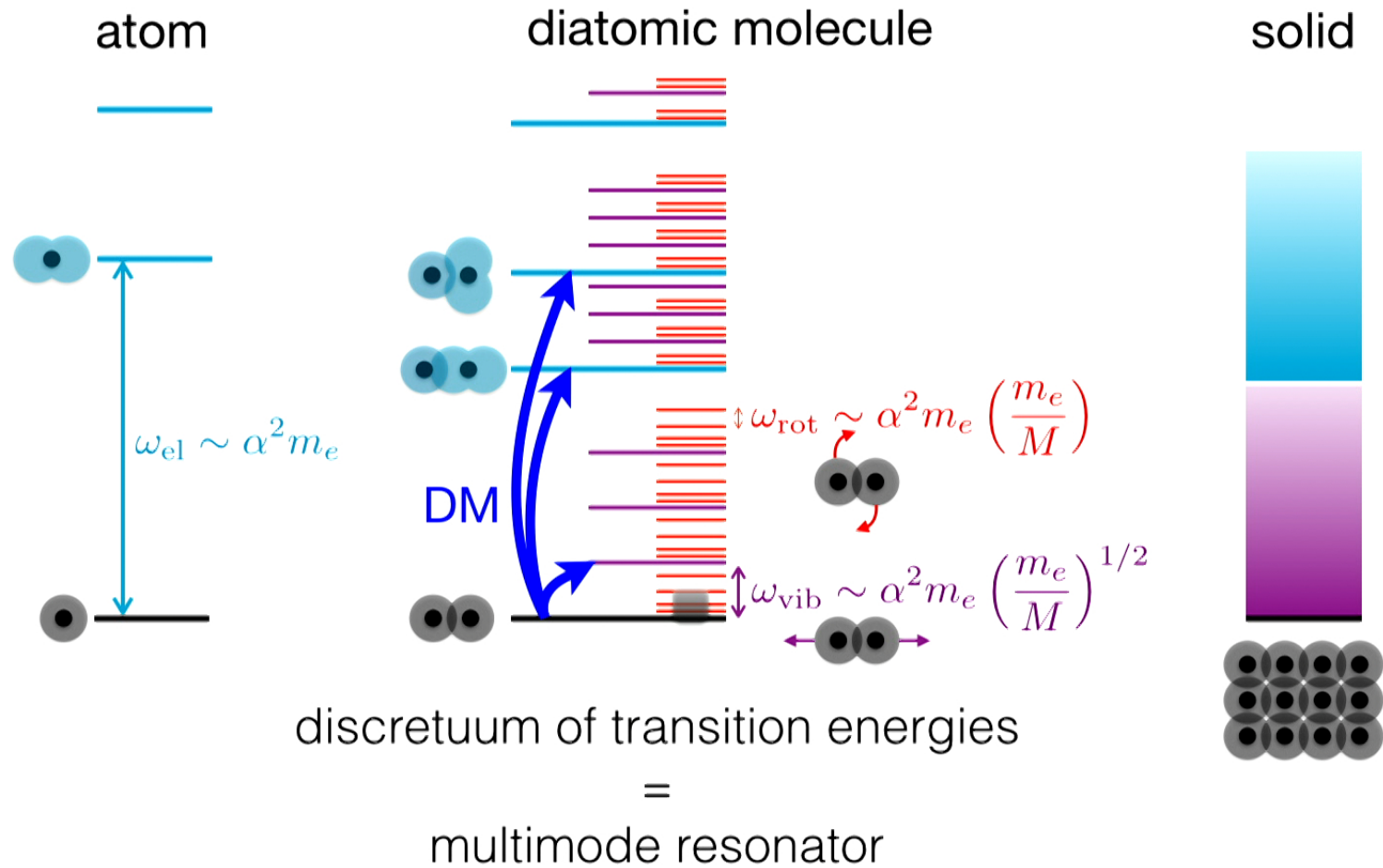
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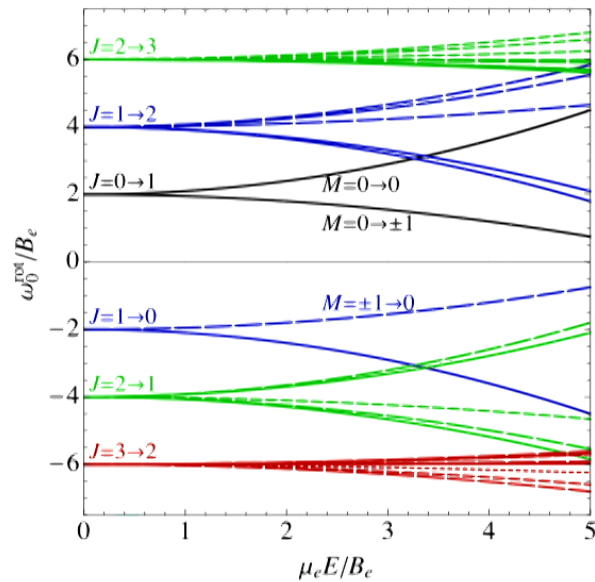
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power

established field
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advancements

Key considerations

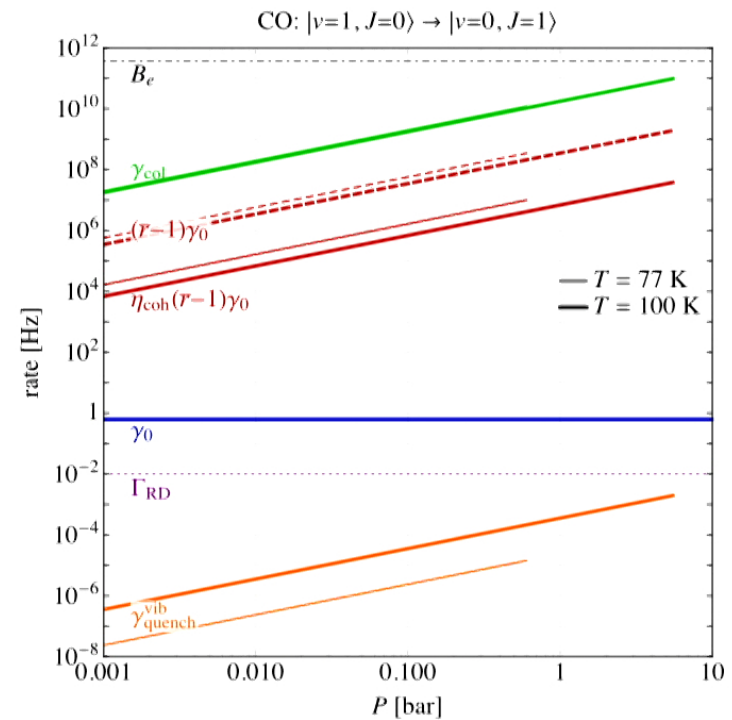
frequency coverage

- collisional broadening
- molecular species/isotope
- Zeeman tuning
- Stark tuning:

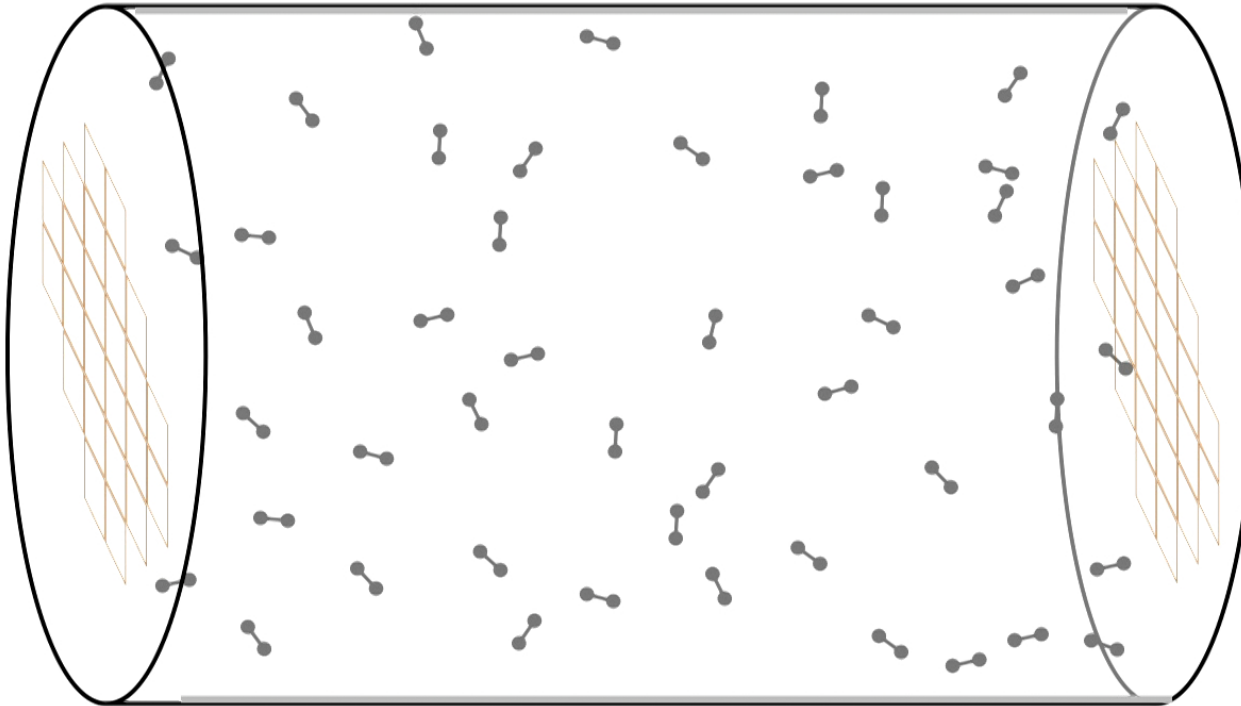


radiative efficiency

- Bulk: $\gamma_0 + \sum_i \gamma_i \gtrsim \gamma_{\text{quench}}$
- Stack: $(\bar{r} - 1)\gamma_0 \sim \gamma_{\text{col}}$



Bulk configuration



Phase I:
 $V = (0.3 \text{ m})^3$
 $T = 300 \text{ K}$
PMT

Phase II:
 $V = (2 \text{ m})^3$
 $T = 100 \text{ K}$
MKID

Photon detection

$$\Gamma_{\text{sig}} = \eta \Gamma_{\text{abs}} \quad \eta = \eta_{\text{rad}} \eta_{\text{refl}} \eta_{\text{thick}} \eta_{\text{det}} \sim 1$$

Phase I: PMT

DCR = 1 Hz

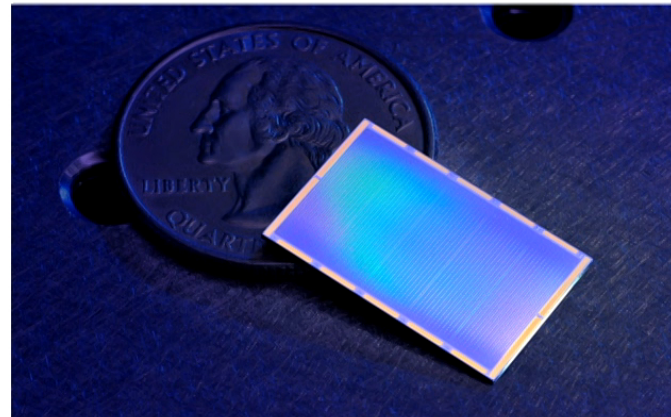
$\eta_{\text{det}} \sim 0.3$

Phase II: MKID

DCR $\lesssim 10^{-3}$ Hz

$\eta_{\text{det}} \sim 0.5$

$\Delta E \sim 0.1$ eV



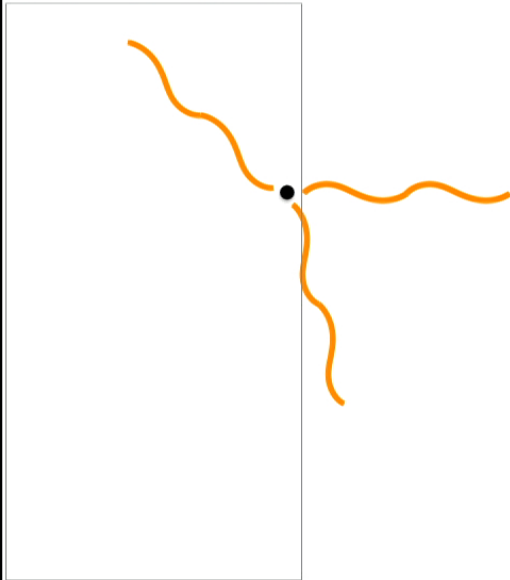
Cooperative radiation

“Add before you square” – M. Kasevich (2017)

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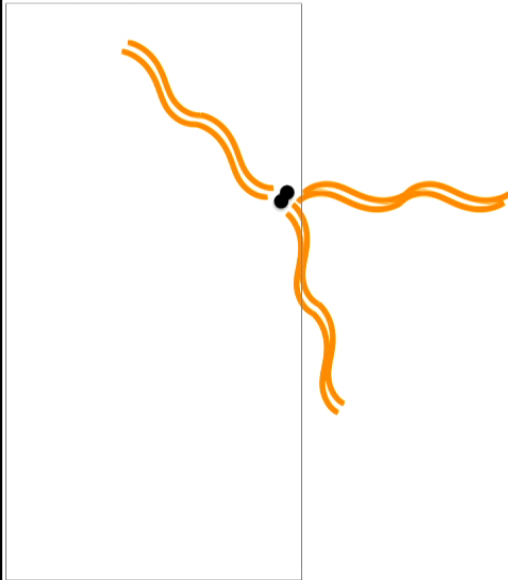
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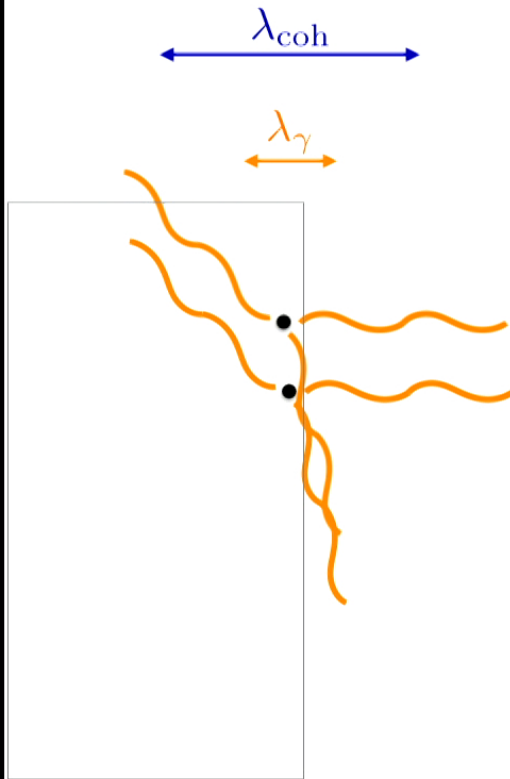
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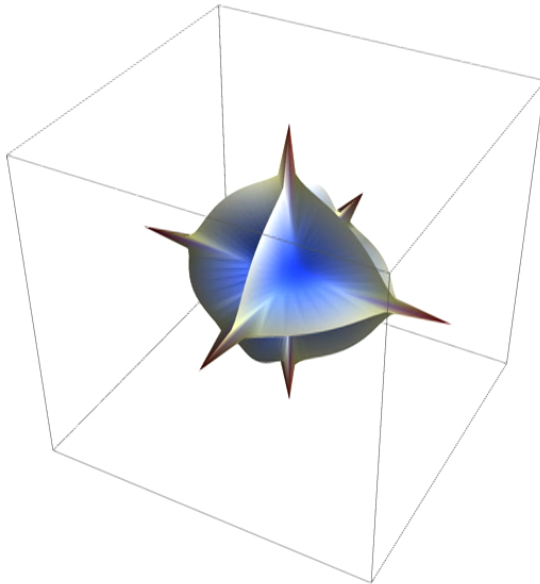
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λ_{coh}



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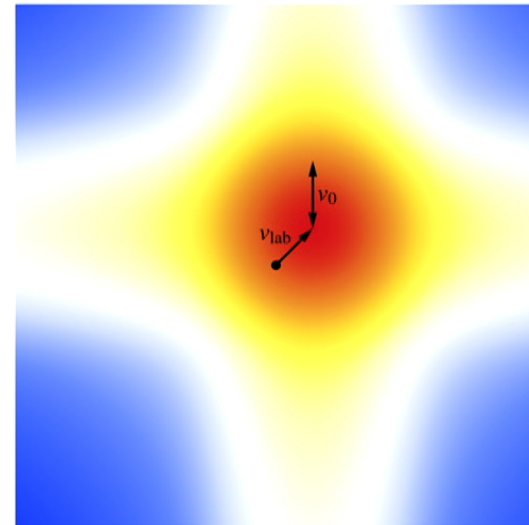



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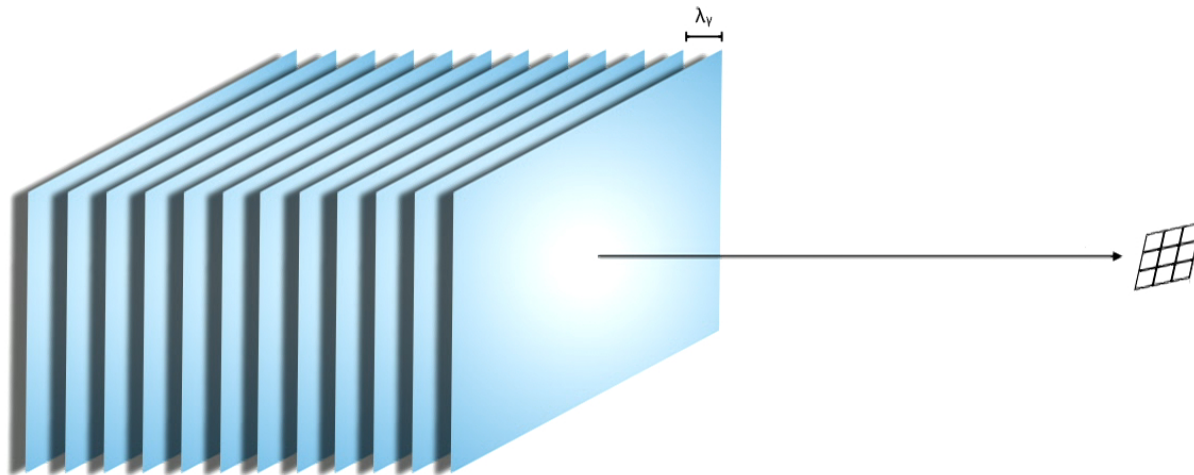
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Stack configuration

- focusing: $r(\theta, \phi)$ exponentially peaked in normal direction
- enhance radiative width:

$$\bar{r} - 1 \simeq \frac{8\pi n}{m^4 R_z} \approx 1 + \frac{5.1 \times 10^6}{m R_z} \left(\frac{1 \text{ eV}}{m} \right)^3 \left(\frac{n}{n_{\text{st}}} \right)$$

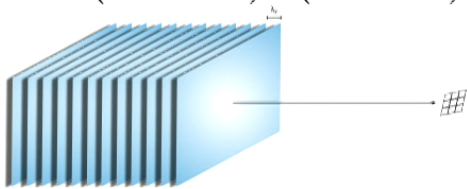


Absorption + Cooperative fluorescence

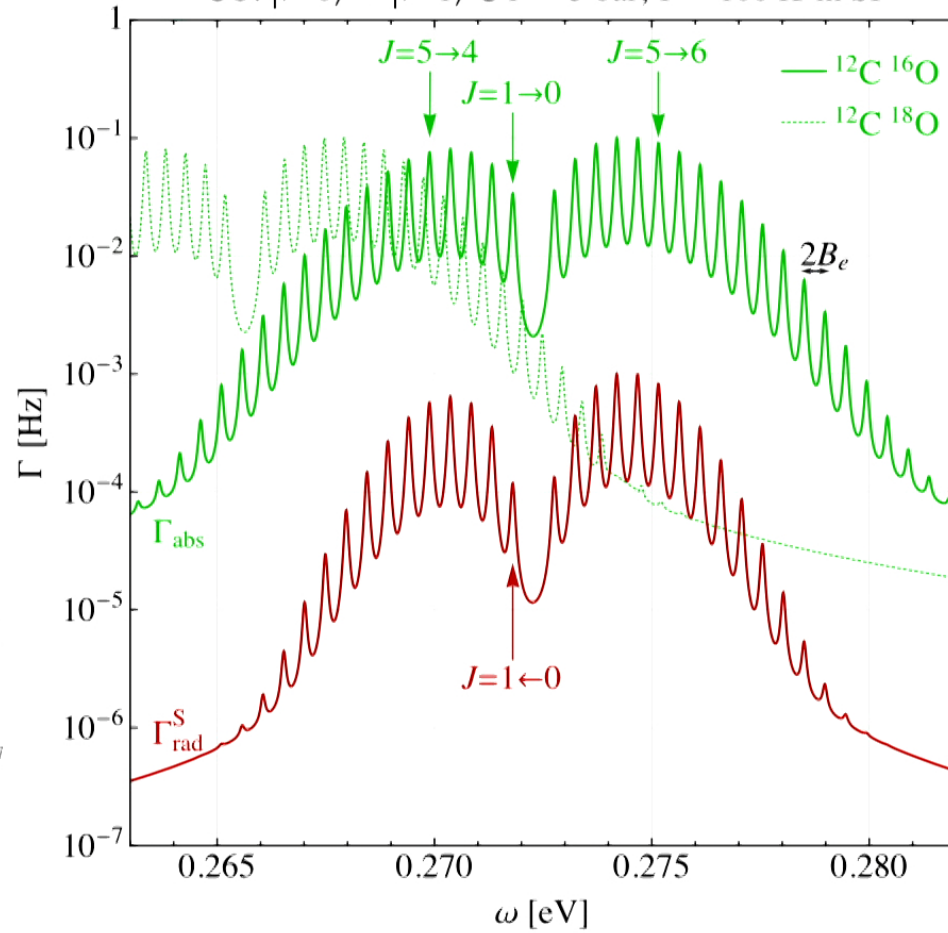
hidden photon DM

$$\epsilon = 10^{-12}$$

$$V = \pi(30 \text{ cm})^2(1 \text{ mm})$$



CO: $|v=0\rangle \rightarrow |v=1\rangle$ @ $P = 5 \text{ bar}$, $T = 100 \text{ K}$ in SI



Backgrounds

dark count rate (DCR): high-reflectivity coatings
cryogenic photodetectors (MKID, TES, ...)

thermal occupation / BBR: $nV e^{-\frac{\omega_0}{T}} \ll 1$

natural/cosmogenic radioactivity: high-purity shield + components

10^{-12} mass fraction $^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow \Gamma_{\text{RD}} \sim 10^{-2}$ Hz for meter-scale volume

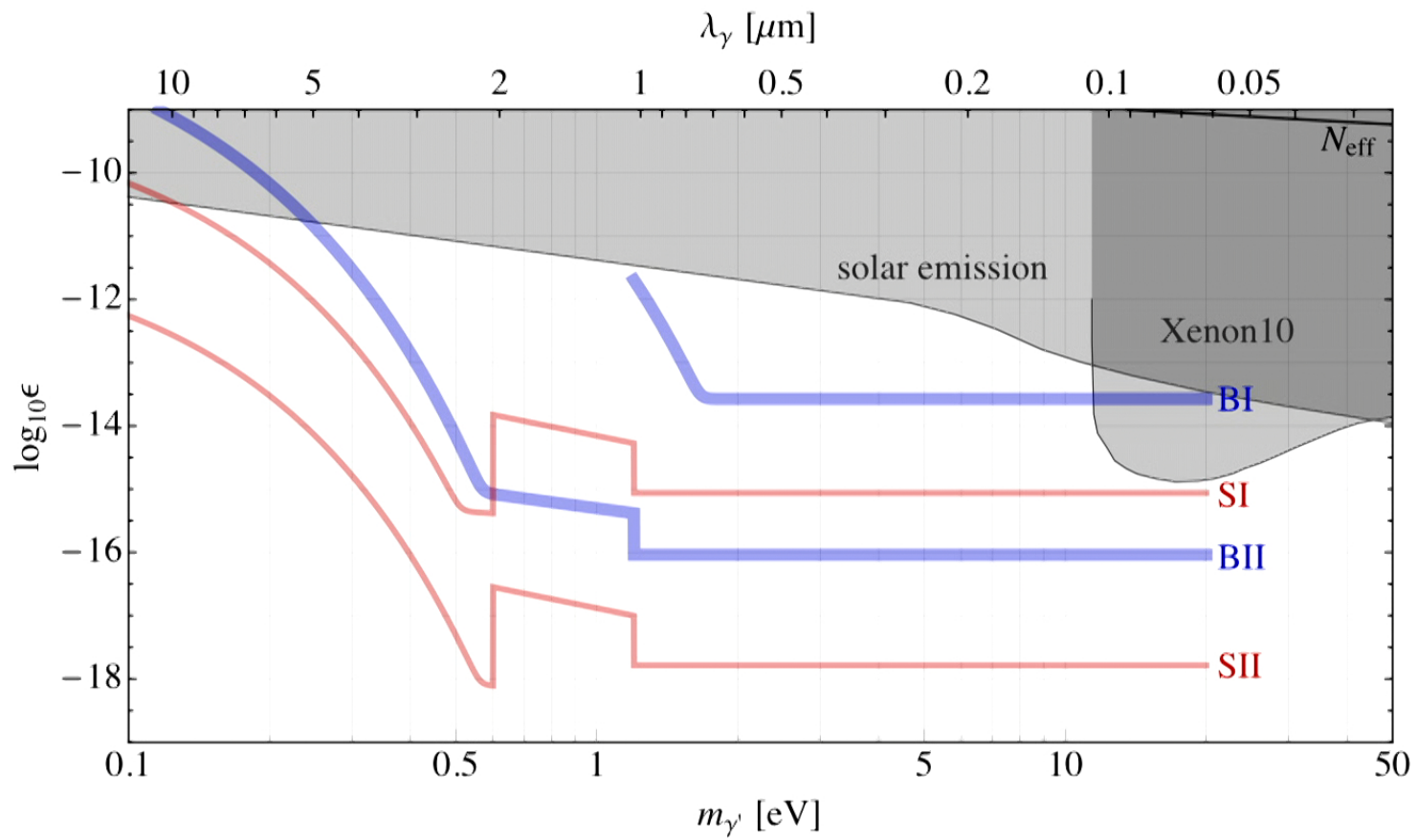
Bulk Phase I: subdominant to DCR

Bulk Phase II: veto trigger: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{many, high-}E \text{ particles} \\ \text{ionized electrons} \\ \text{timing + fast relaxation} \end{array} \right.$

Stack configuration: 84% of signal in 10^{-7} solid angle

cosmic rays: underground and/or muon scintillator (99.9%)

Hidden photon



Conclusions

(1) Dark matter fields can resonantly excite a molecular system

dark matter absorption = weak, monochromatic signal

gas of small molecules = multimode resonator with large signal rate

(2) Experimental setup

low background rates

tunable frequency response: superb discrimination power

established field with photodetector technology advancements

cooperative focusing effects: directional information

(3) Dark matter sensitivity $0.2 \text{ eV} < m < 20 \text{ eV}$

spin-1: hidden photon, $B-L$ gauge boson, ...

spin-0, parity-even: moduli fields for electron, photon, quark, gluon, ...

spin-0, parity-odd: axion coupling to electrons, nucleons, ...

Future: $m < 0.2 \text{ eV}$ | $m > 20 \text{ eV}$ | other use? | map out molecular forest

Phase I prototypes

Phase II R&D: slab/stack manufacturing | optimize photodetector

DM type	Interaction Hamiltonian δH	Transition type and selection rules	Ω [rad s ⁻¹]
parity-even	$(d_{m_e} + d_e)\tilde{\phi}k_e R_e R$	vib $\Delta v = 1, \Delta J = 0$	$5.5 \times 10^{-9} \frac{d_{m_e}}{10^6}$
	$(3d_{m_e} + 4d_e)\tilde{\phi} \frac{k_e}{2} (R - R_e)^2$	vib $\Delta v = 2, \Delta J = 0$	$7.1 \times 10^{-10} \frac{d_{m_e}}{10^6}$
	$(d_g + Q_{\hat{m}_q} d_{\hat{m}_q})\tilde{\phi} \frac{\nabla_N^2}{2M}$	vib $\Delta v = 2, \Delta J = 0$	$2.4 \times 10^{-11} \frac{d_{\hat{m}_q}}{10^6} \frac{Q_{\hat{m}_q}}{0.1}$
	$(\Delta Q_i d_i)M(\nabla\tilde{\phi} \cdot \mathbf{R})$	vib $\Delta v = 1, \Delta J = \pm 1$	$3.0 \times 10^{-10} \frac{d_i}{10^6} \frac{\Delta Q_i}{10^{-2}}$
		rot $\Delta J = 1$	$4.1 \times 10^{-13} \frac{d_i}{10^2} \frac{\Delta Q_i}{10^{-2}}$
spin-0	$(d_{m_e} + d_e)\tilde{\phi}V_e(r_e)$	el $\Delta\Lambda = 0, \Delta i = 0$	$9.5 \times 10^{-10} \frac{d_{m_e}}{10^6}$
	$d_{m_e} m_e \nabla\tilde{\phi} \cdot \mathbf{r}_e$	el $ \Delta\Lambda \leq 1, \Delta i = 1$	$7.5 \times 10^{-11} \frac{d_{m_e}}{10^6}$
parity-odd	$G_{aNN} \partial_t a \boldsymbol{\sigma}_N \cdot \frac{-i\nabla_N}{M}$	vib $\Delta v = 1, \Delta J = \pm 1, \Delta S_N \leq 1$	$1.7 \times 10^{-10} \frac{G_{aNN}}{10^{-8}/\text{GeV}}$
		rot $\Delta J = 1, \Delta S_N = 1$	$2.5 \times 10^{-11} \frac{G_{aNN}}{10^{-8}/\text{GeV}}$
	$\frac{d_{\theta}}{f_a} a \boldsymbol{\sigma}_N \cdot \mathbf{E}$	vib $\Delta v = 1, \Delta J = \pm 1, \Delta S_N \leq 1$	$4.0 \times 10^{-12} \frac{10^8 \text{ GeV}}{f_a}$
		rot $\Delta J = 1, \Delta S_N \leq 1$	$5.8 \times 10^{-13} \frac{10^8 \text{ GeV}}{f_a}$
	$G_{aee} \partial_t a \boldsymbol{\sigma}_e \cdot \frac{-i\nabla_e}{m_e}$	el $ \Delta\Lambda \leq 1, \Delta i = 1, \Delta S_e \leq 1$	$4.0 \times 10^{-10} \frac{G_{aee}}{10^{-10}/\text{GeV}}$
	$G_{a\gamma\gamma} a \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$	el $\Delta\Lambda = 0, \Delta i = 1$	
spin-1		el $ \Delta\Lambda \leq 1, \Delta i = 1$	$1.5 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\epsilon}{10^{-14}}$
	kinetic mixing $\epsilon \boldsymbol{\mu}_e \cdot \mathbf{E}'$	vib $\Delta v = 1, \Delta J = \pm 1$	$1.3 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\epsilon}{10^{-12}}$
		rot $\Delta J = 1$	$1.5 \times 10^{-2} \frac{\epsilon}{10^{-10}}$
		el $ \Delta\Lambda \leq 1, \Delta i = 1$	$5.0 \times 10^{-6} \frac{g}{10^{-14}}$
	$B - L$ charge $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{B-L} \cdot \mathbf{E}_{B-L}$	vib $\Delta v = 1, \Delta J = \pm 1$	$4.3 \times 10^{-7} \frac{g}{10^{-14}}$
	rot $\Delta J = 1$	$5.0 \times 10^{-10} \frac{g}{10^{-18}}$	