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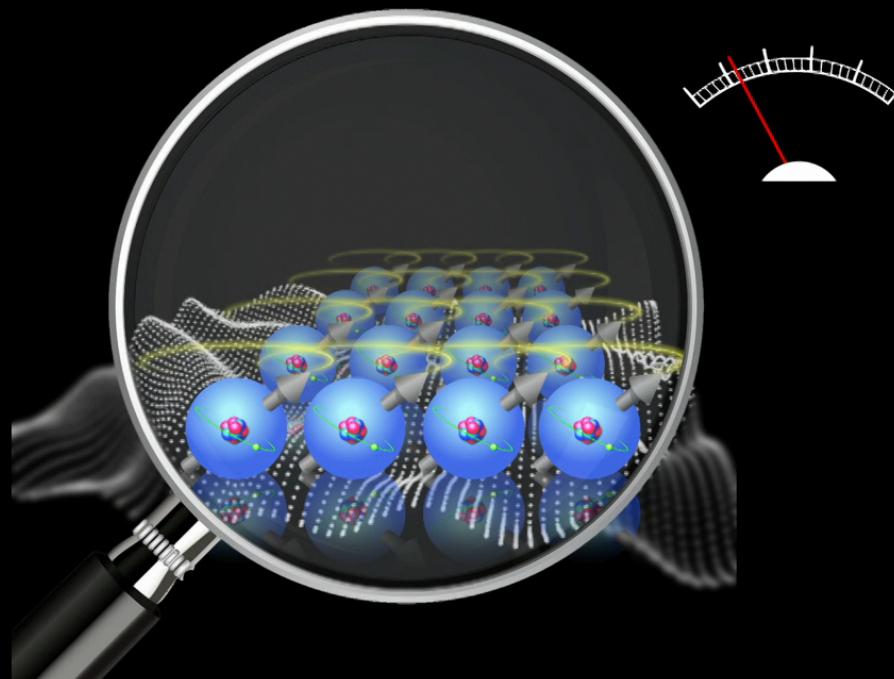
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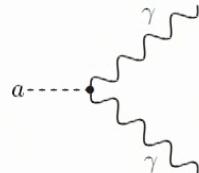


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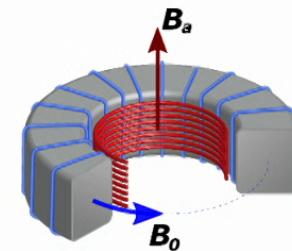
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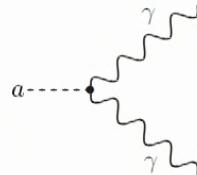


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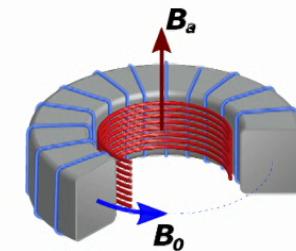
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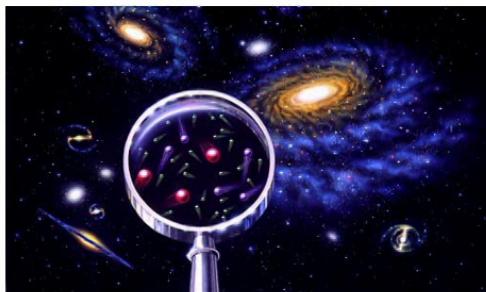
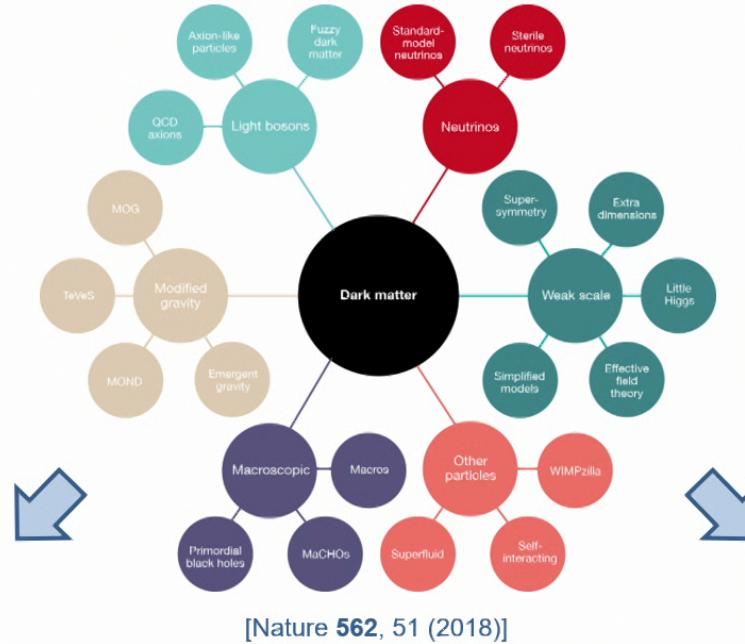
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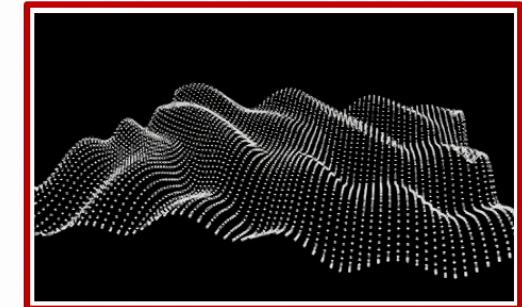
- Lecture 2: searches for the interactions of axion-like dark matter with spins

What is dark matter?



particle-like dark matter (eg: WIMPs):
mass ~ 100 GeV

[Phys. Rev. D 96, 035009 (2017)]



wave-like dark matter (eg: axions)
mass \ll eV

[Phys. Rev. Lett. 118, 061302 (2017)]



Axions and axion-like particles, axion-like dark matter

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ALP mass range
 $m_a c^2 < \text{meV}$



axion-like field: $a(t) = a_0 \cos \omega_a t$

$\omega_a = m_a c^2 / \hbar \rightarrow$ ALP Compton frequency
 $\rho_{\text{DM}} \propto a_0^2 \rightarrow$ dark matter density

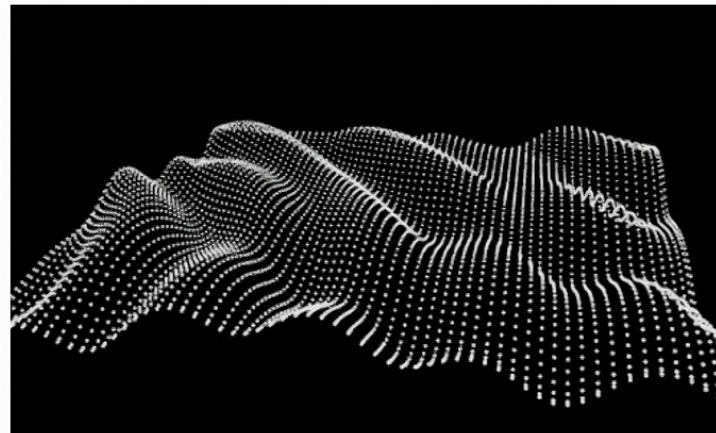
dark matter energy density:
 $\rho_{\text{DM}} \approx 0.4 \frac{\text{GeV}}{\text{cm}^3} \approx (0.05 \text{ eV})^4$



large number of particles
per de Broglie wavelength



ALP dark matter acts as a classical field





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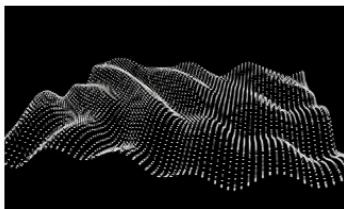
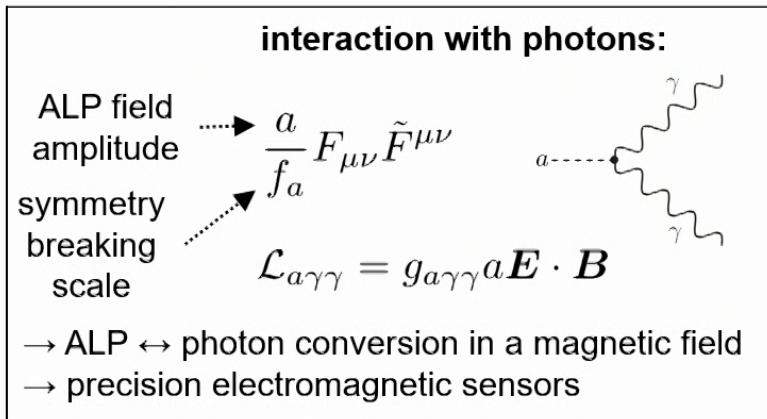
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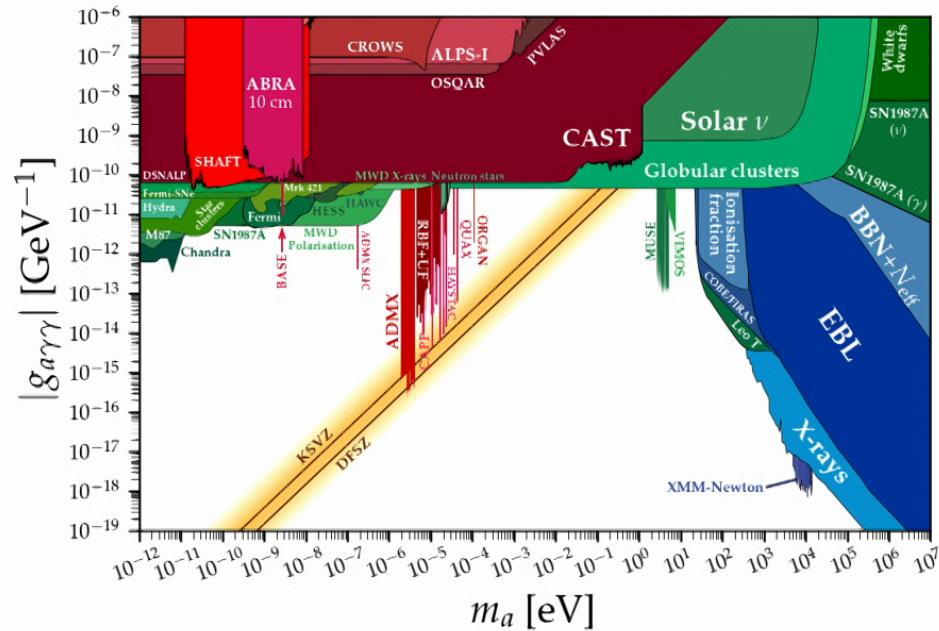
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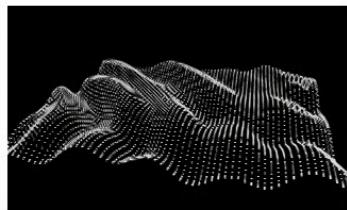
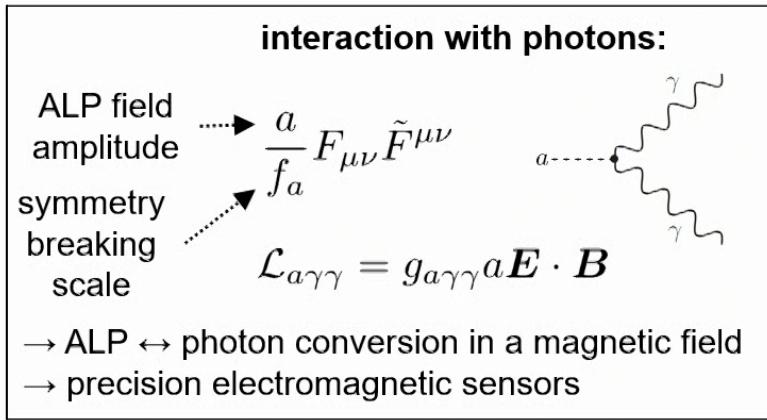
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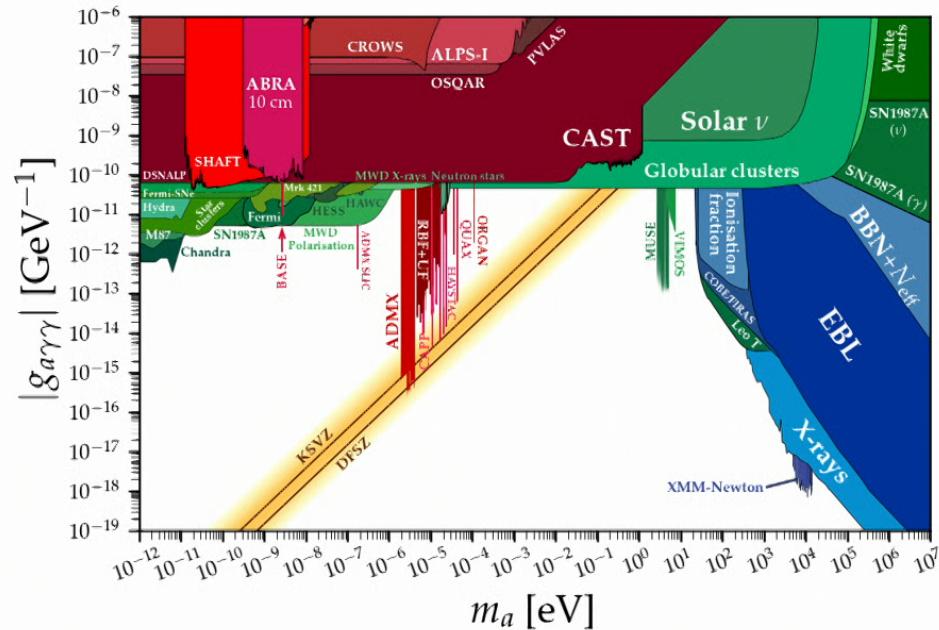
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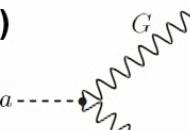
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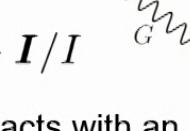
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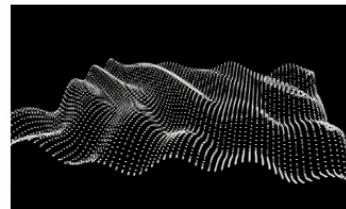
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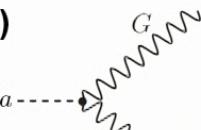
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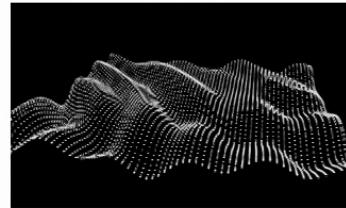
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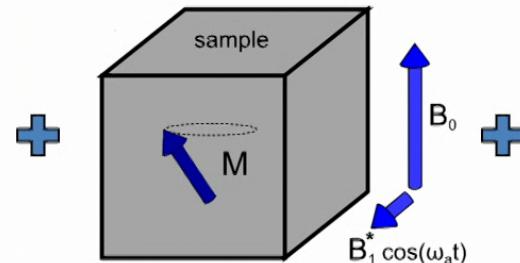
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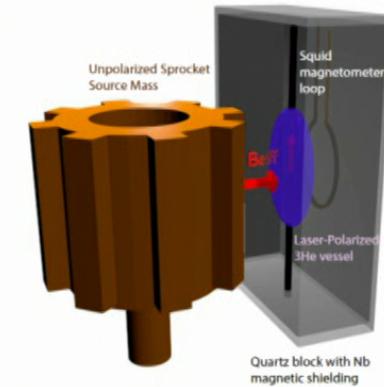
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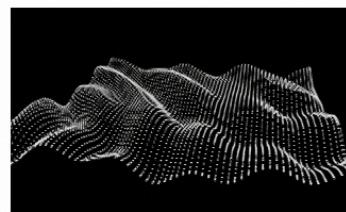
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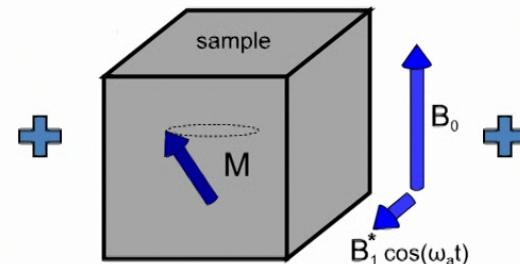
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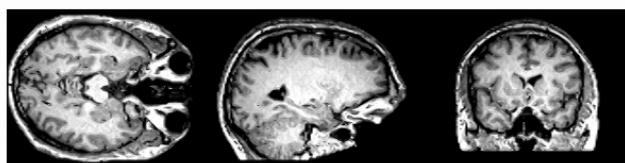


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→ maximize sensitivity

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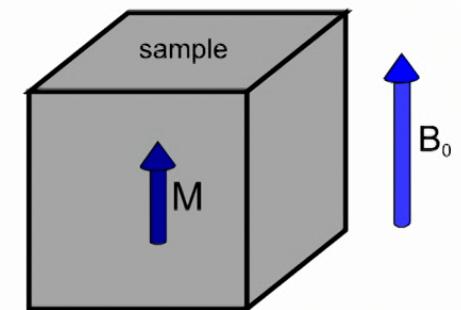
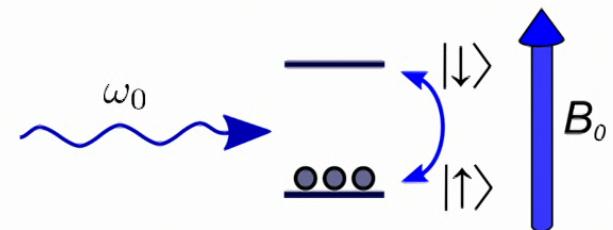
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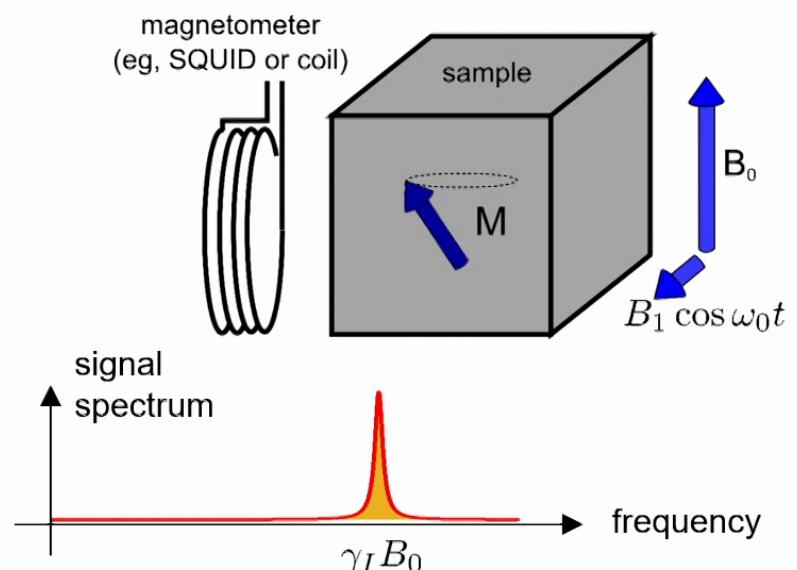
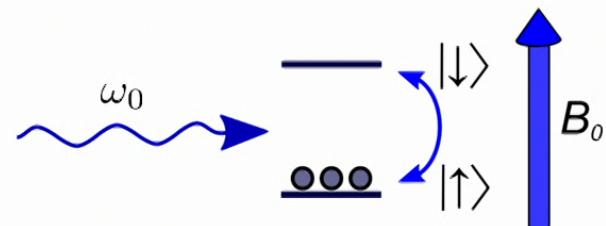
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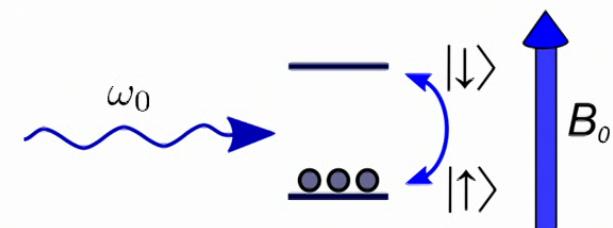
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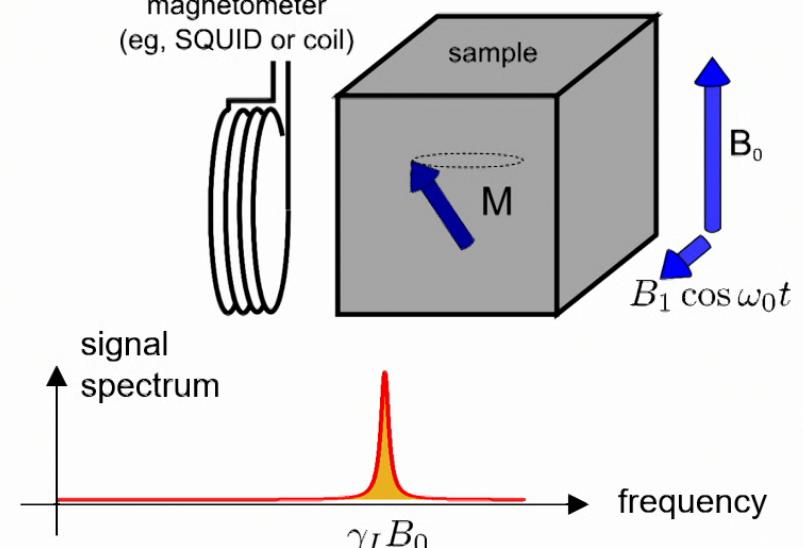


a tool for non-invasive imaging (MRI, EPR) and studying molecular structure (NMR)

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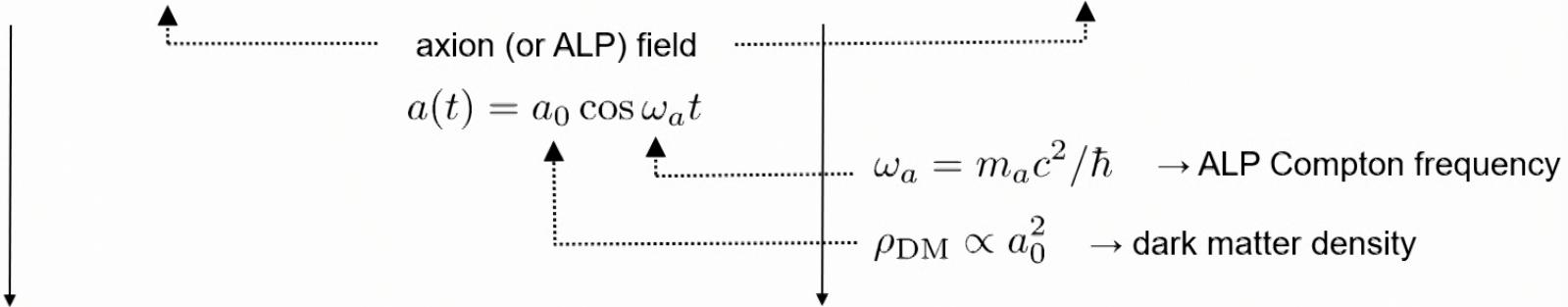


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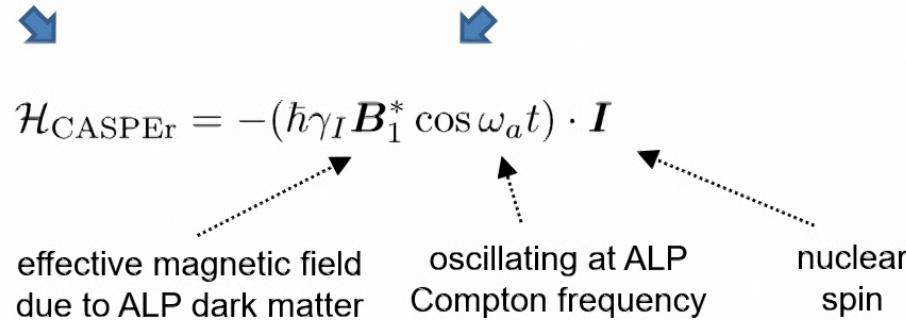
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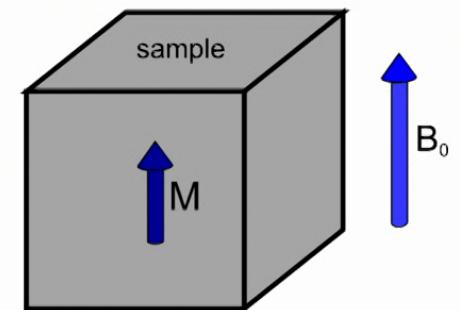
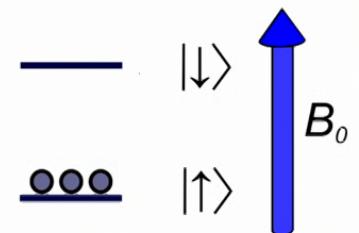
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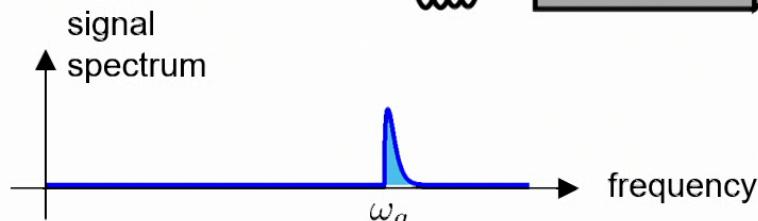
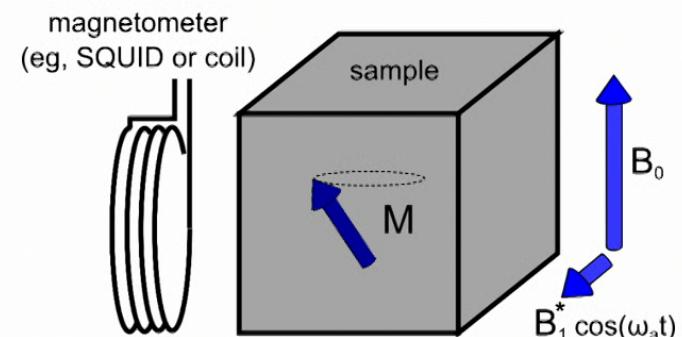
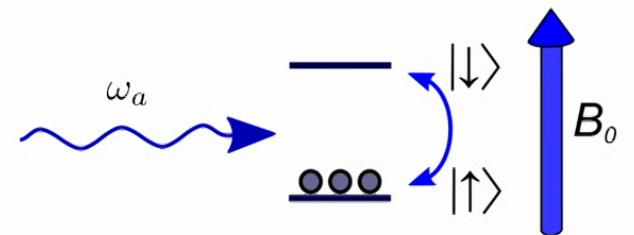
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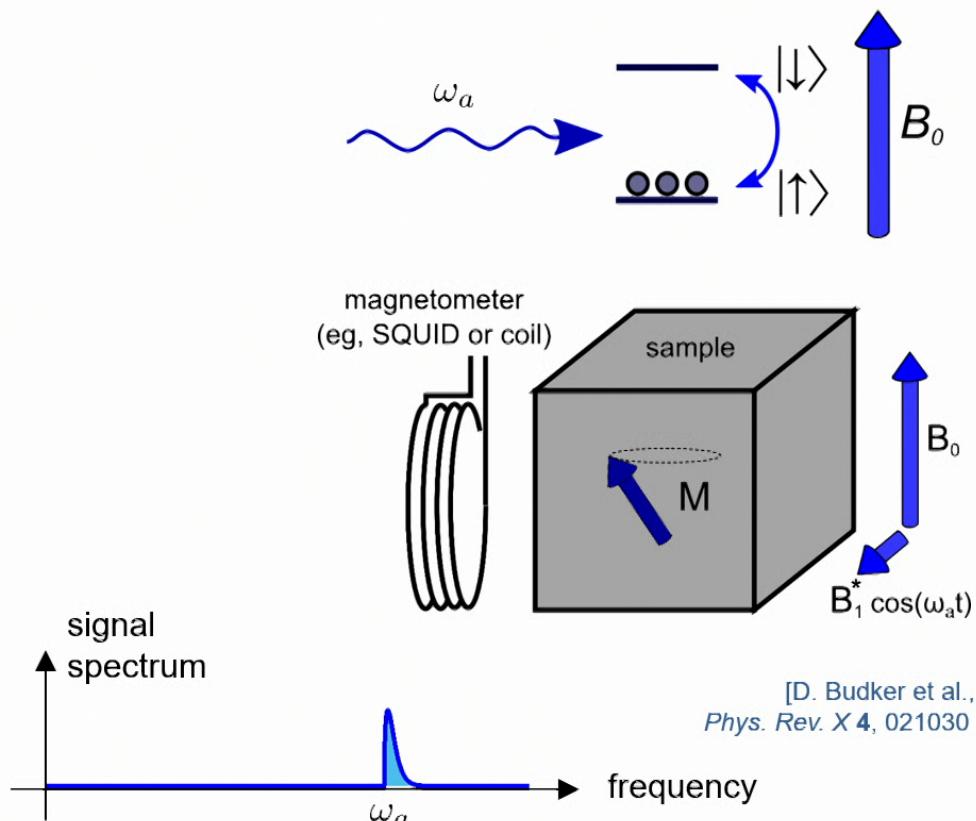


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instead axion-like dark matter flips spins





Spin ensemble as the transducer for detecting axion-like particles

interaction with gluons:
(defines QCD axion)

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

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$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{EDM}} = g_d a \mathbf{E}^* \cdot \mathbf{I} / I$$

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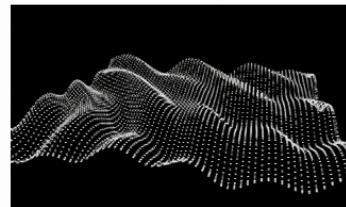
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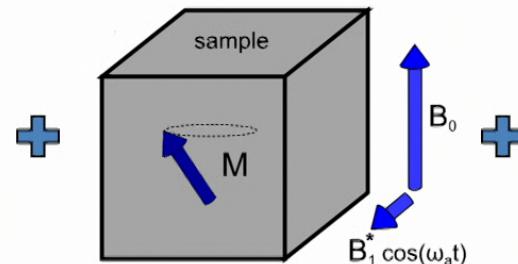
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axion-like field



spin ensemble acts
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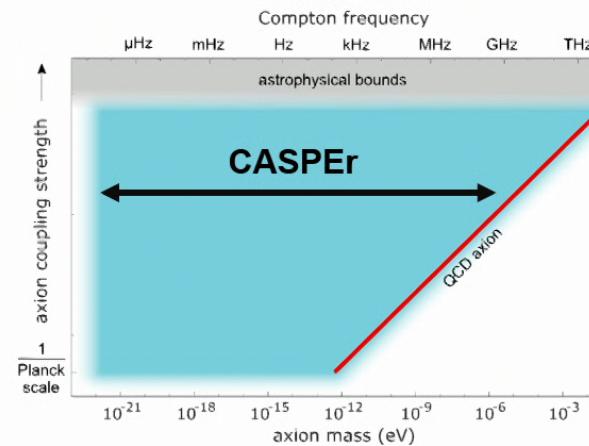


electromagnetic sensor measures
spin ensemble evolution

flexibility to optimize
spin ensemble
parameters to optimize
transducer efficiency
→ maximize sensitivity



CASPEr program

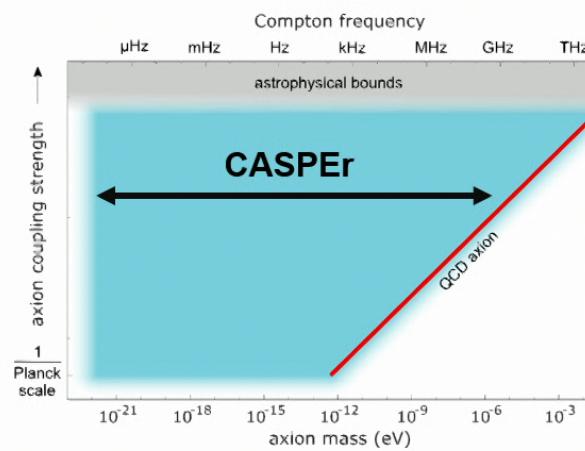




Boston University:
CASPER-electric using spins in solids
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Mainz:
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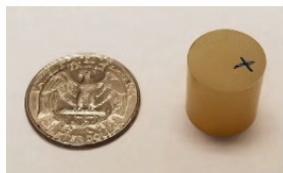




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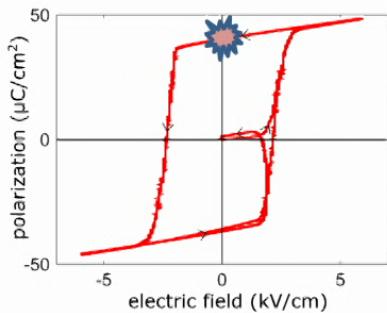
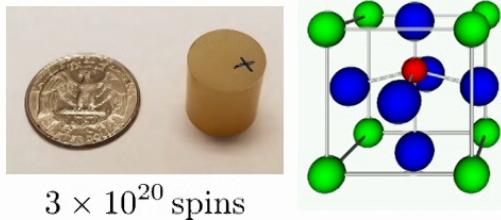
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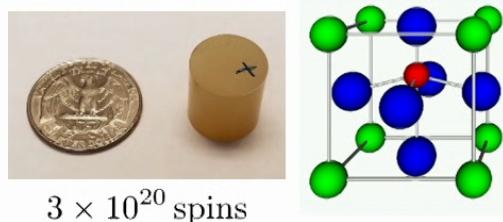
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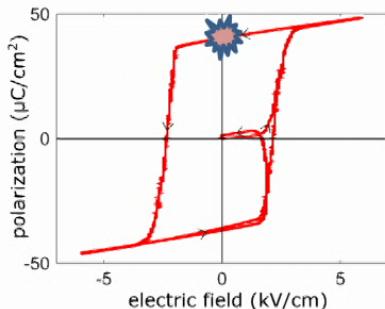
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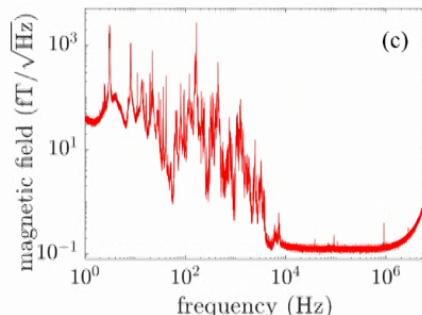
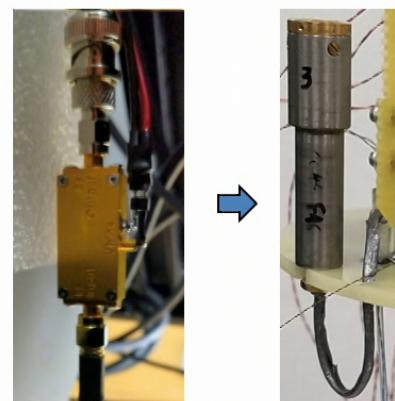


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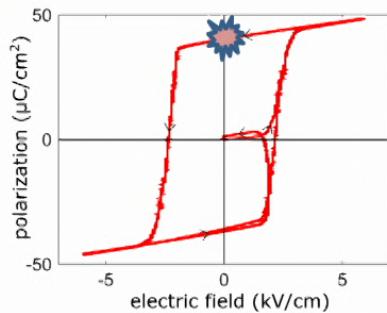
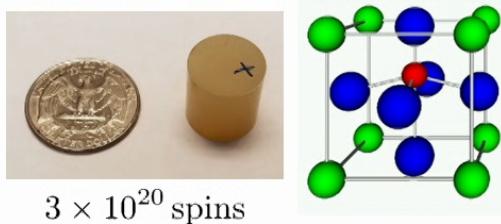
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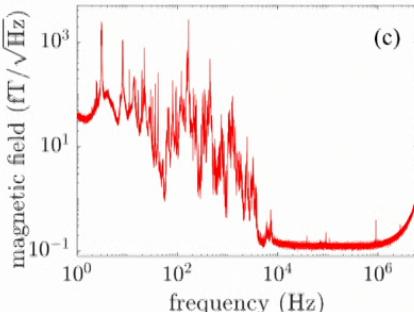
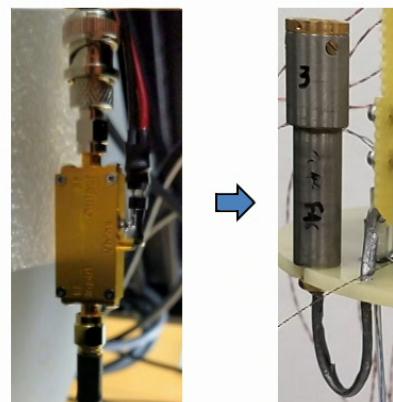


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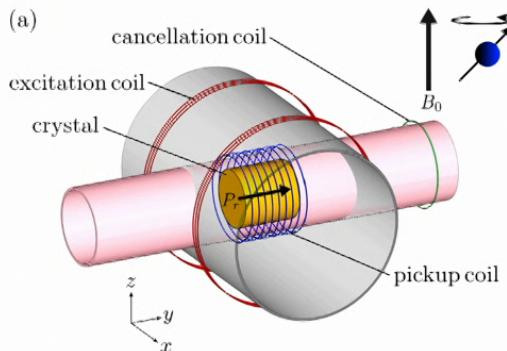
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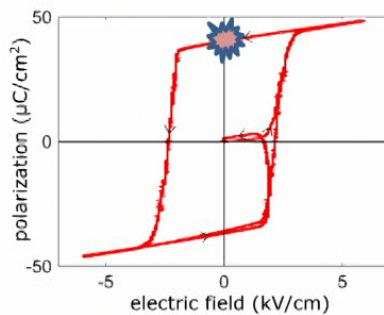
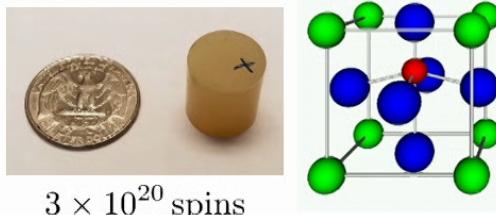
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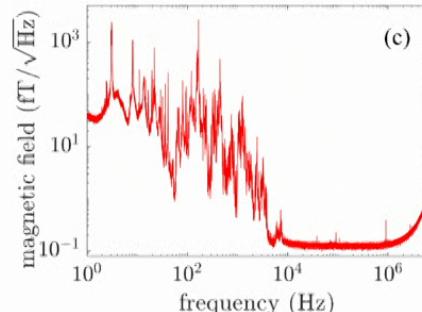
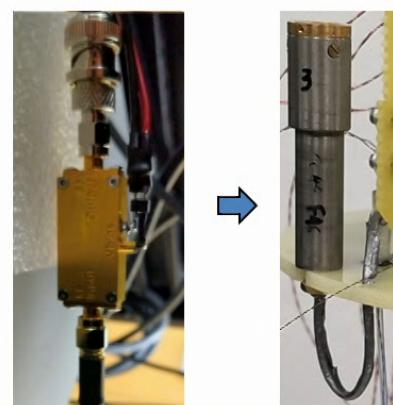


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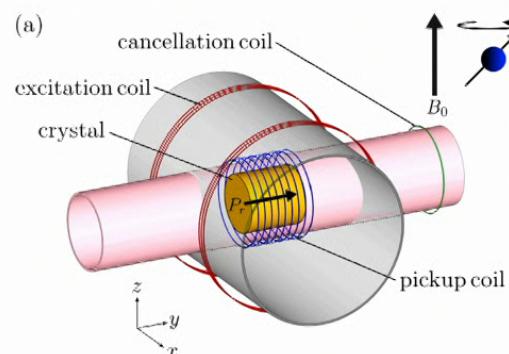
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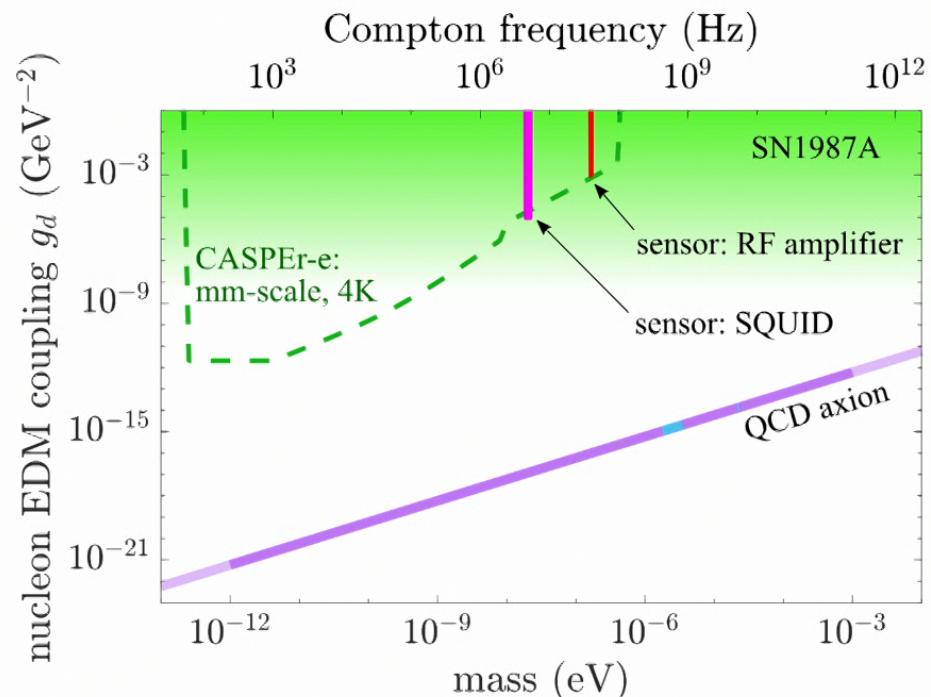
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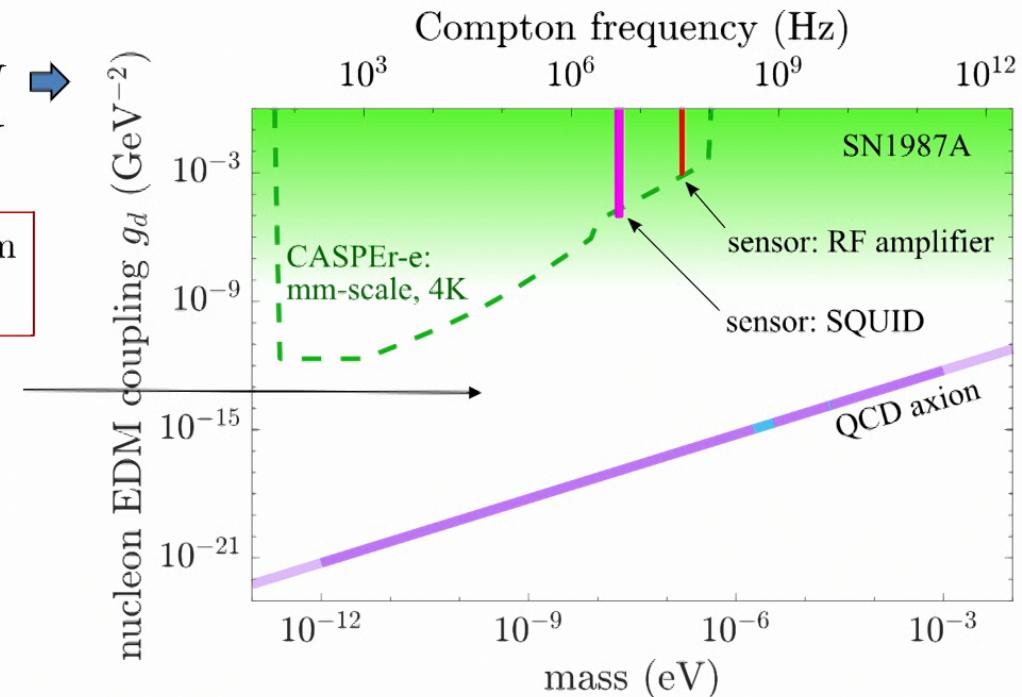
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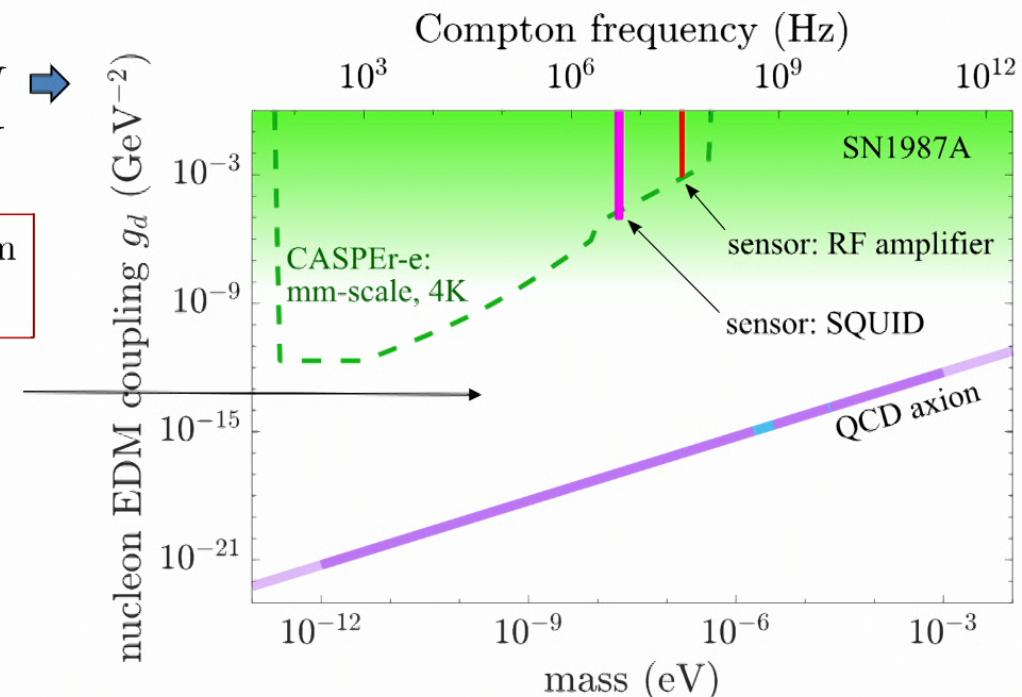
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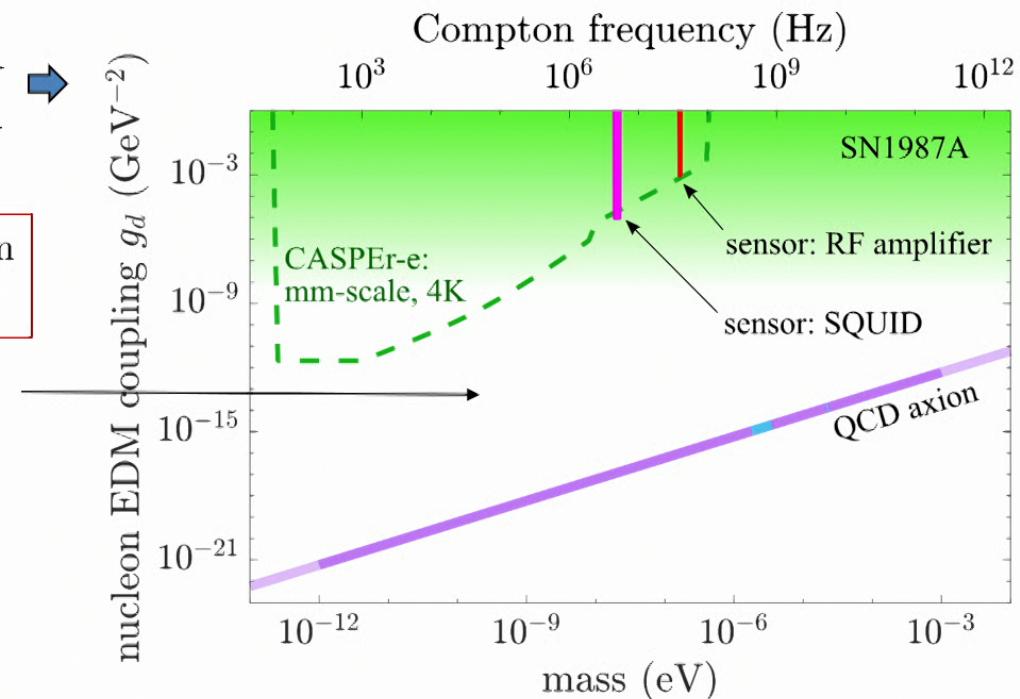
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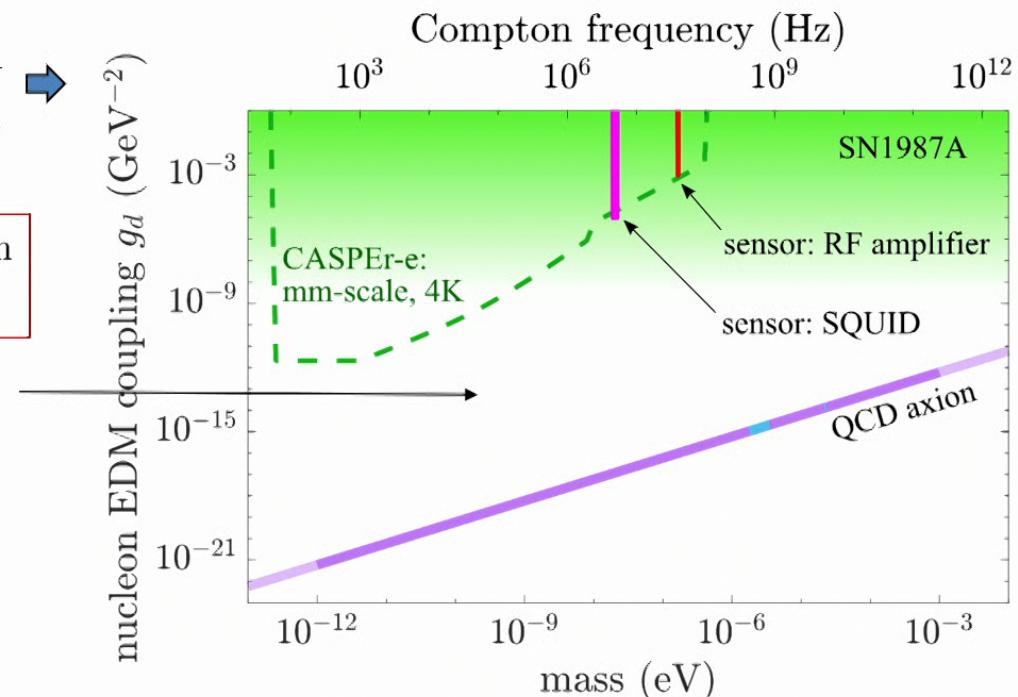
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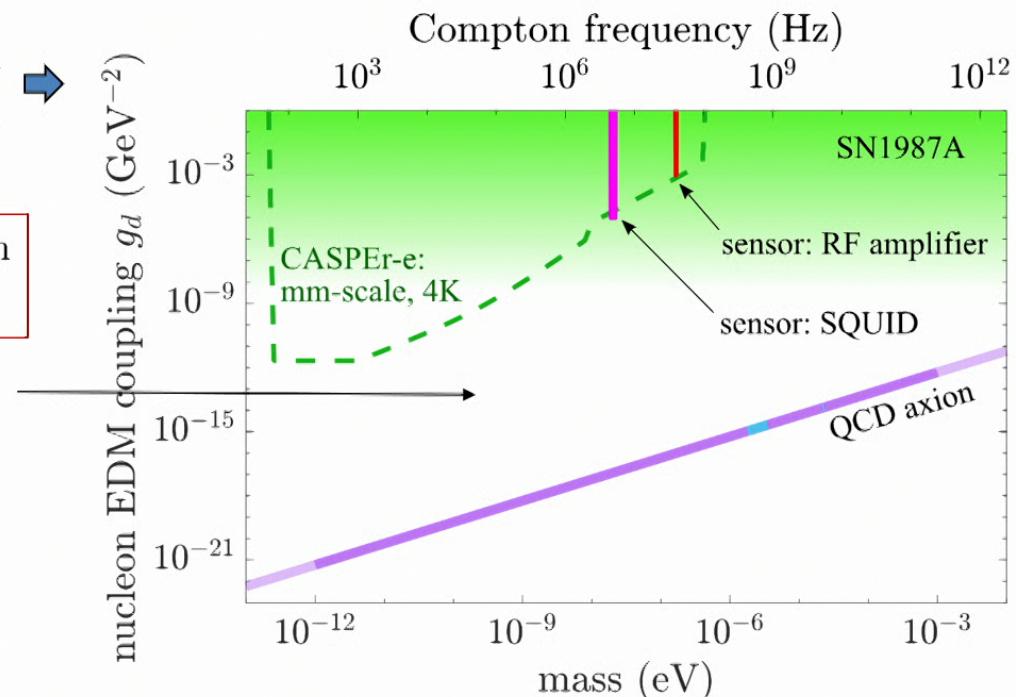
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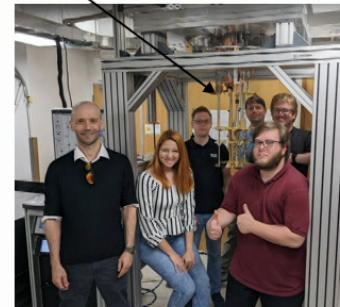
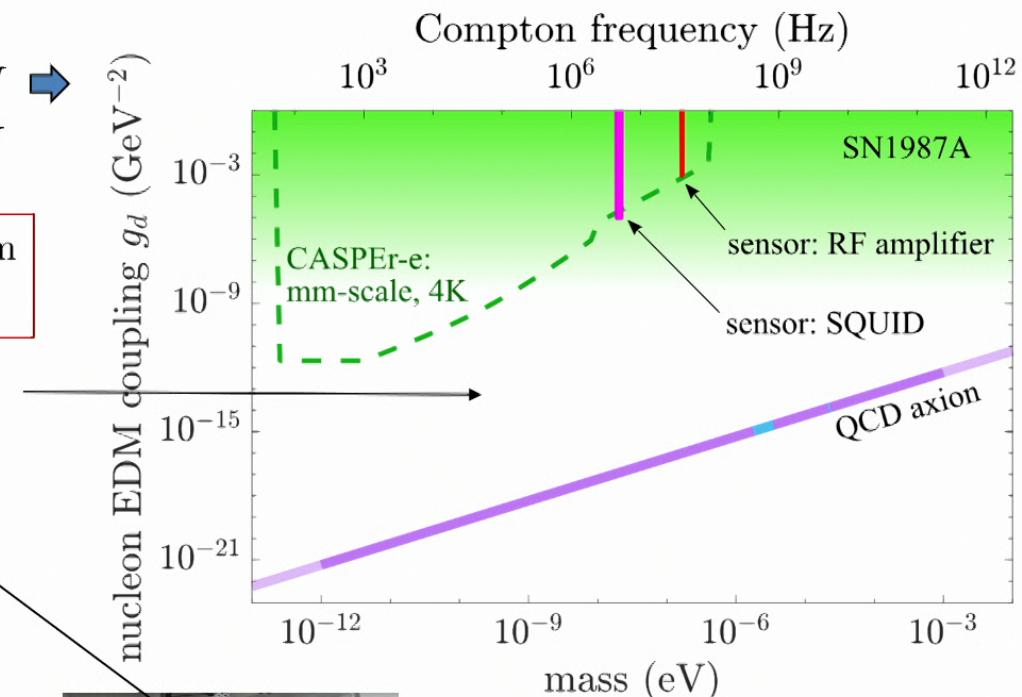
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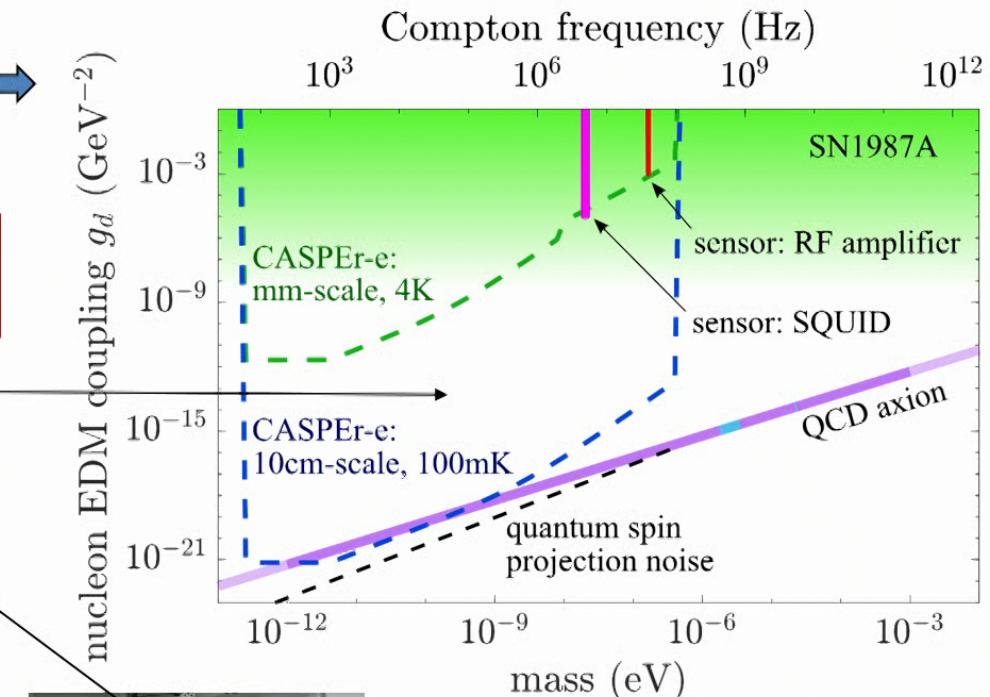
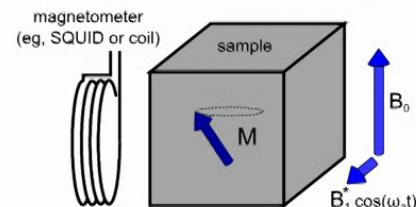
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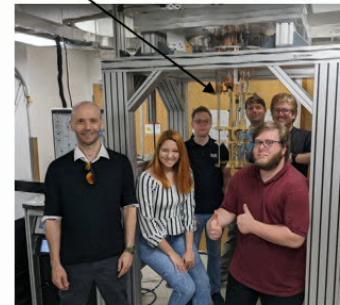
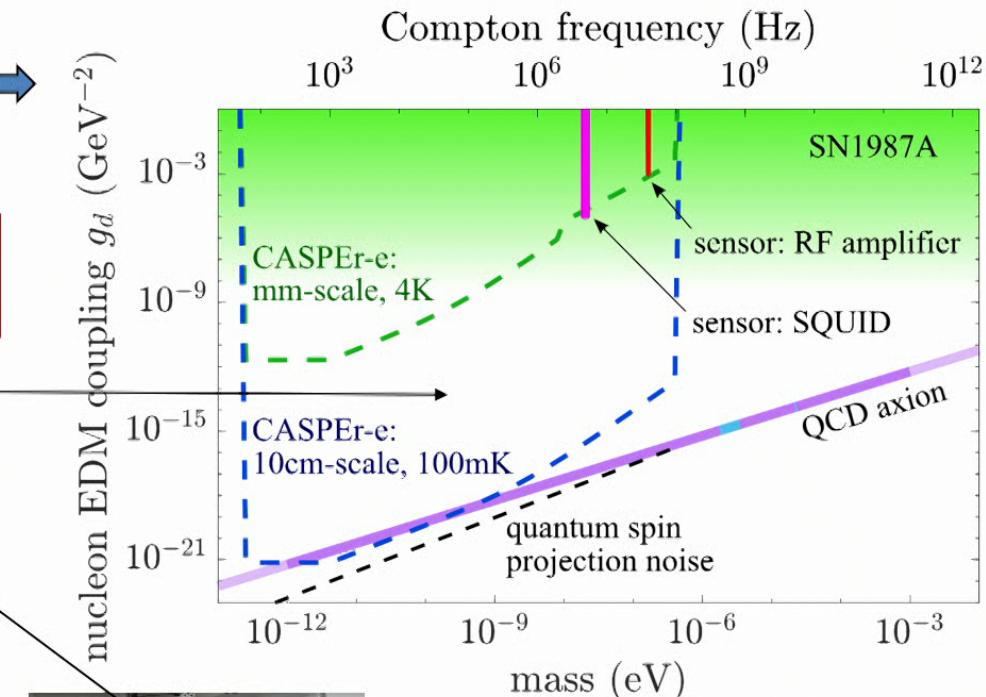
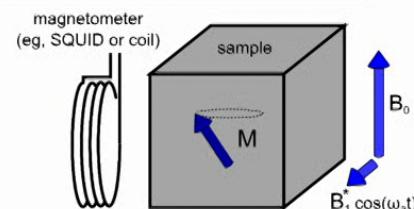
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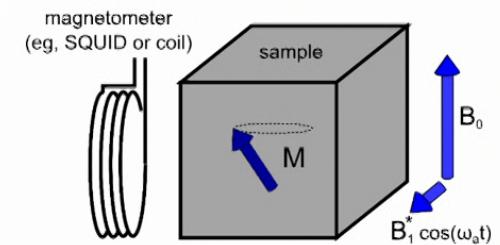
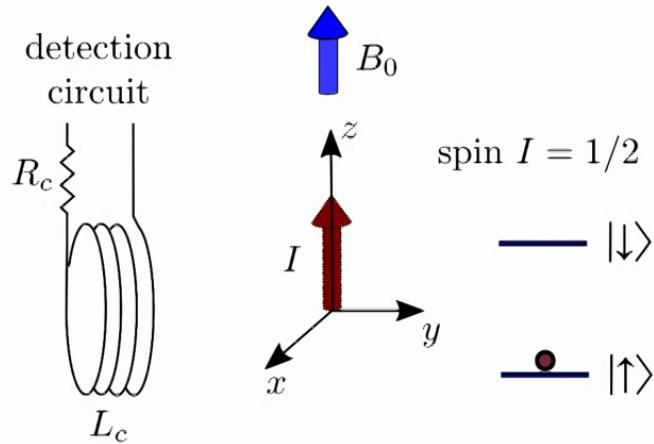
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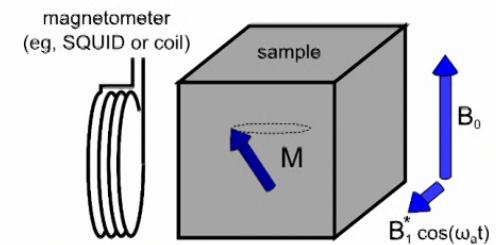
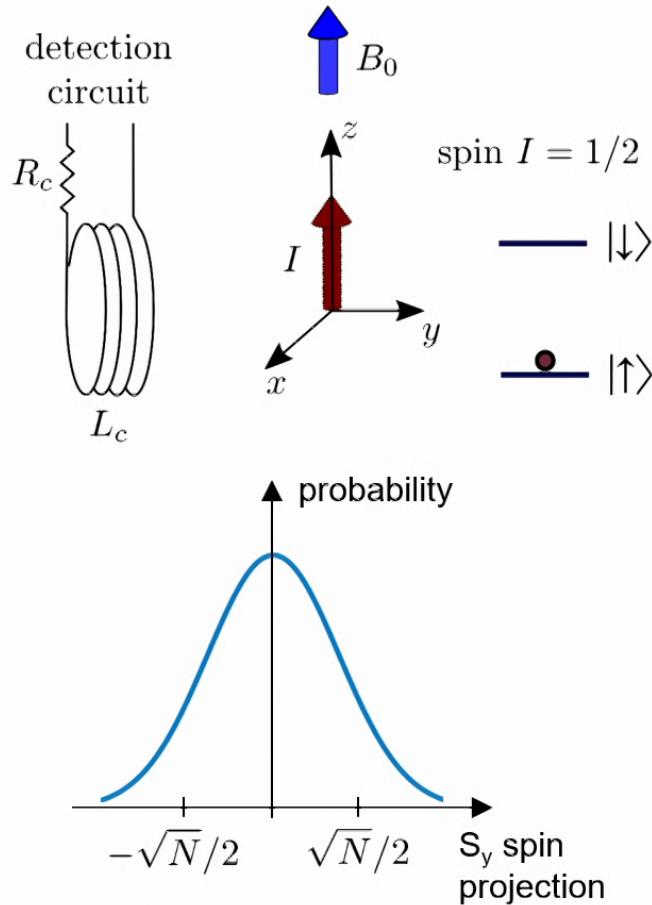


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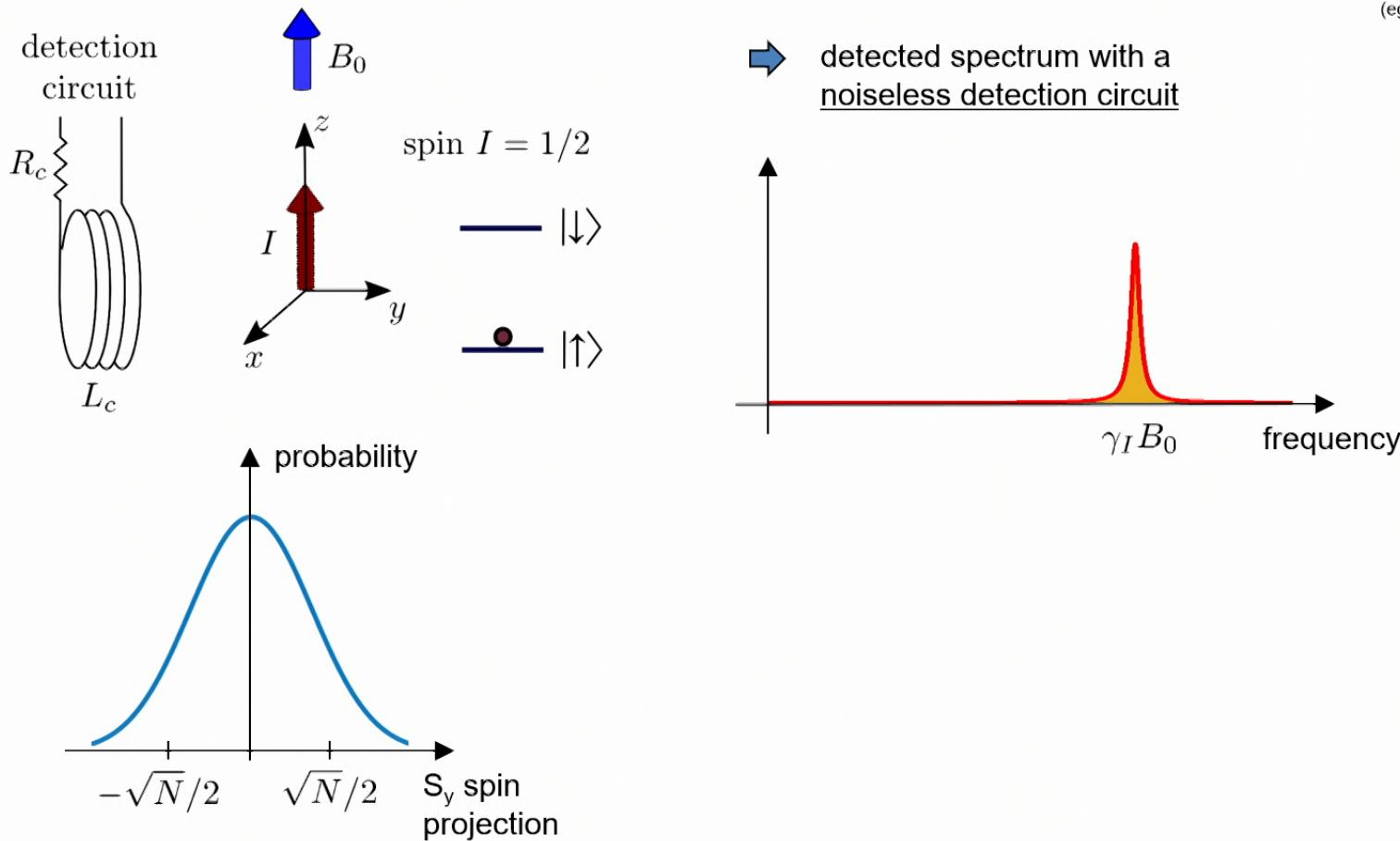
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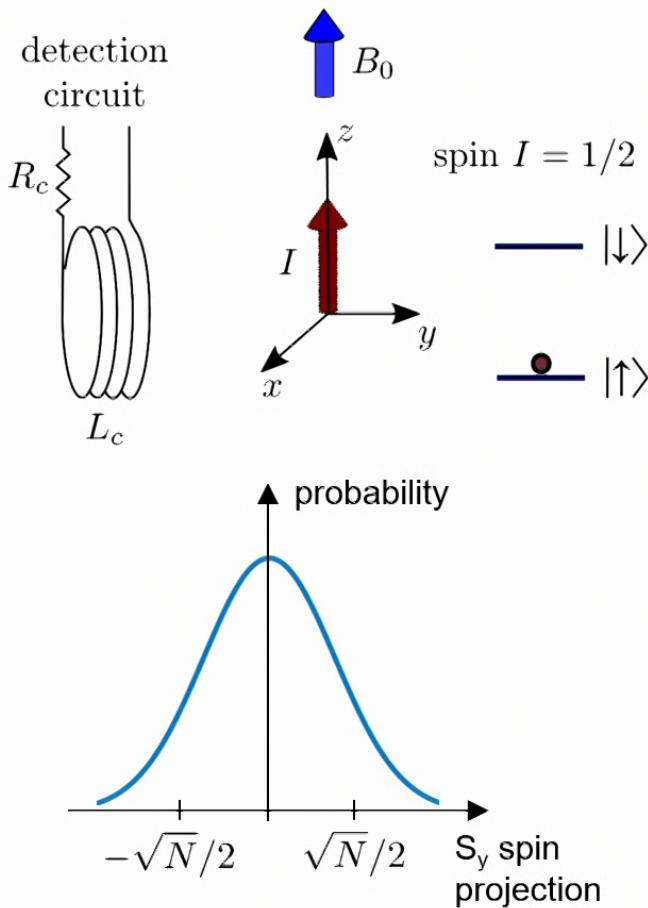
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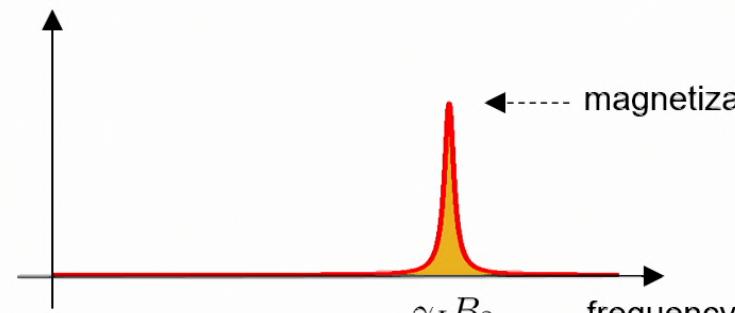
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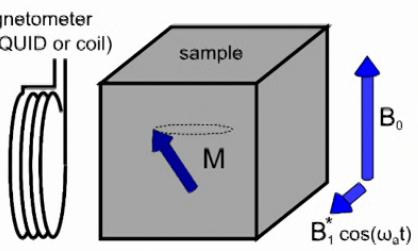
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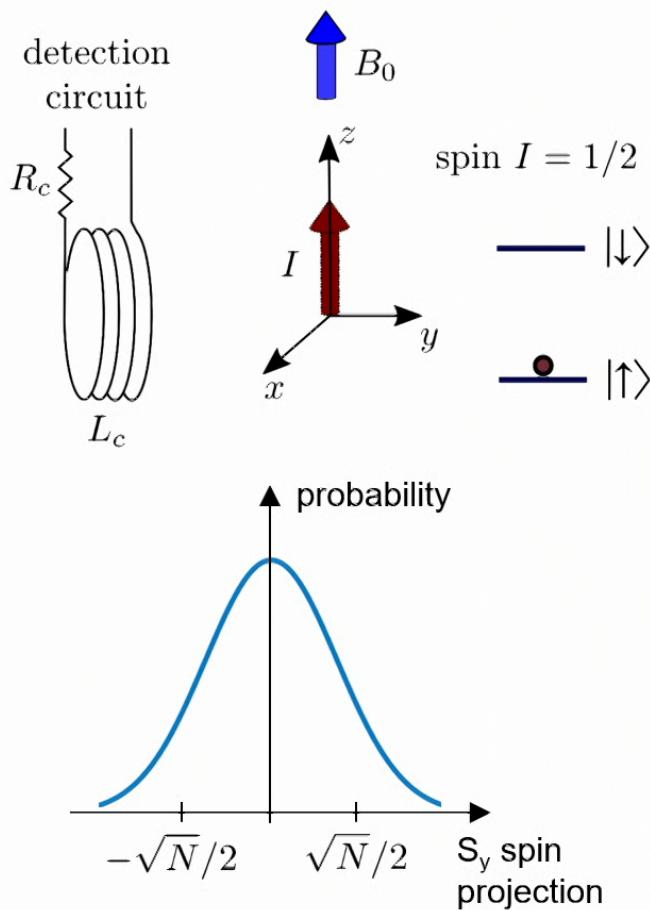
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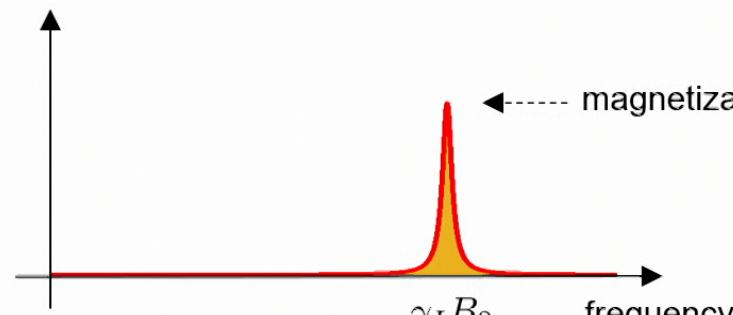
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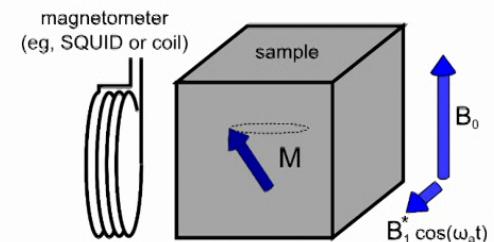
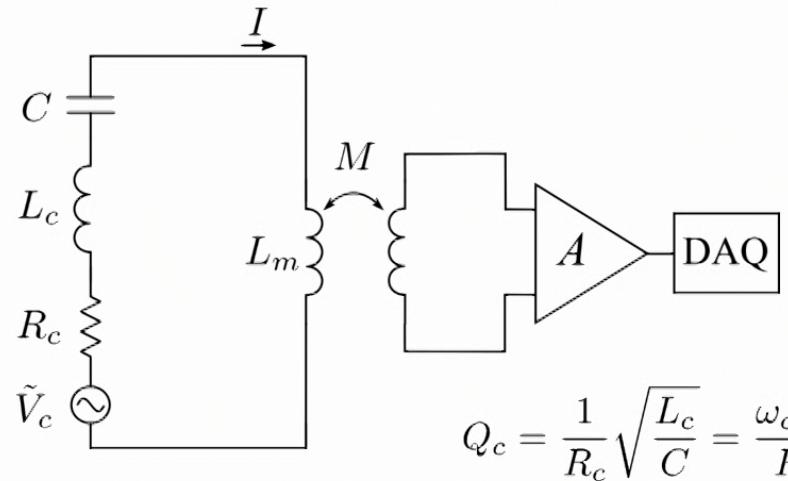
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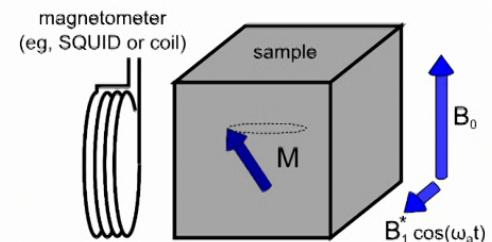
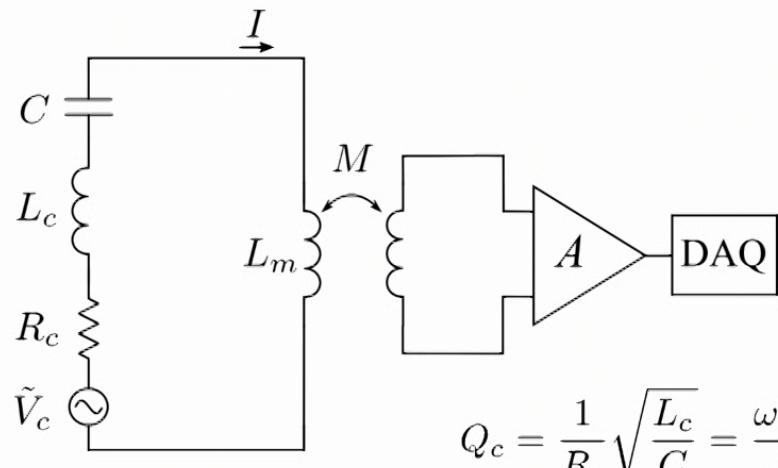


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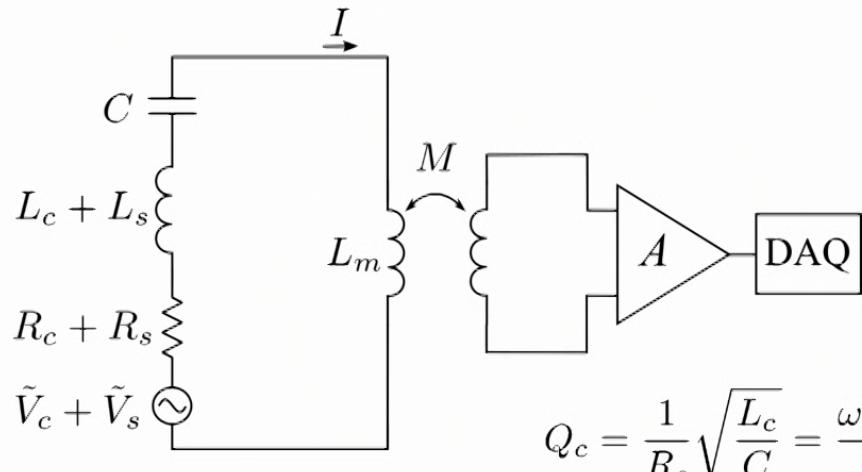
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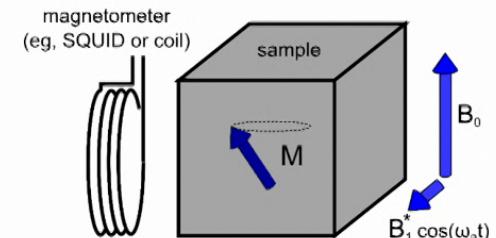
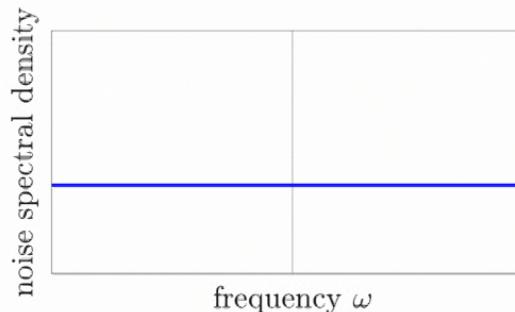


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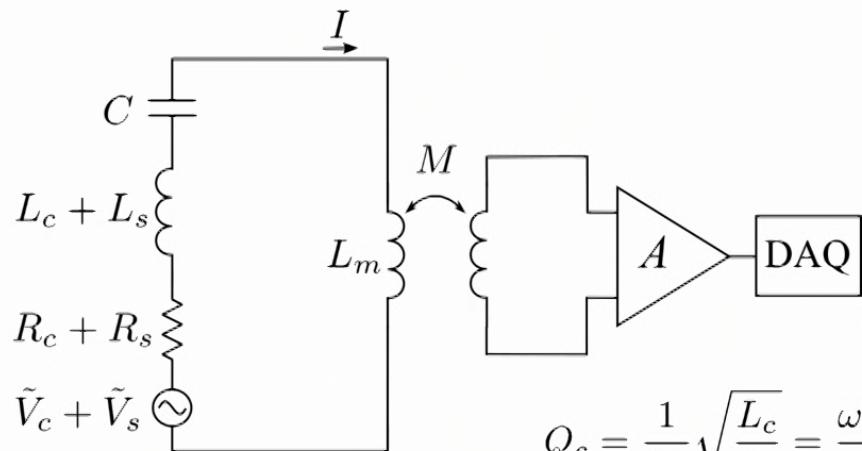
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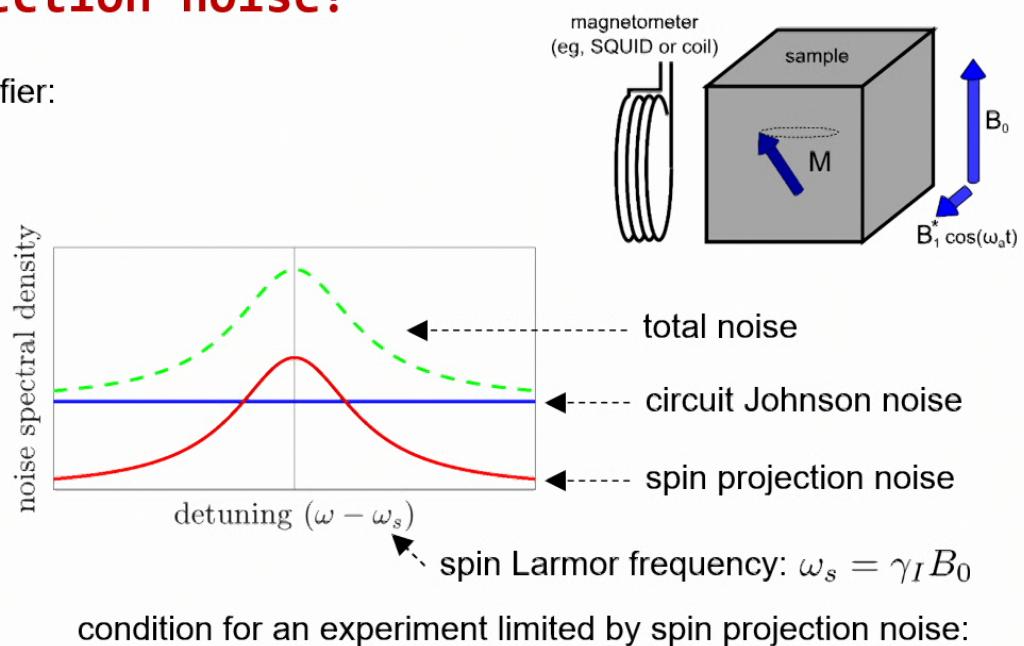
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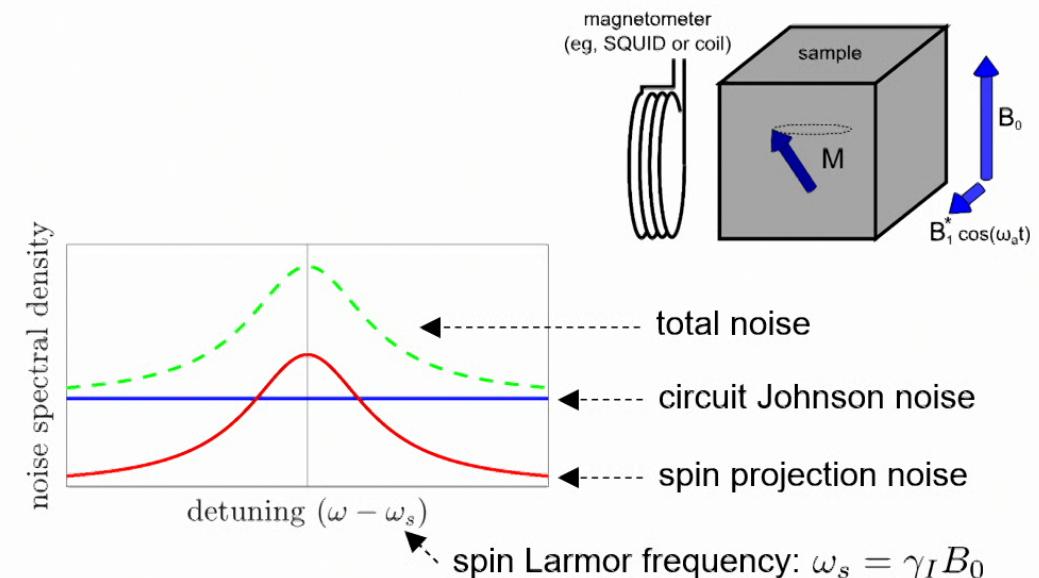
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Mainz CASPER-gradient search for the gradient coupling

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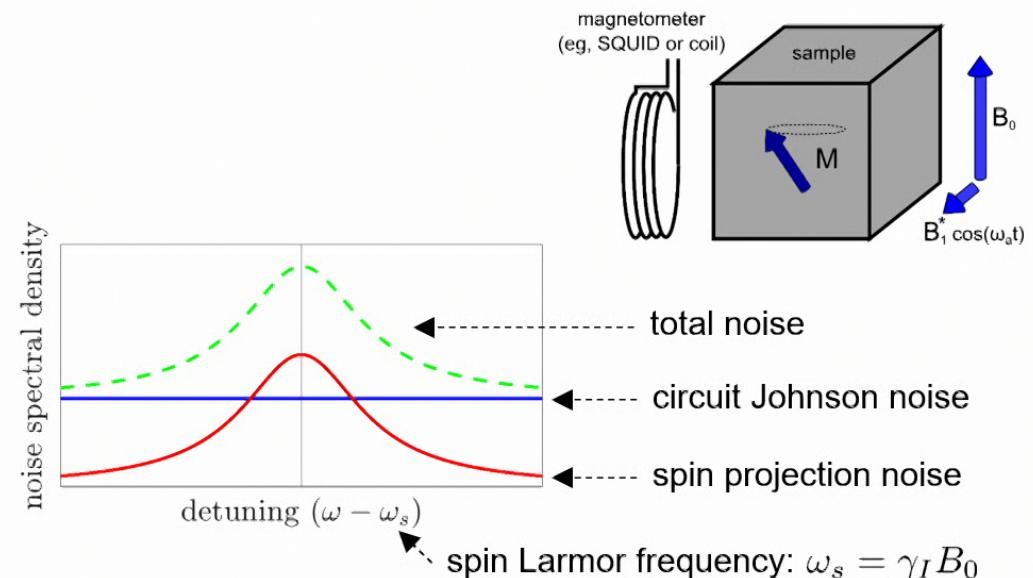
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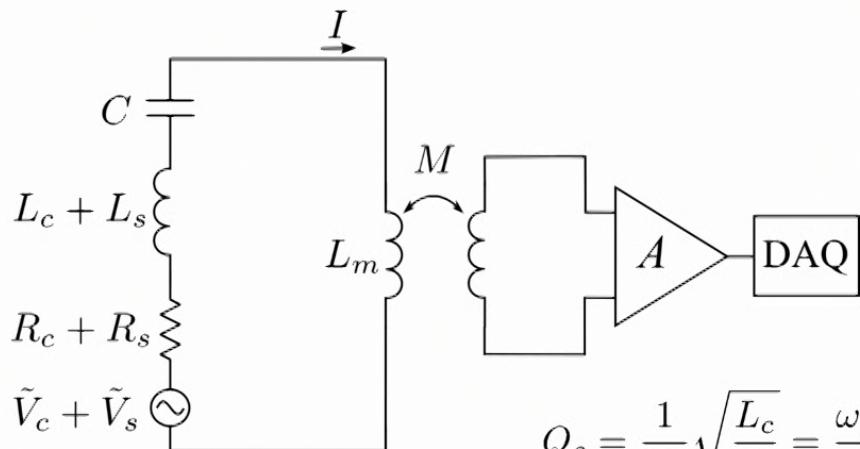
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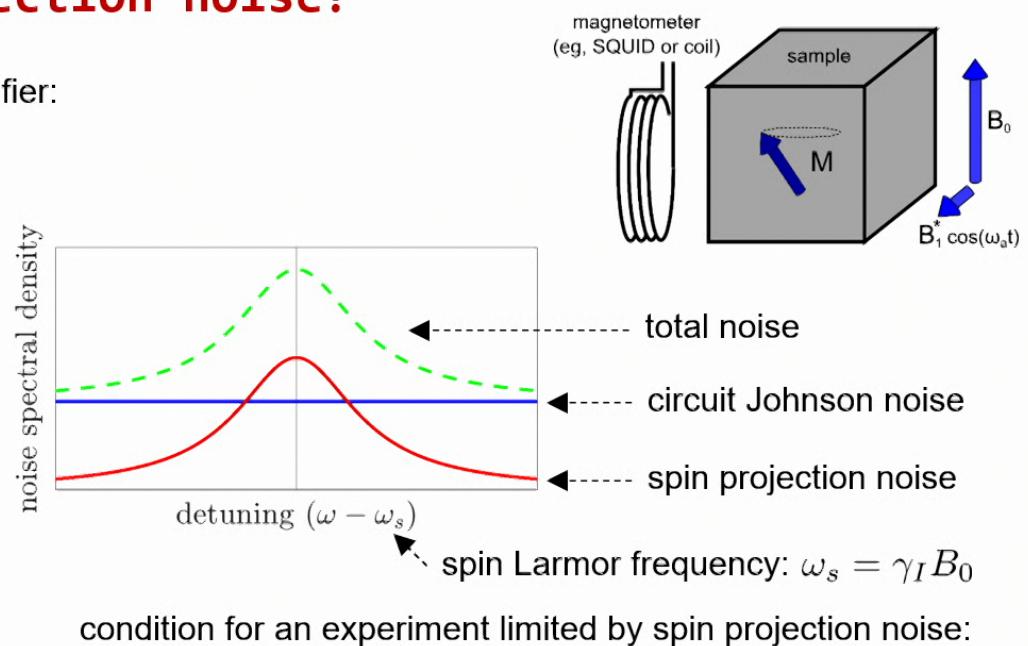
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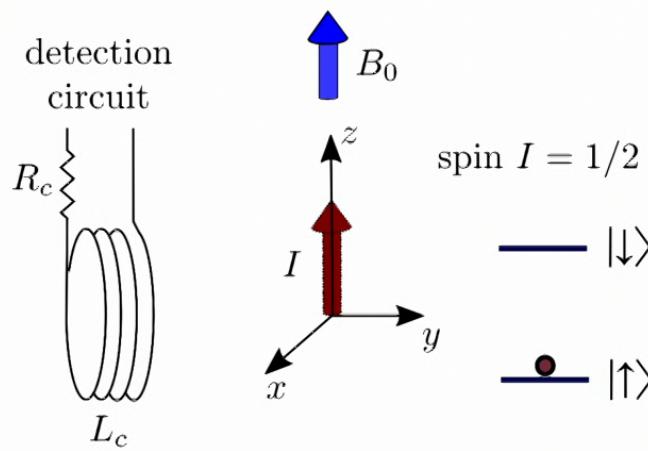
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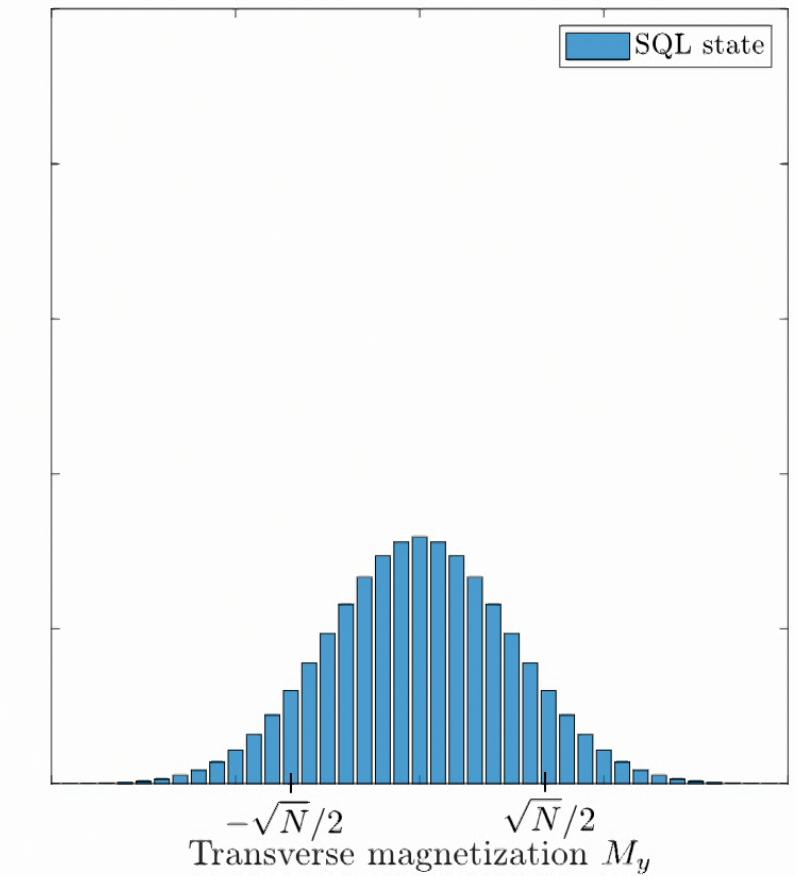


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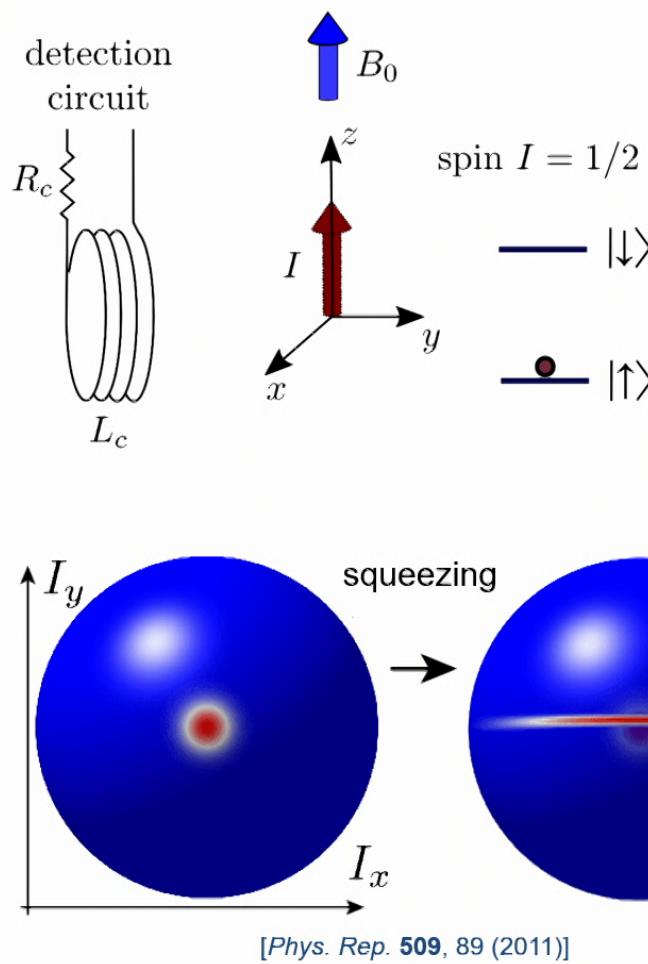
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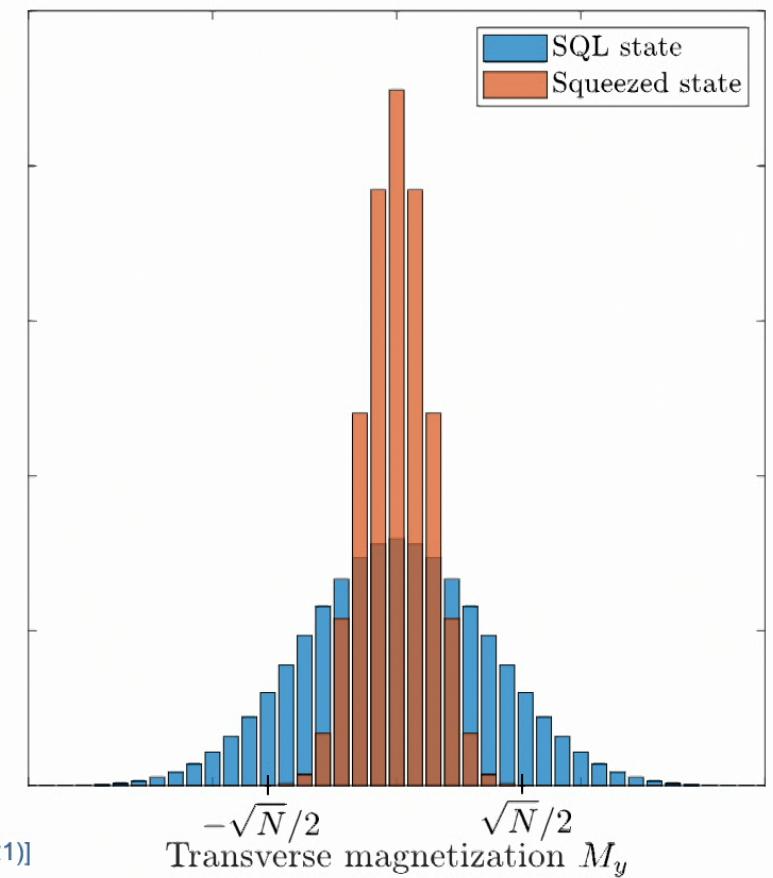




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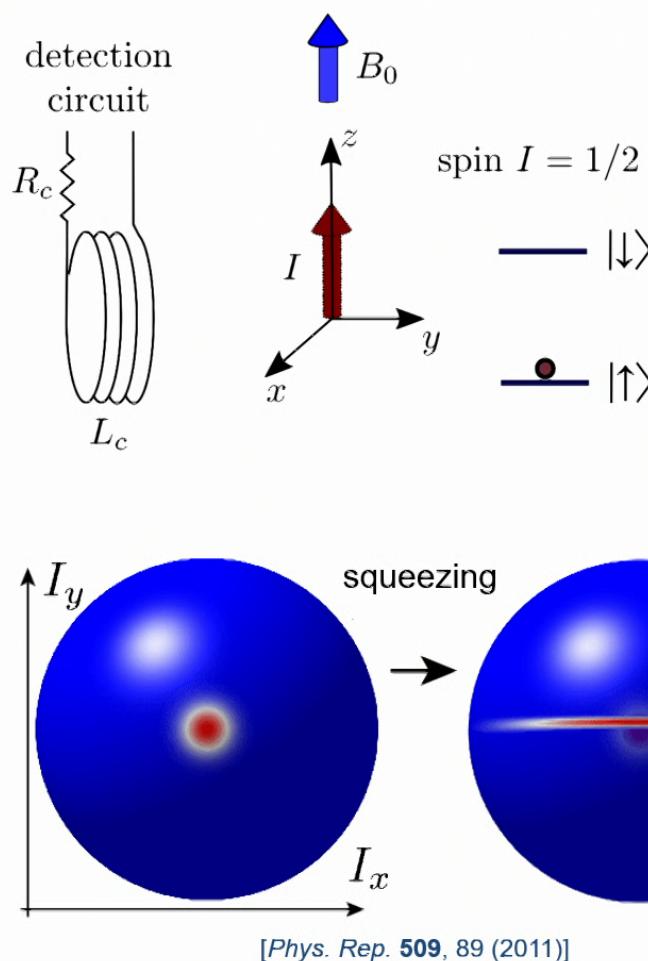


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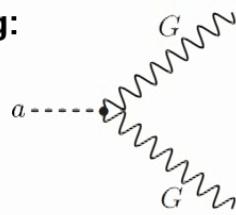


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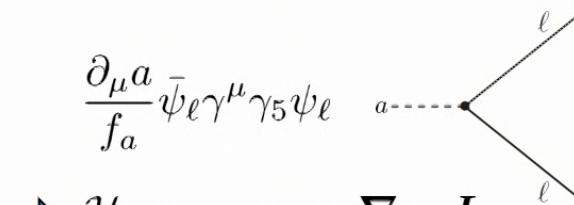


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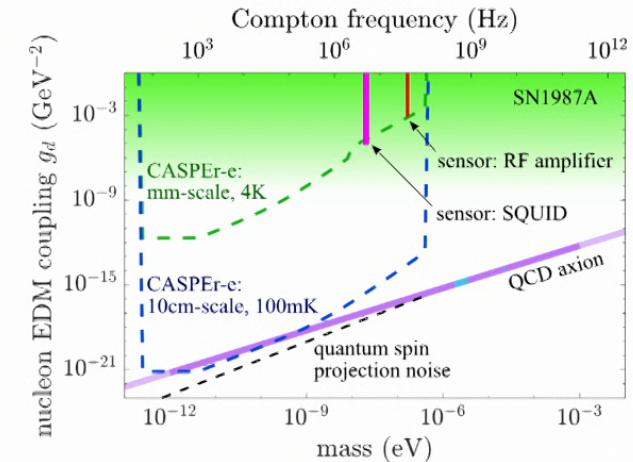
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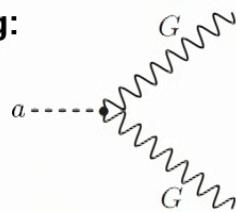


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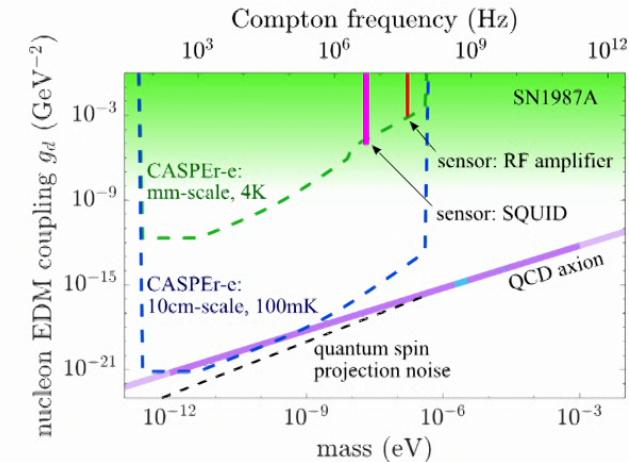
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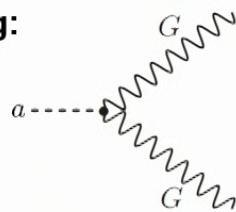


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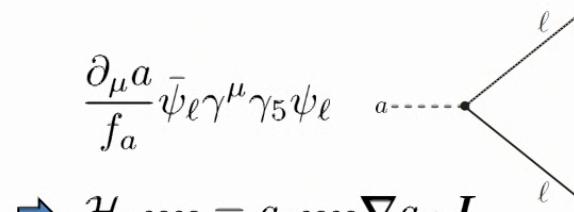


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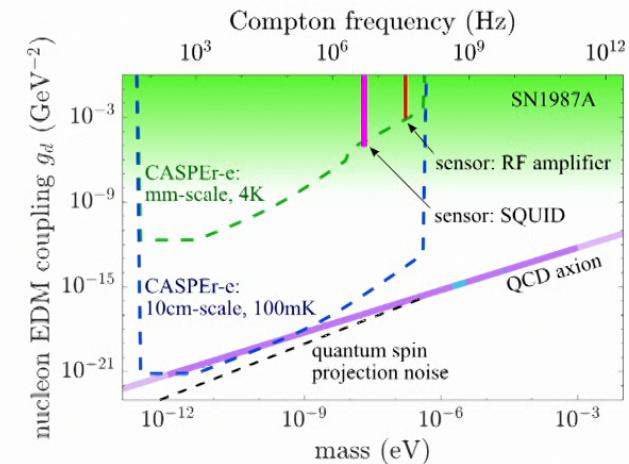
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