

Title: Hunting for Light DM with Quantum Sensors

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Abstract: Direct detection experiments search for dark matter through its potential interactions with the SM particles. However, light dark matter models with particle masses below the GeV scale are still largely unconstrained. As we will see in this talk, sensitivity to such small momentum transfer can benefit from quantum sensors, which employ fundamental quantum mechanical phenomena to notice energy depositions otherwise unreachable. Quantum sensors can considerably extend the range in dark matter mass of traditional WIMP experiments and be complementary to other direct detection methods. In the first part of the talk, I will examine a proposal to use atom interferometers to detect a light dark matter subcomponent at sub-GeV masses. DM scattering off of one "arm" of the atom interferometer can cause trackable decoherence and phase shifts. Two key factors render atom interferometers highly competitive experiments for very low masses: they are sensitive to extremely low momentum deposition and their coherent atoms give them a boost in sensitivity. On the second part of the talk, I will present a new proposal to search for axions with optomechanical cavities. As we will see, the Bose-enhancement of a final state coherent population of photons or phonons can help overcoming the strong suppression from the axion to photon coupling. A unique advantage of this novel search, axioptomechanics, is that the cavity size need no longer be matched to the axion mass, which allows to probe a wide window of axion masses.

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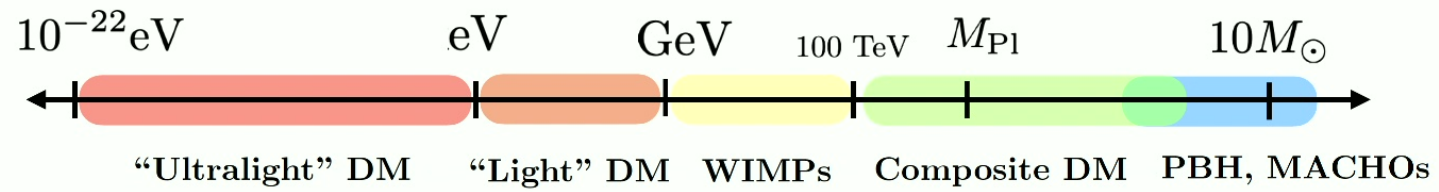
Atom Interferometers & Optomechanical Cavities

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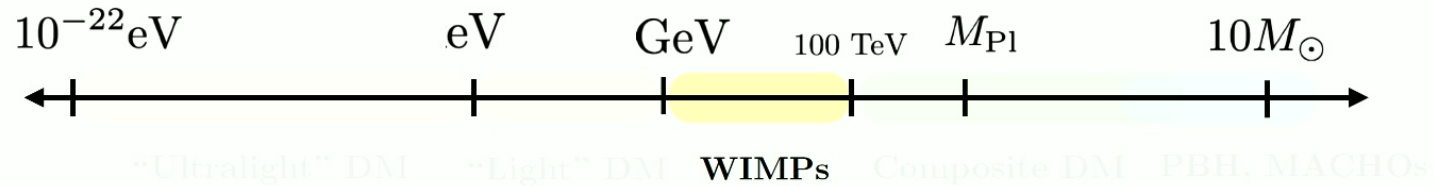
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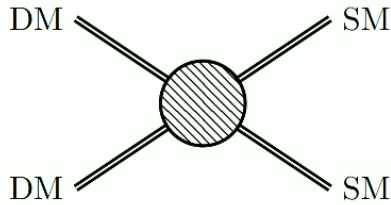
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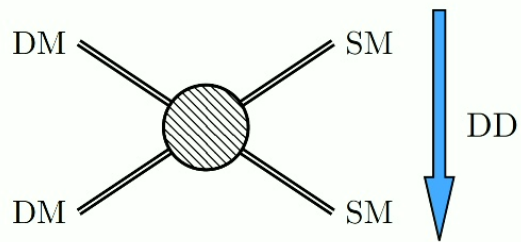
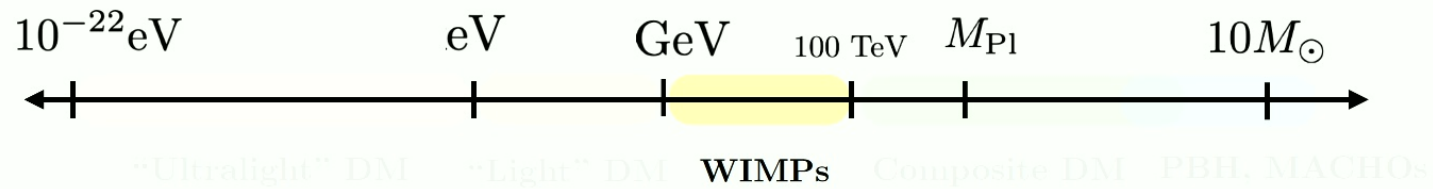
The WIMP miracle



$$\langle\sigma v\rangle\sim\frac{G_F^2}{8\pi}m_\chi^2\frac{c}{3}\sim10^{-24}\text{cm}^3/\text{s}\left(\frac{m_\chi}{100\text{ GeV}}\right)^2$$

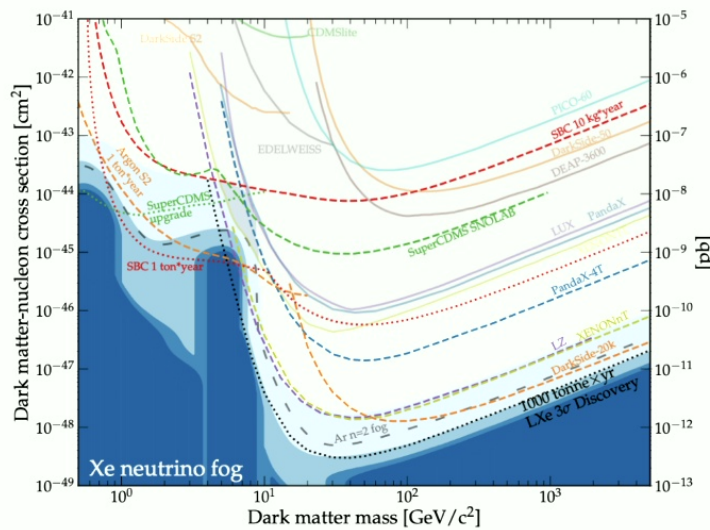
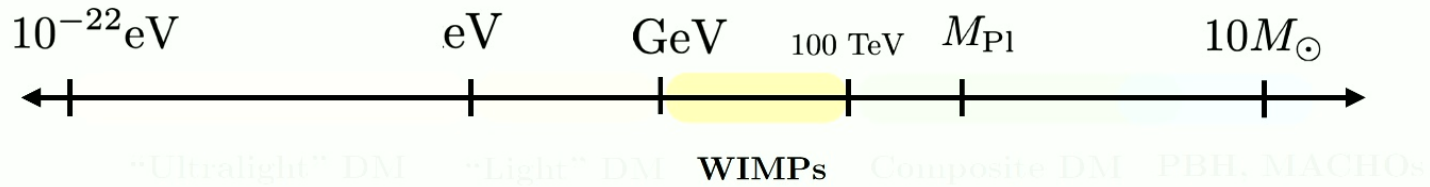
$$\Omega_{\text{DM}}\sim0.1\times\left(\frac{3\times10^{-26}\text{cm}^3/\text{s}}{\langle\sigma v\rangle}\right)$$

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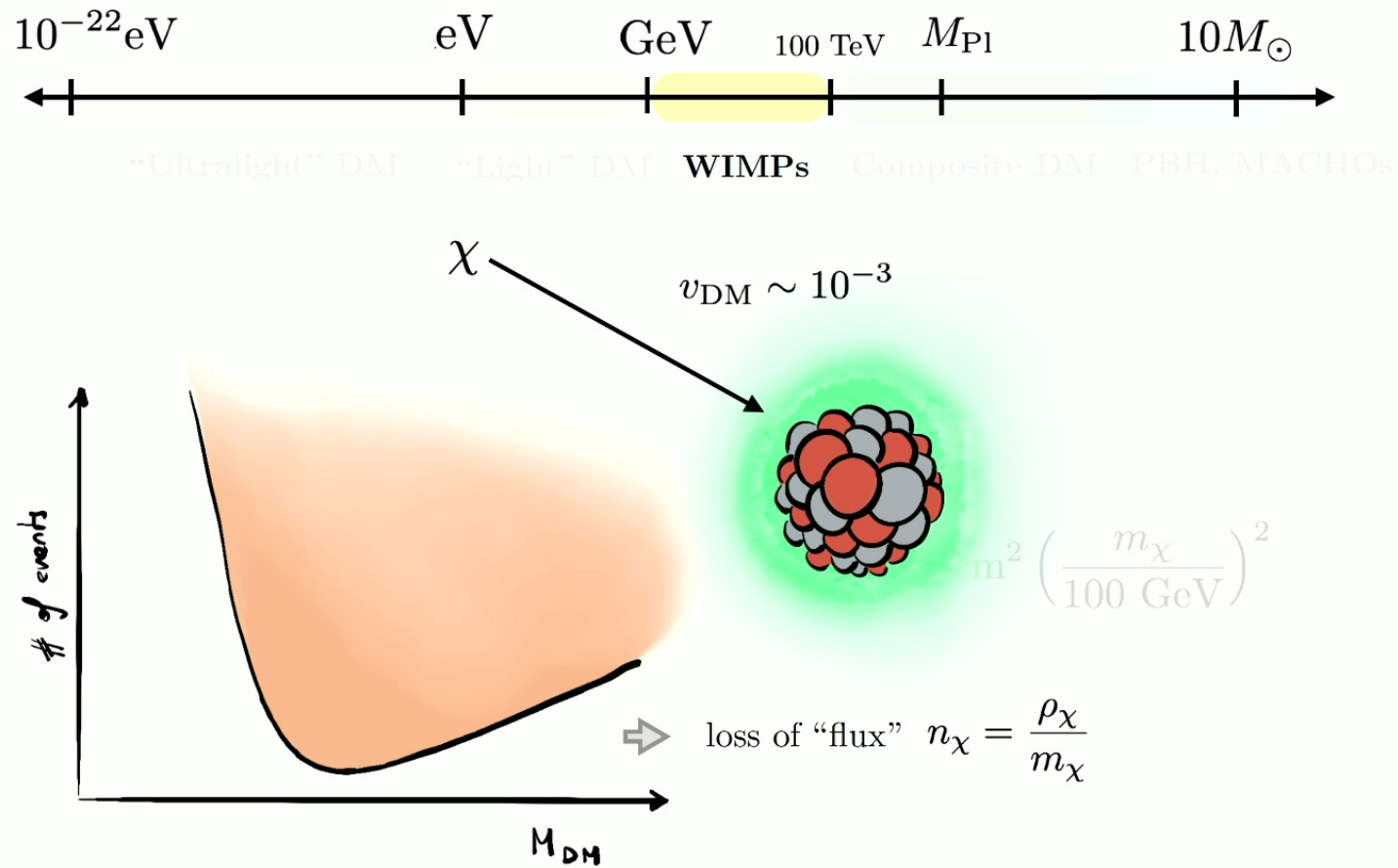
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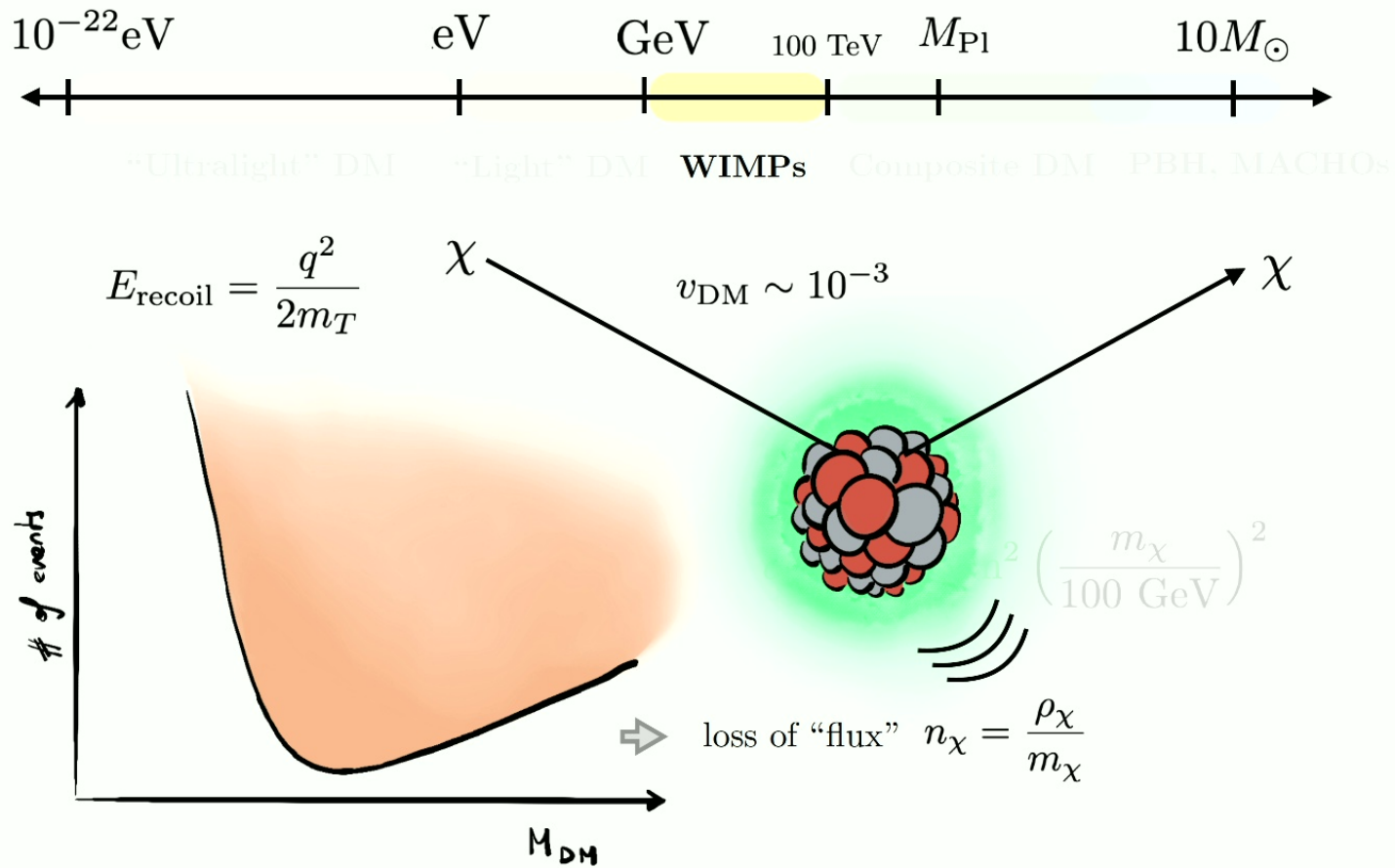
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[Akerib, D. S., et al., Snowmass2021, 2203.08084]

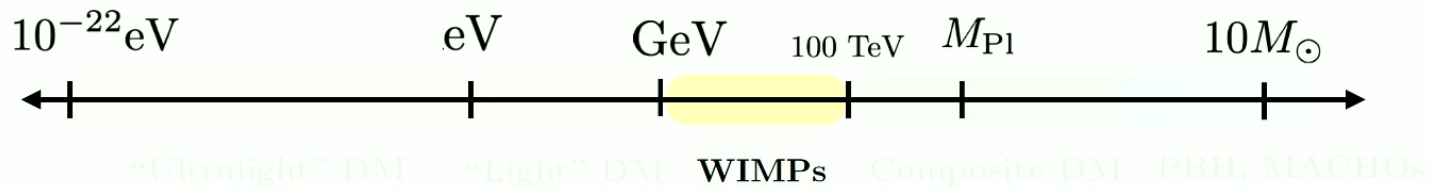
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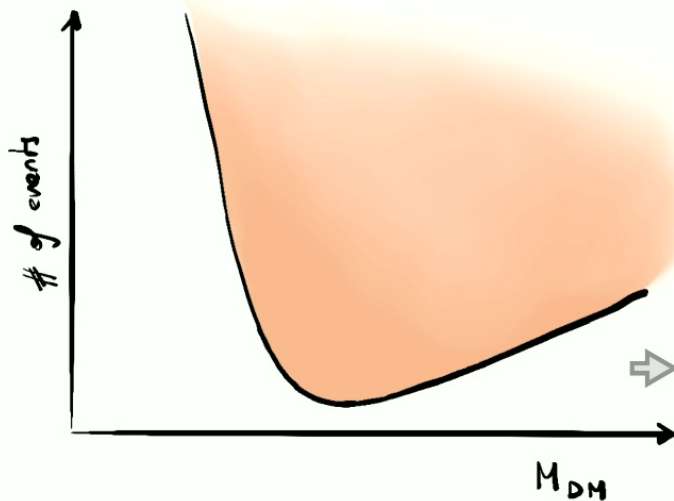
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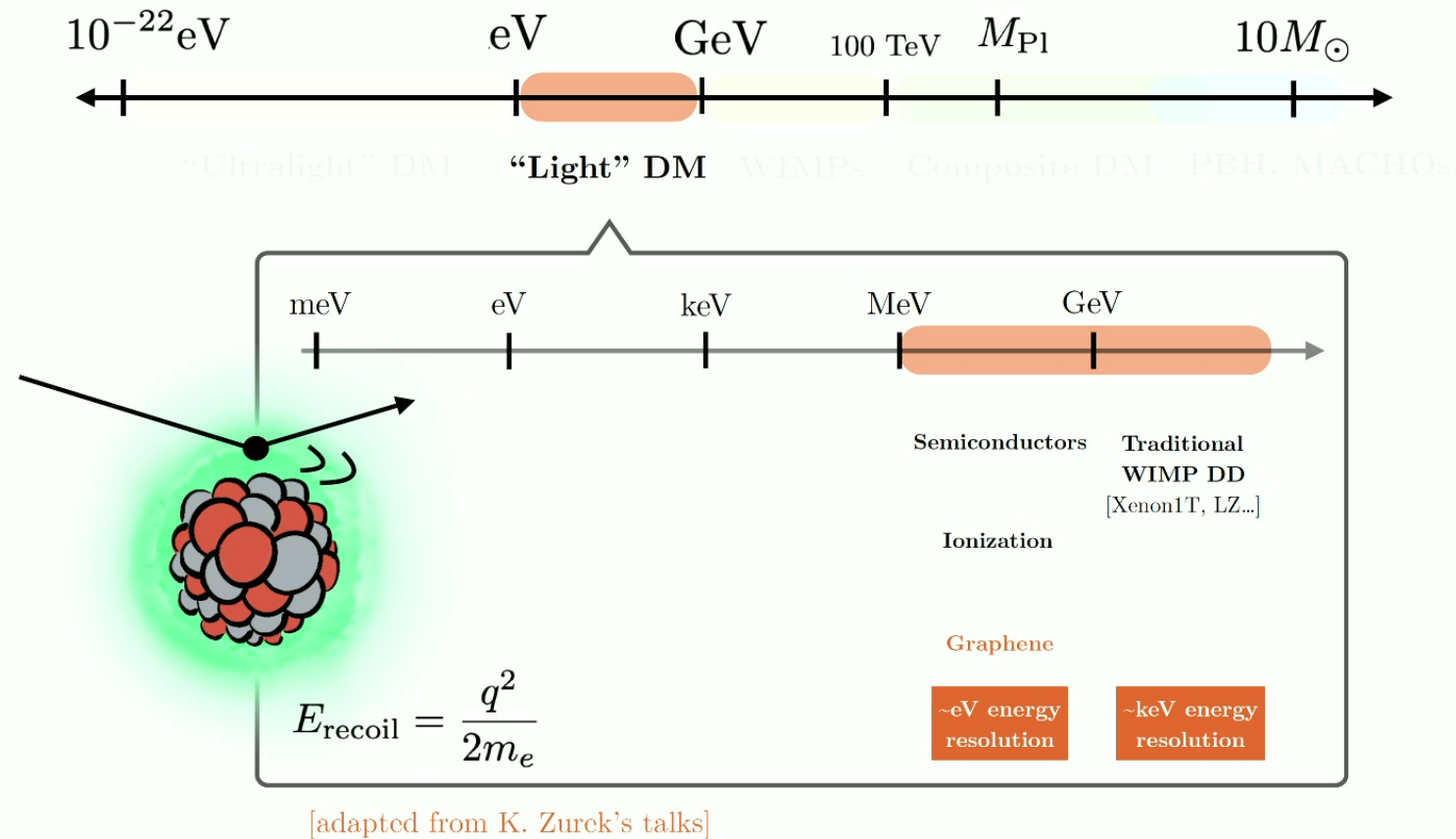
$$\leftarrow E_{\text{recoil}}^{\text{max}} \sim \left(\frac{m_{\chi}}{\text{GeV}} \right) \text{keV}$$



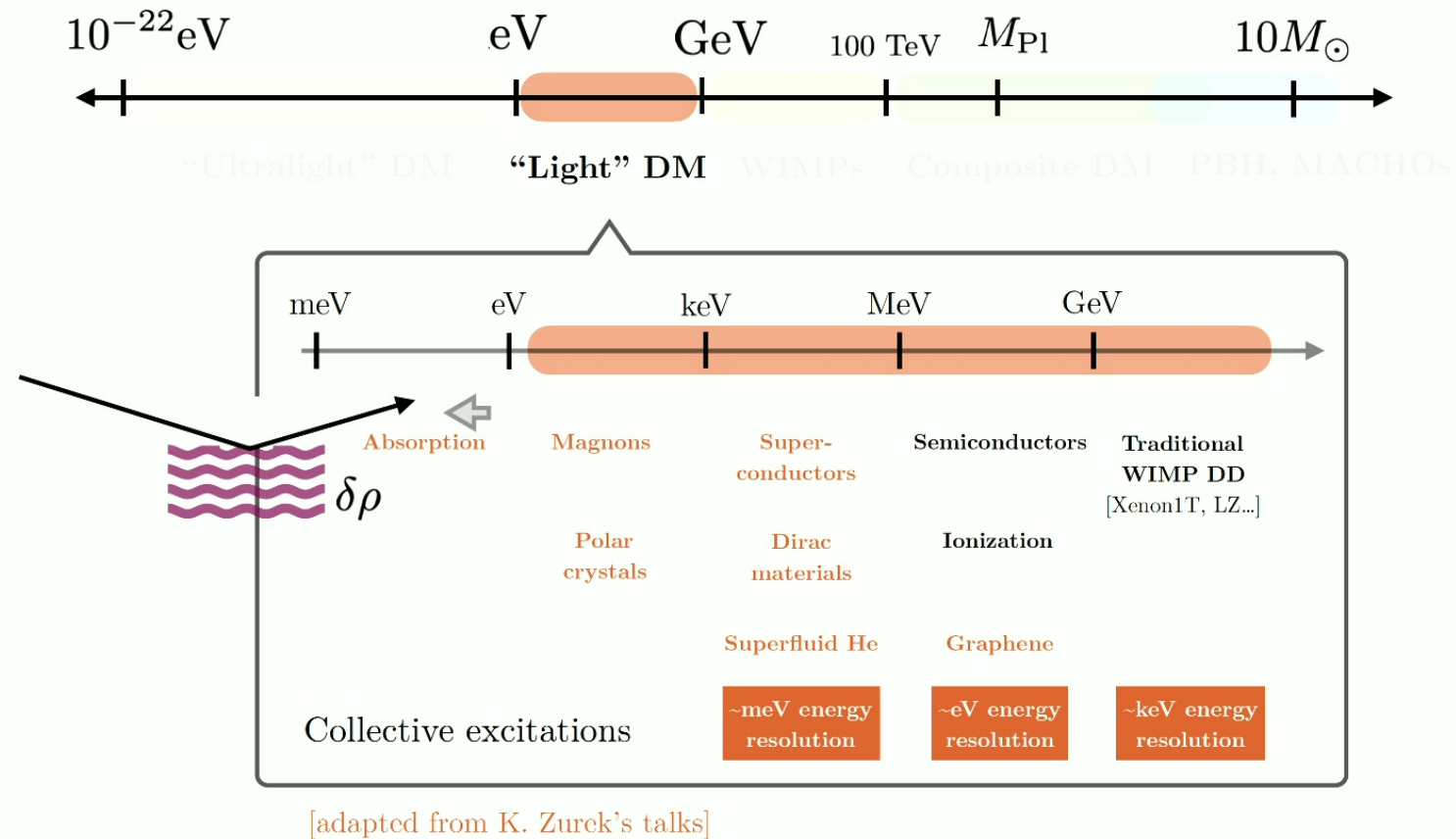
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$$\Rightarrow \text{loss of "flux"} \quad n_{\chi} = \frac{\rho_{\chi}}{m_{\chi}}$$

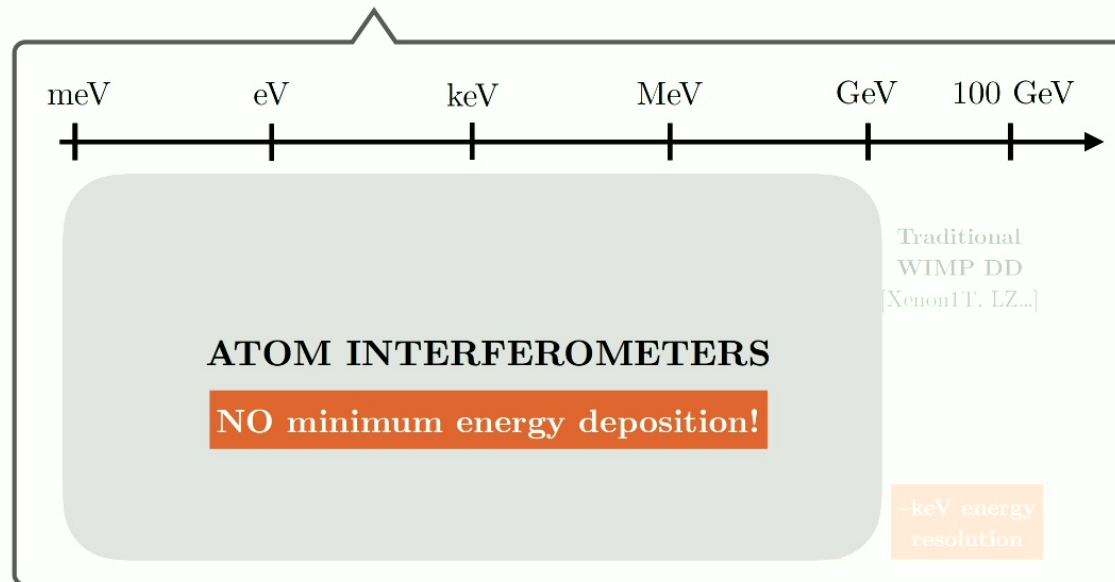
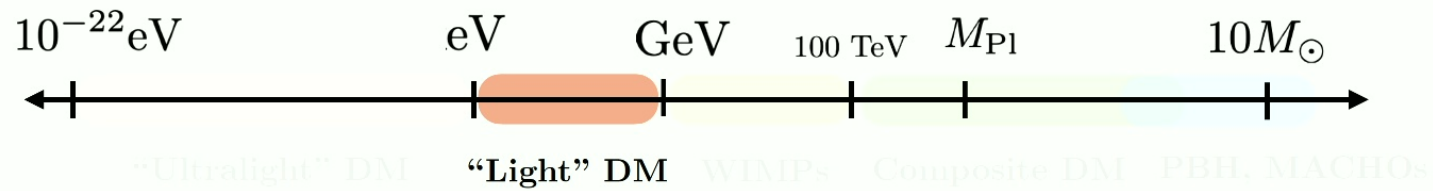
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Atom Interferometer tests of Dark Matter

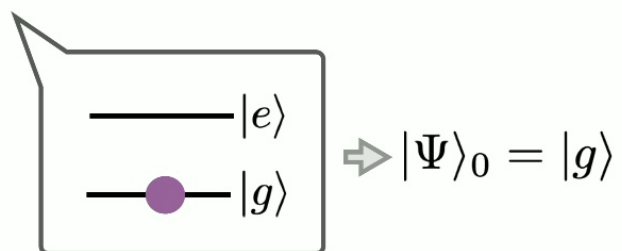
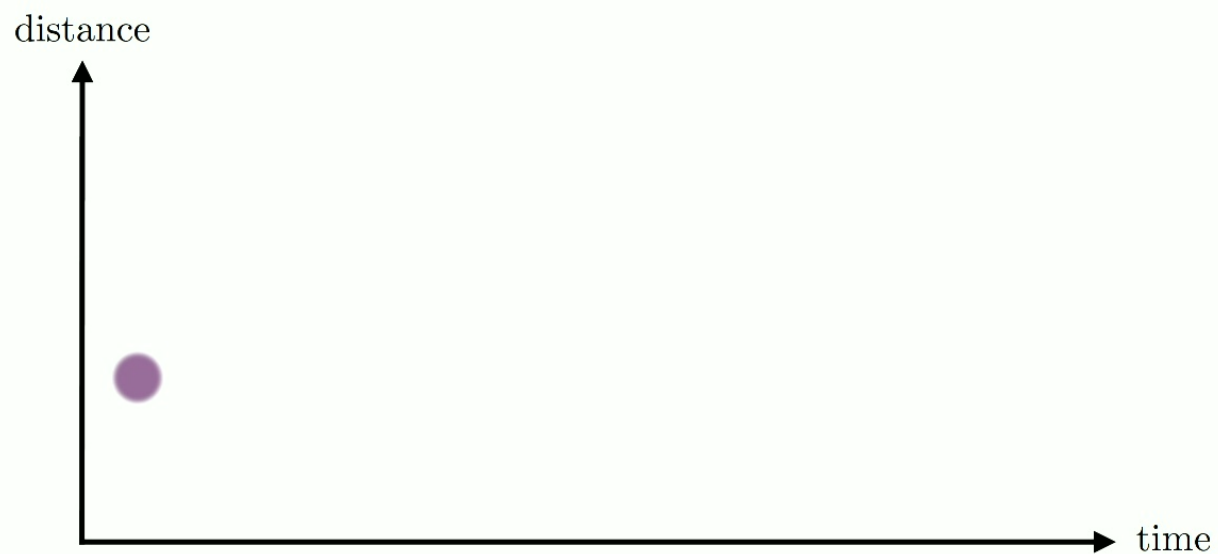
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[J. Riedel, 2013], [J. Riedel, I. Yavin, 2017]

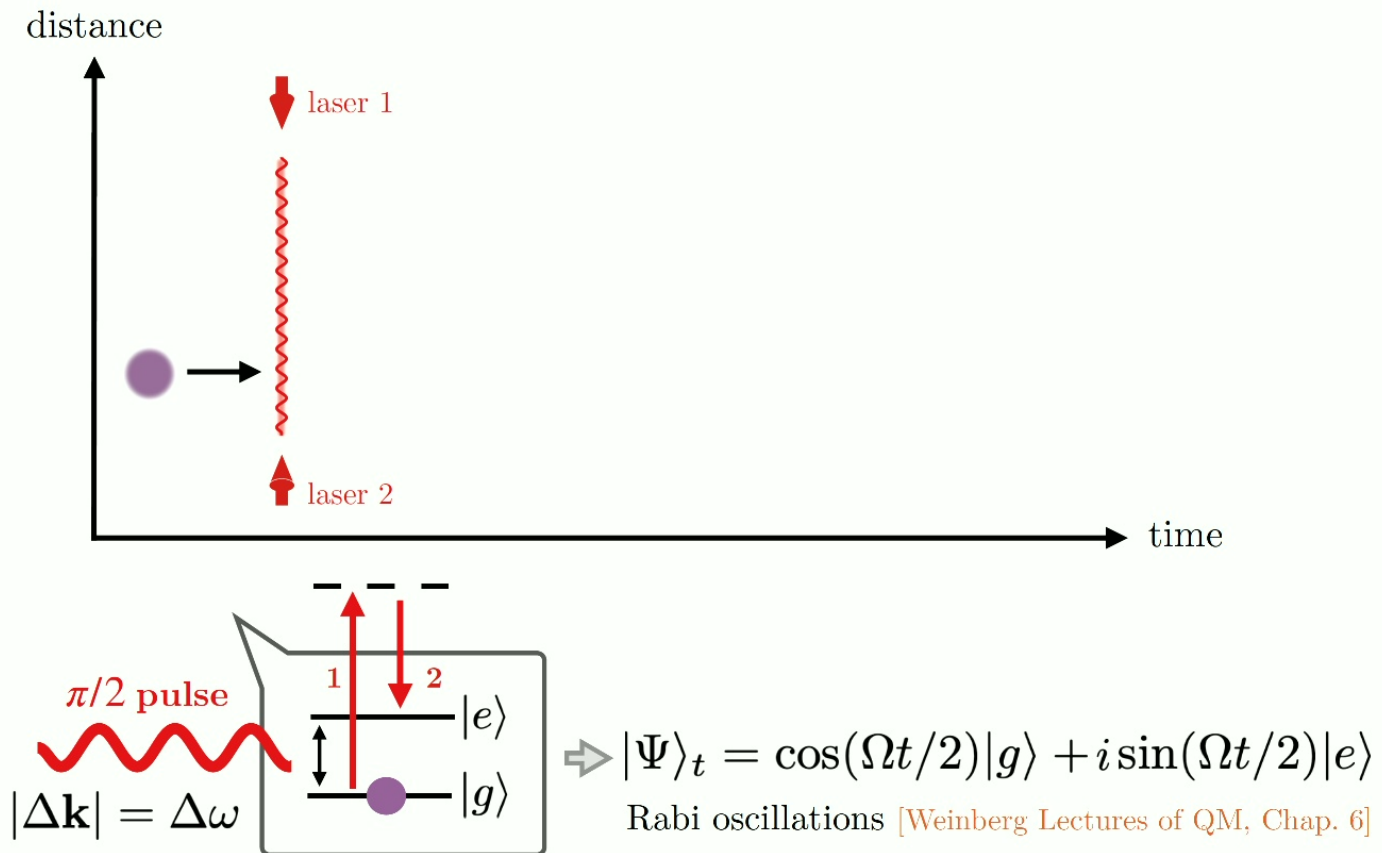
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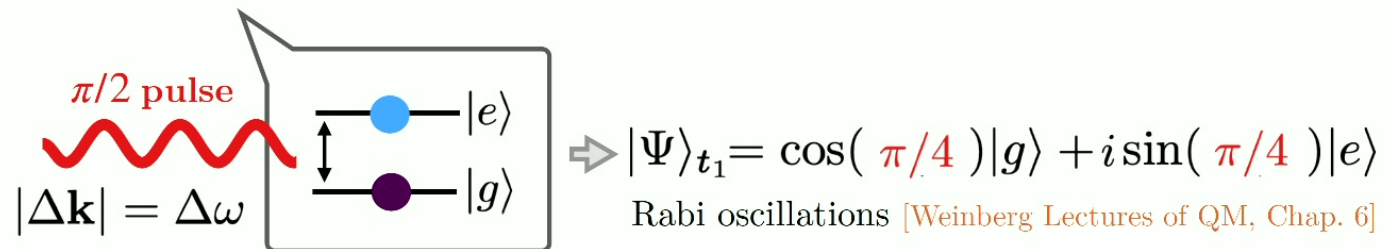
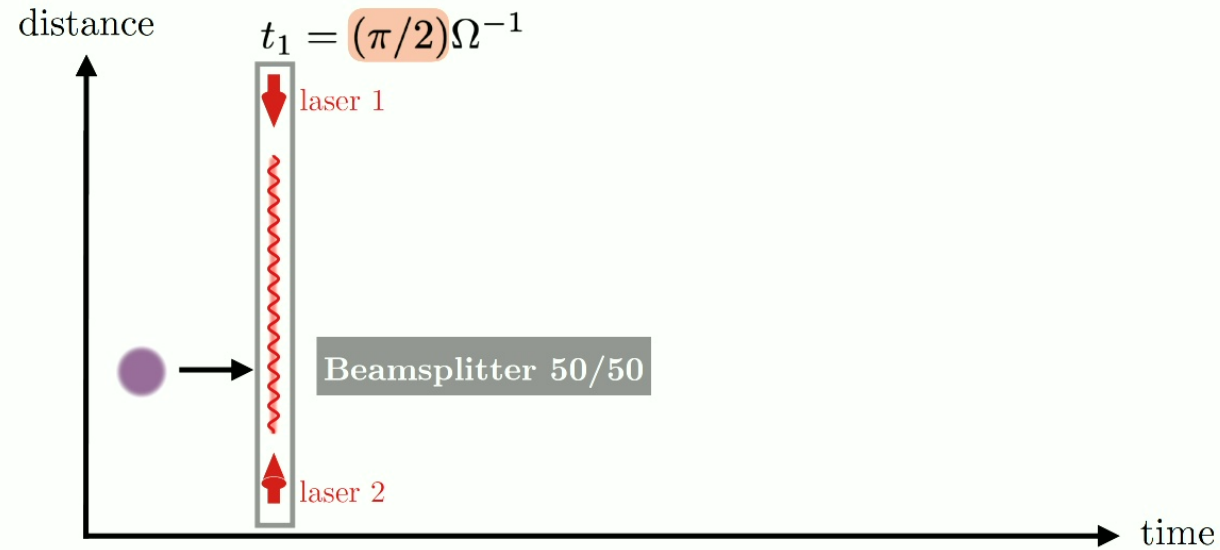
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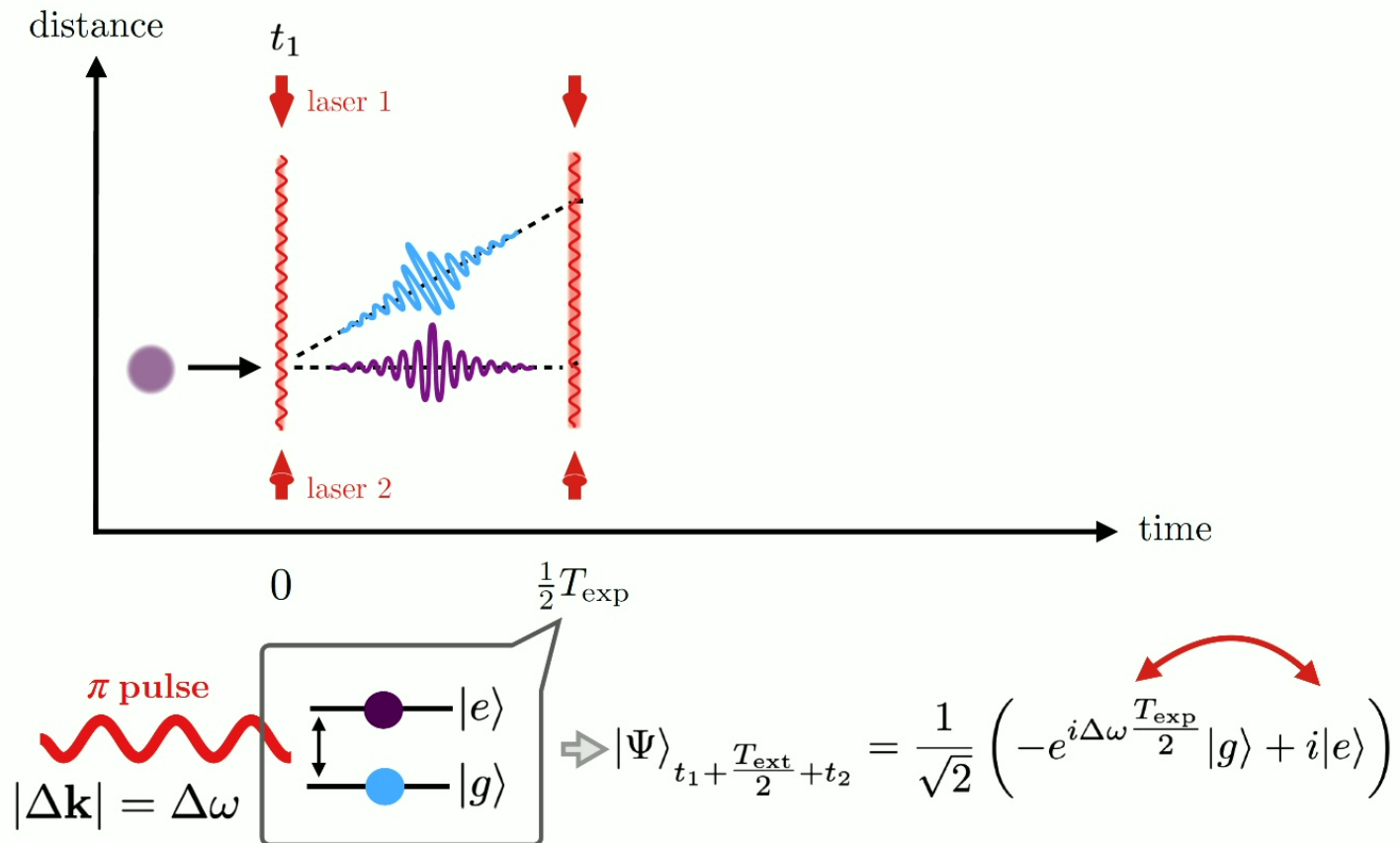
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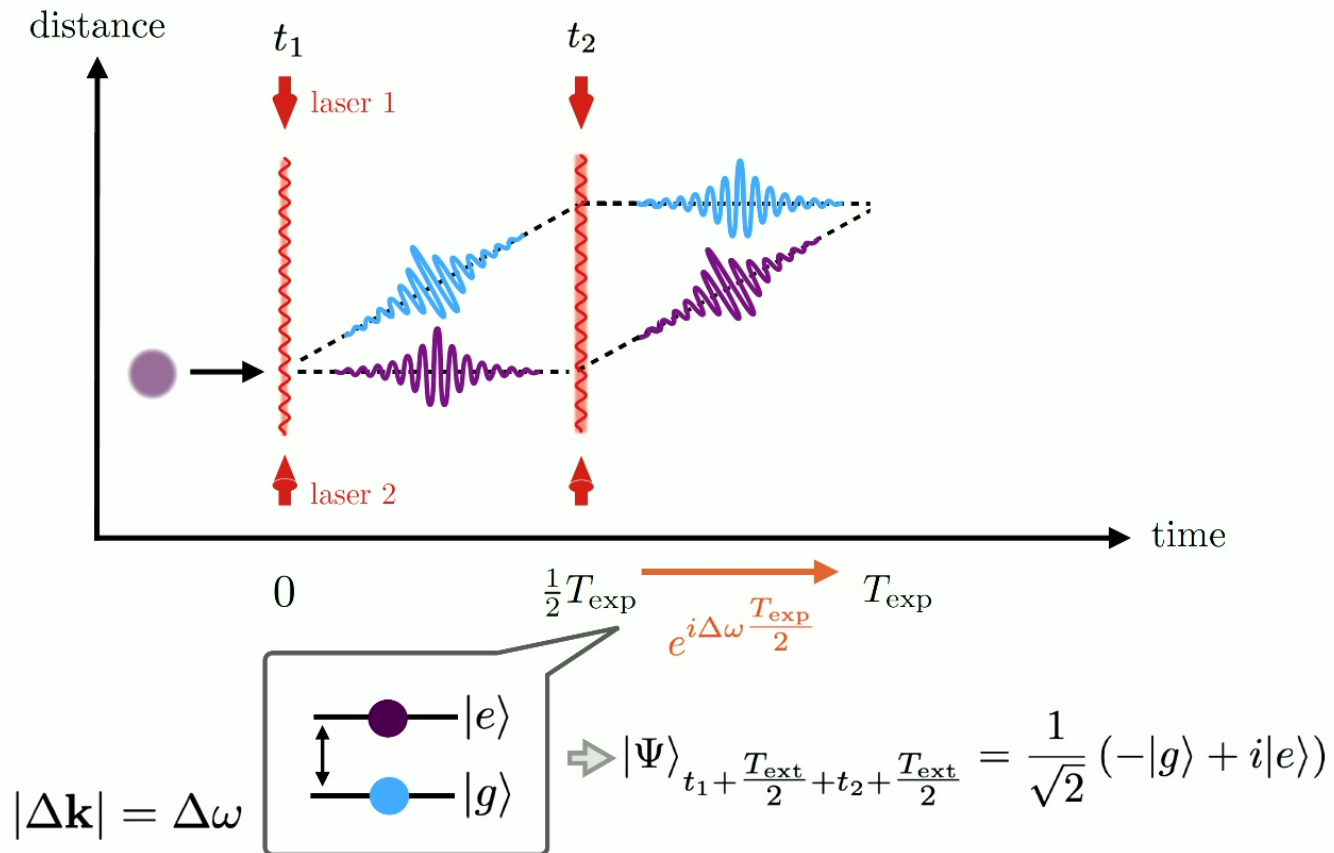
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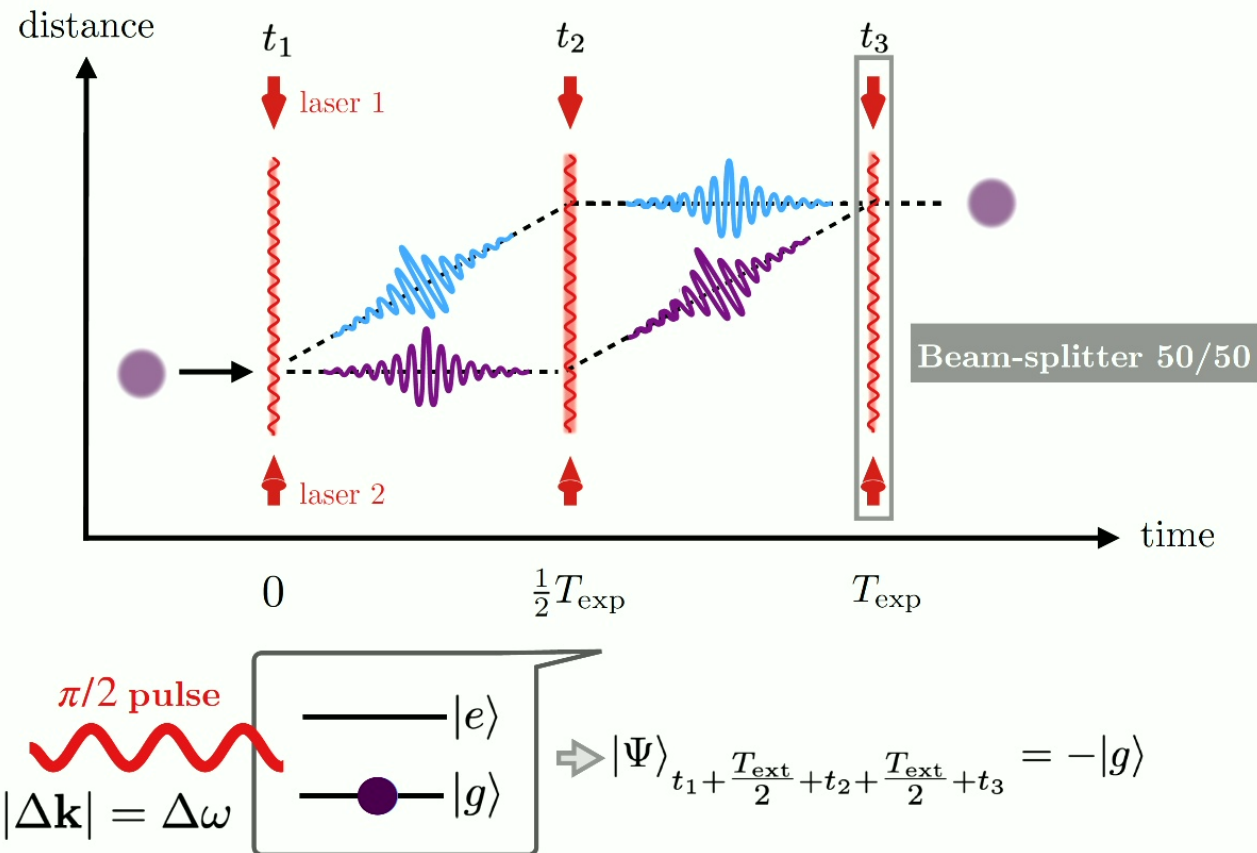
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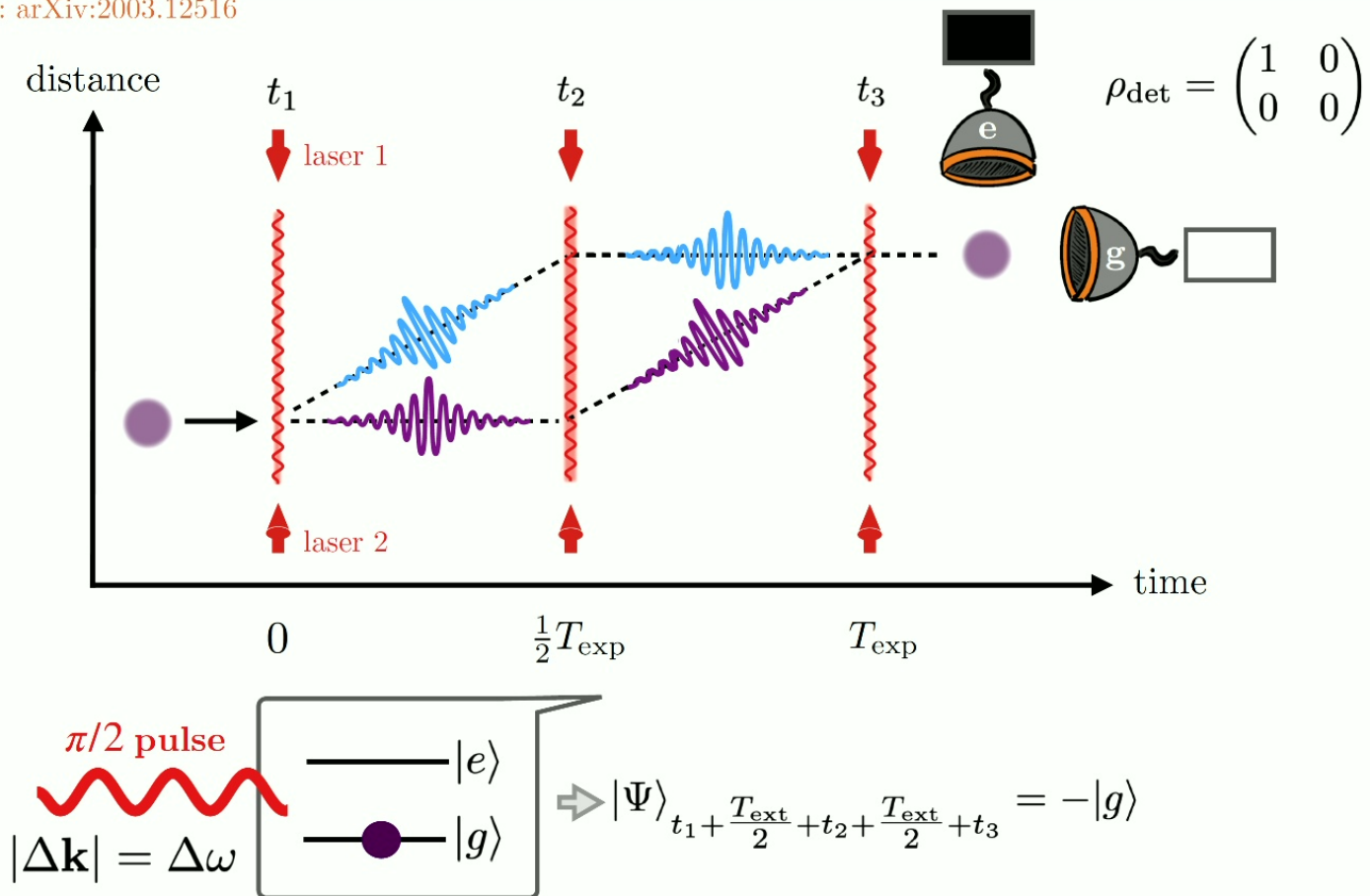
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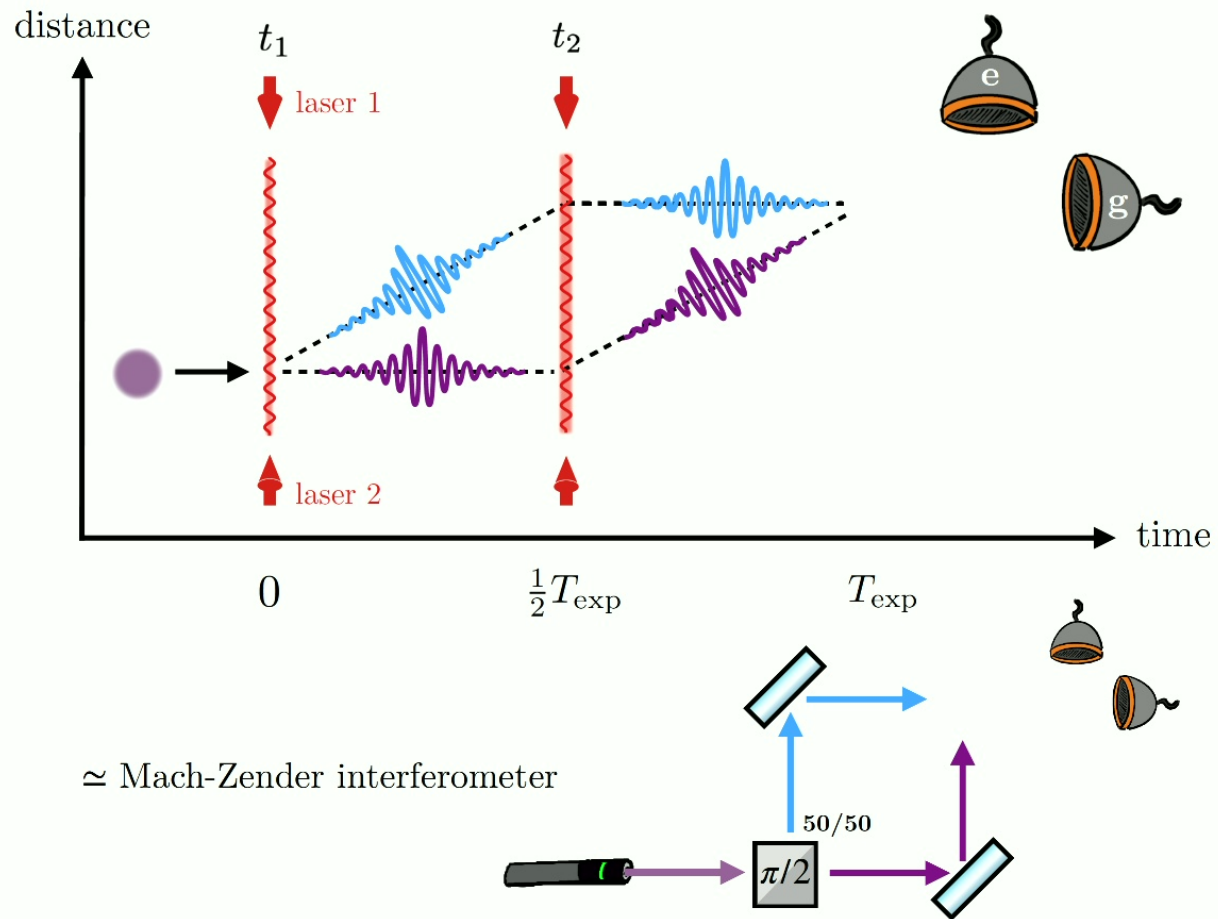
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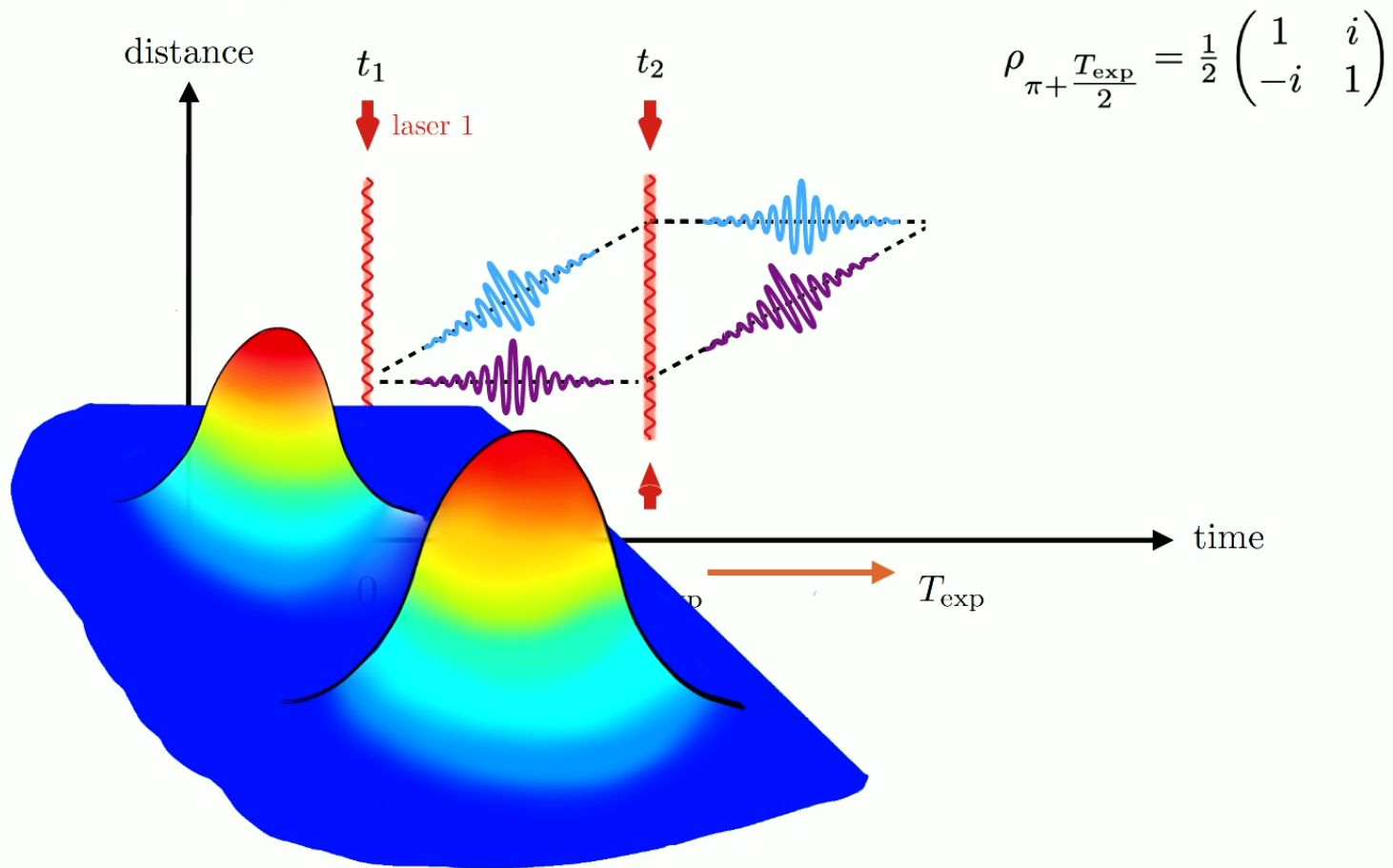
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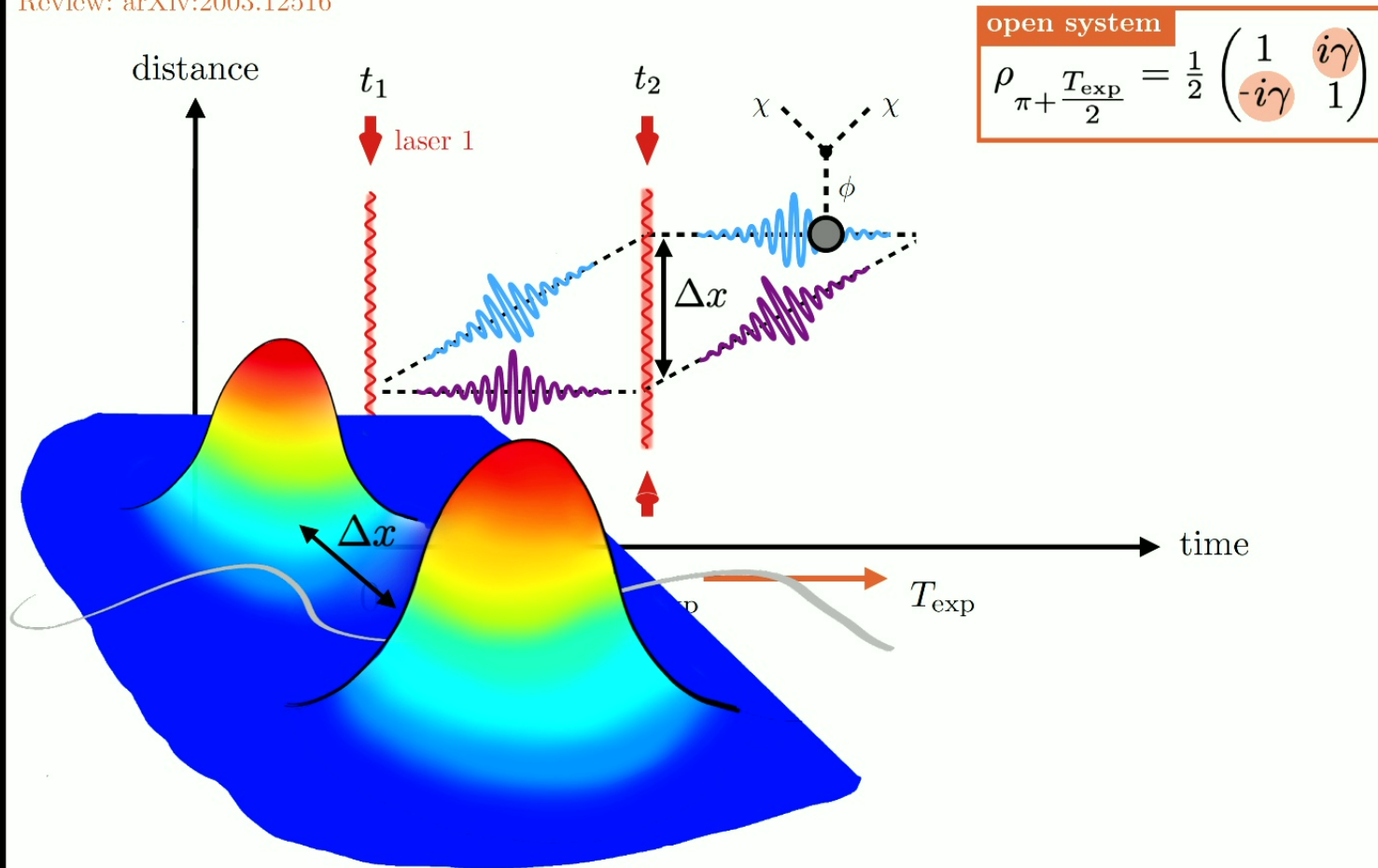
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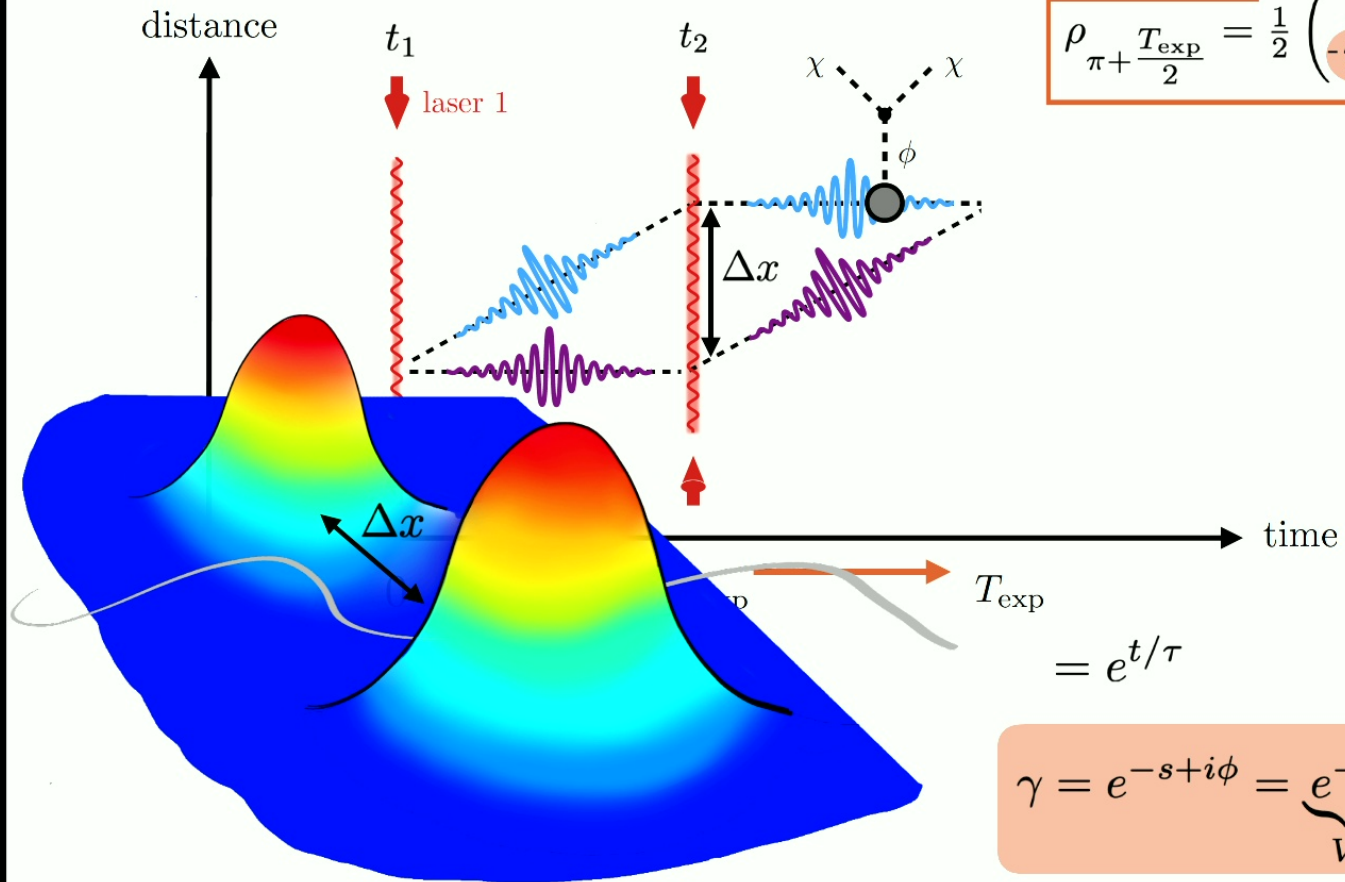
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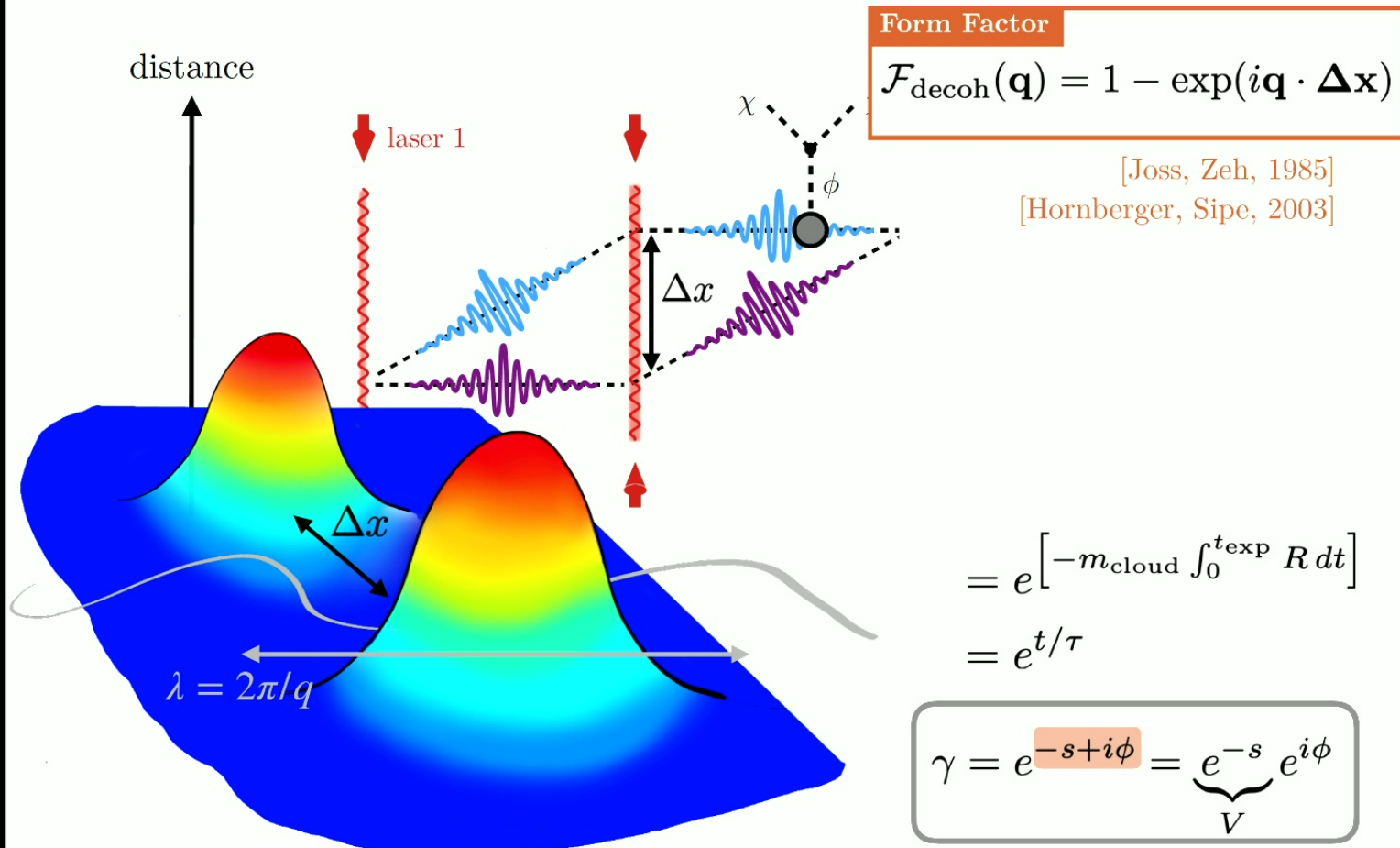


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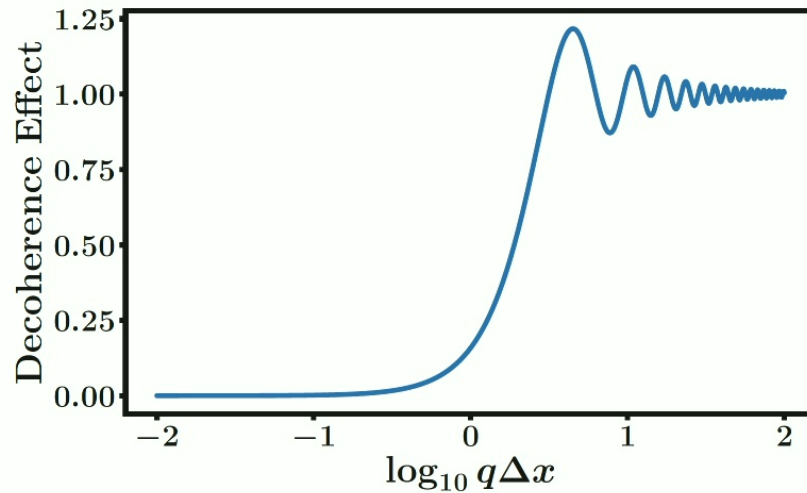
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Form Factor

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{decoh}}(\mathbf{q}) = 1 - \exp(i\mathbf{q} \cdot \Delta\mathbf{x})$$

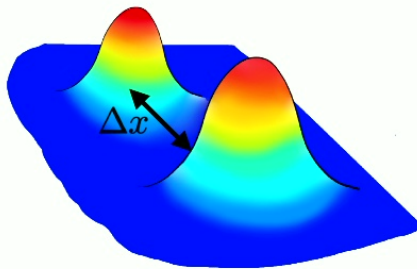
Visibility or Contrast (V)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \text{Re}\{\mathcal{F}_{\text{decoh}}(\mathbf{q})\} d \cos \theta_{\mathbf{q}\Delta\mathbf{x}} \\ = 1 - \frac{\sin(q\Delta x)}{q\Delta x} \end{aligned}$$

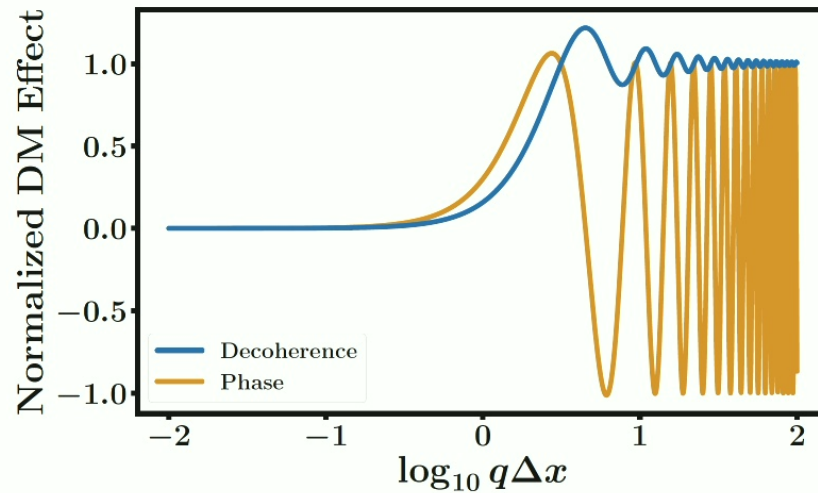
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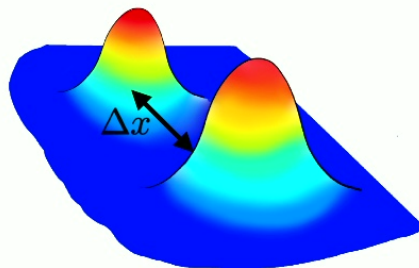


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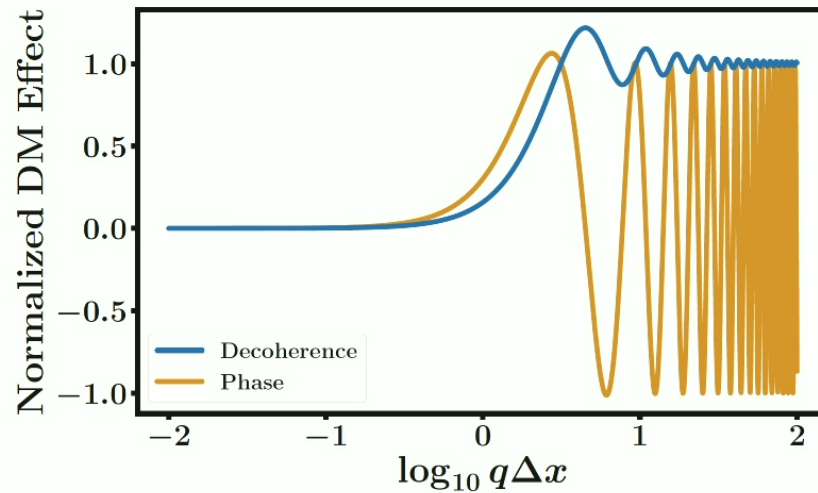
Phase (ϕ)

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 \text{Im}\{\mathcal{F}_{\text{decoh}}(\mathbf{q})\} d \cos \theta_{\mathbf{q}\Delta\mathbf{x}} = 0$$



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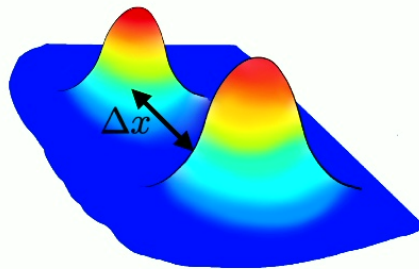
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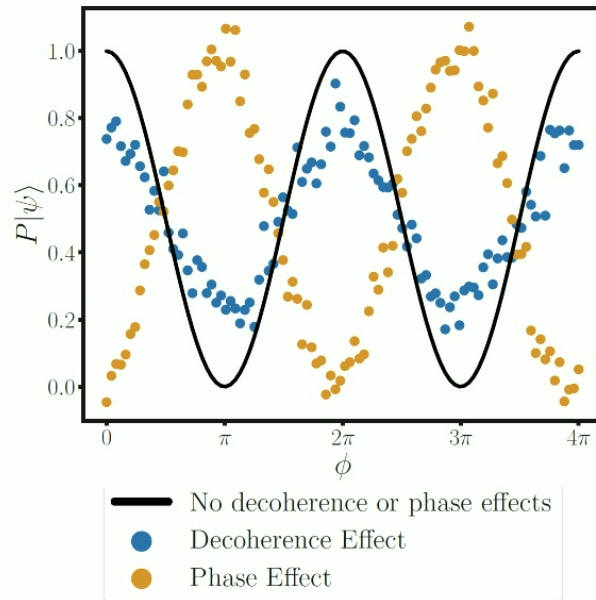
$$\xrightarrow{q \ll \Delta x} \lim_{q \ll \Delta x} \rightarrow \frac{q^2 \Delta x v_e}{v_0^2 m_\chi}$$

Crucial!



$$\gamma = e^{-s+i\phi} = \underbrace{e^{-s}}_V e^{i\phi}$$

AIs: Measurement



$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}(|\Psi\rangle)_g &= \frac{1}{2}(1 + \text{Re}\{\gamma\}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1 + e^{-s} \cos \phi)\end{aligned}$$

open system

$$\rho_{\pi + \frac{T_{\text{exp}}}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & i\gamma \\ -i\gamma^* & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

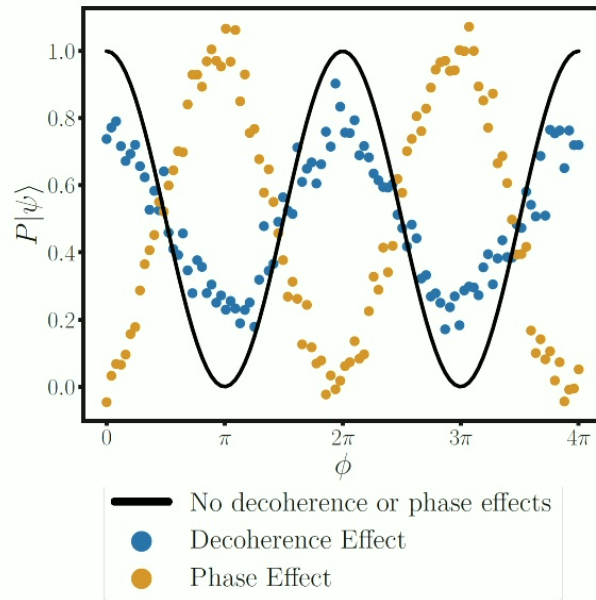


Accumulated decoherence: **Rate**

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AIs: Statistics



Visibility

$$\text{SNR} = \left| \frac{V - V_{\text{bkg}}}{\sigma_V / \sqrt{N_{\text{meas}}}} \right| > 1$$

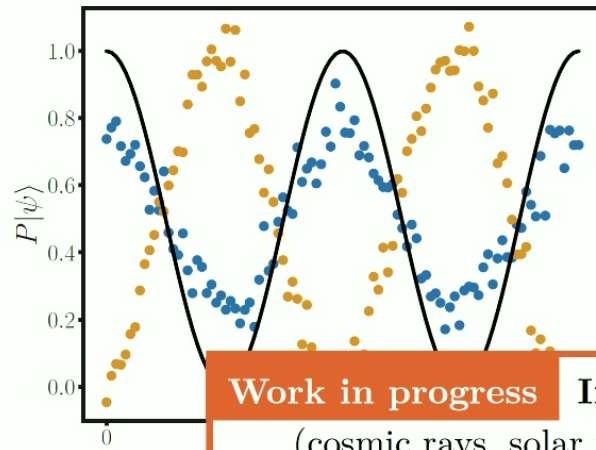
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AIs: Statistics



[Kunjummen et al., 2022]



Work in progress Impact of potential backgrounds
(cosmic rays, solar photons, solar neutrinos, dust...)

- No decoherence or phase effects
- Decoherence Effect
- Phase Effect

Visibility

$$s_{\text{DM}} > \frac{\sigma_V}{V_{\text{bkg}} \sqrt{N_{\text{meas}}}}$$

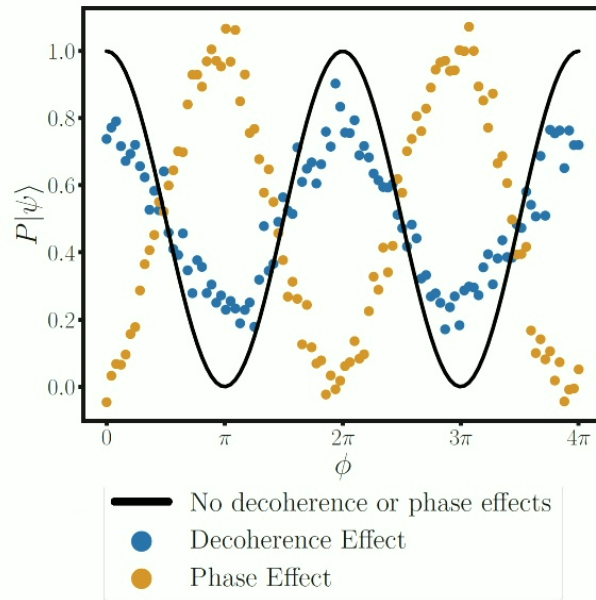
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Phase

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{\text{min}} &= kx_{\text{min}} \\ &= \left(\frac{\Delta x}{t_{\text{exp}}} m_A \right) \left(\frac{1}{2} a_{\text{min}} t_{\text{exp}}^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

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AIs: the Rate

Number of events / (target mass · time)

$$R = \frac{n_\chi}{m_T} \int d^3\mathbf{v} f(\mathbf{v}) \Gamma(\mathbf{v}) \mathcal{F}_{\text{decoh}}(\mathbf{q})$$

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AIs: the Rate

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

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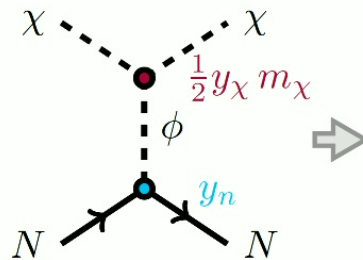
$$\frac{1}{\rho_T} \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi}$$

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{v}) = V \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_f |\langle f | H_{\text{int}} | i \rangle|^2 (2\pi) \delta(E_f - E_i - \omega_{\mathbf{q}})$$

AIs: the Rate

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

$$R = \frac{1}{\rho_T} \frac{\rho_\chi}{m_\chi} V \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{V^2} \frac{\pi \bar{\sigma}}{\mu^2} \mathcal{F}_{\text{med}}^2(\mathbf{q}) \mathcal{F}_T^2(\mathbf{q}) g(\mathbf{q}, E_f - E_i) \mathcal{F}_{\text{decoh}}(\mathbf{q})$$



The diagram shows a particle \$N\$ (solid line) entering from the bottom left and splitting into two \$N\$ particles (solid lines) exiting to the bottom left and bottom right. A dashed line labeled \$\phi\$ connects this vertex to an upper vertex. At the upper vertex, two dashed lines labeled \$\chi\$ meet. A red label \$\frac{1}{2} y_\chi m_\chi\$ is next to the upper vertex. An arrow points from the diagram to the equation for \$\bar{\sigma}\$.

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

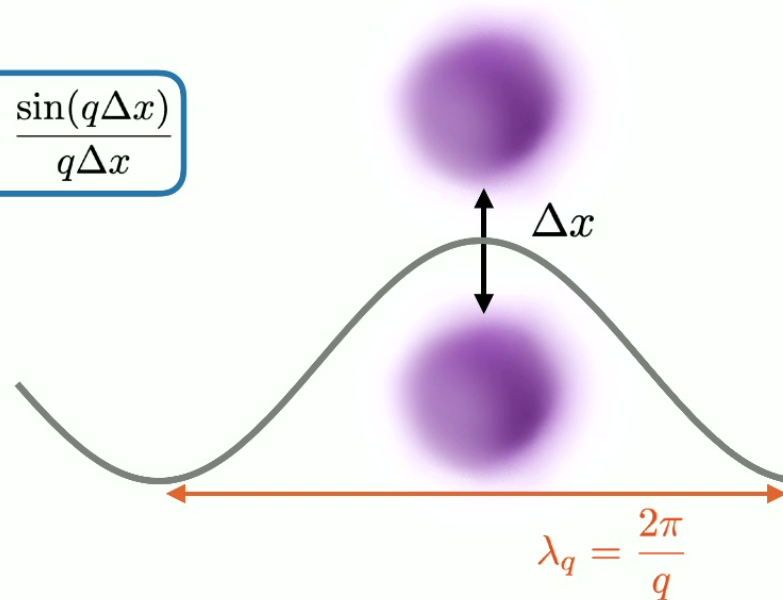
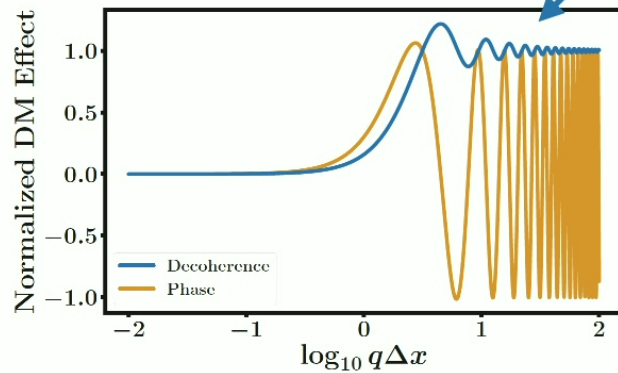
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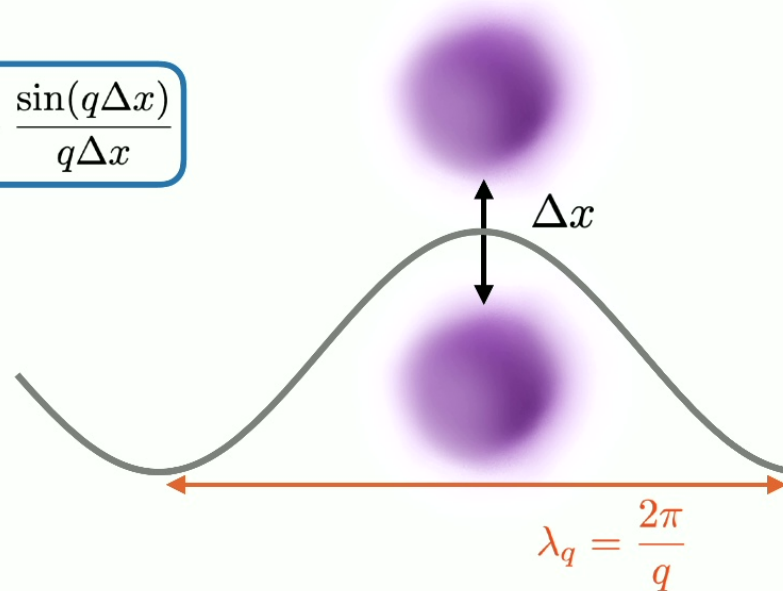
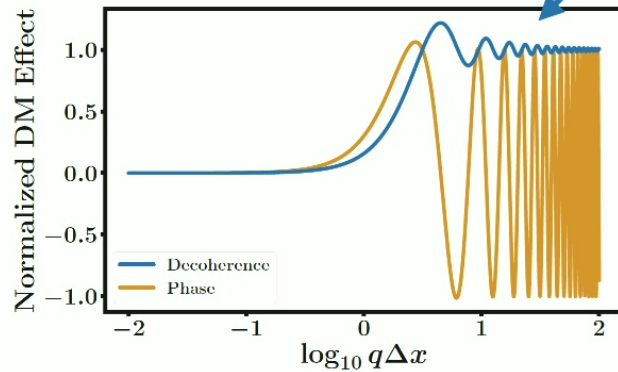
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$$\mathcal{F}_T(\mathbf{q}) = N[1 + A(N_A - 1)\mathcal{F}_{\text{cloud}}(qr_{\text{cloud}})]$$

Born (coherent) enhancement! (**spin-independent**)

[V. Bednyakov and D. V. Naumov, 2018]

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{cloud}}(qr_{\text{cloud}}) = \begin{cases} \frac{3j_1(qr_{\text{cloud}})}{qr_{\text{cloud}}} \\ \exp\left(-\frac{(qr_{\text{BEC}})^2}{2}\right) \end{cases}$$

$r_{\text{BEC}} = 1/\sqrt{m_{\text{BEC}} \omega_{\text{ho}}}$
 $\lambda_q = \frac{2\pi}{q}$

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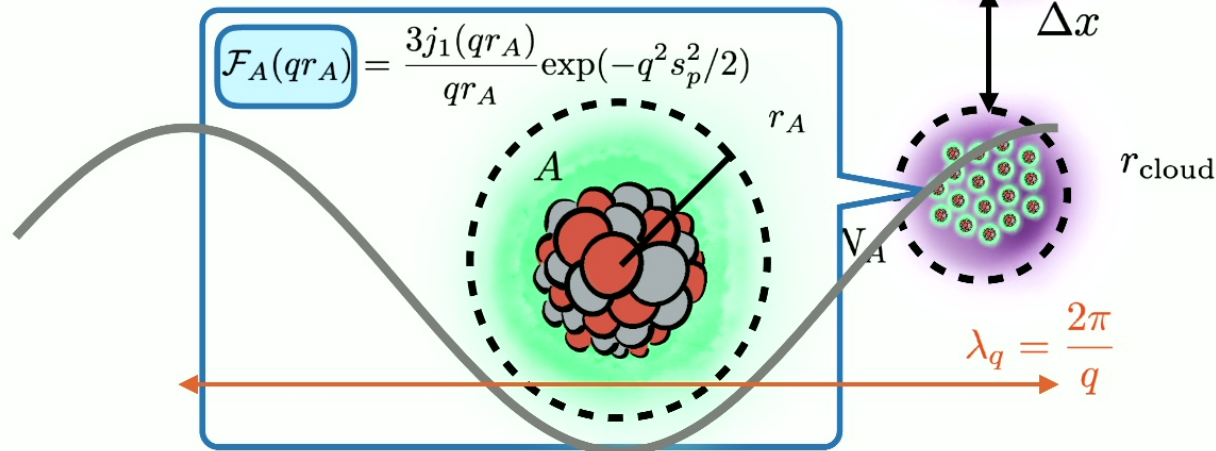
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Born (coherent) enhancement! (x2) (**spin-independent**)



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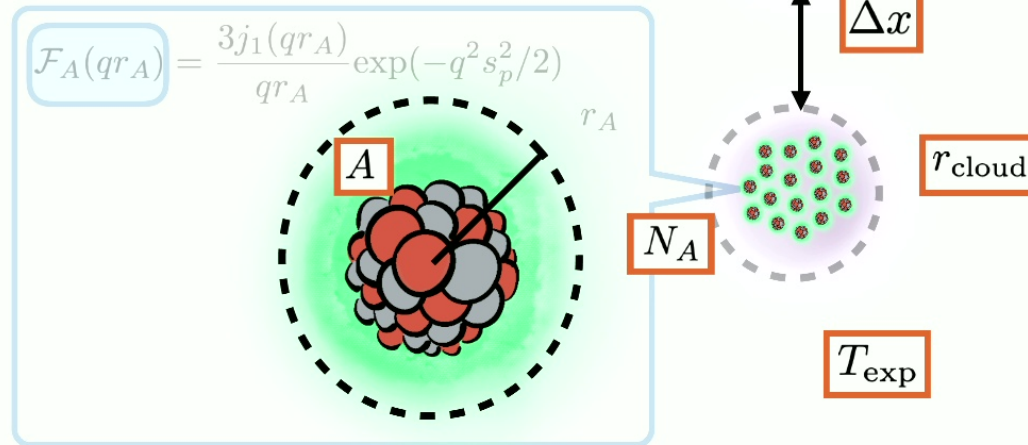
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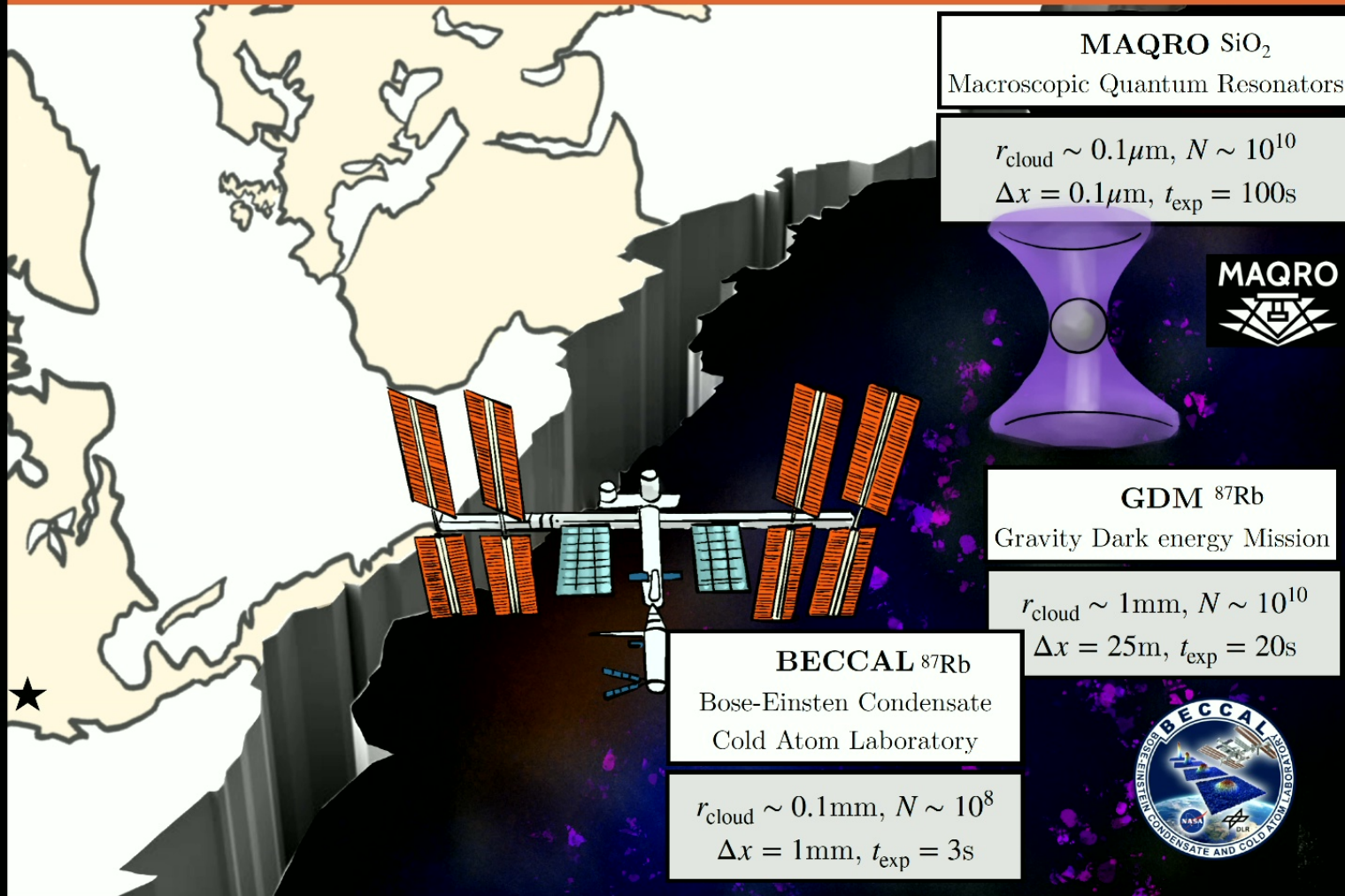
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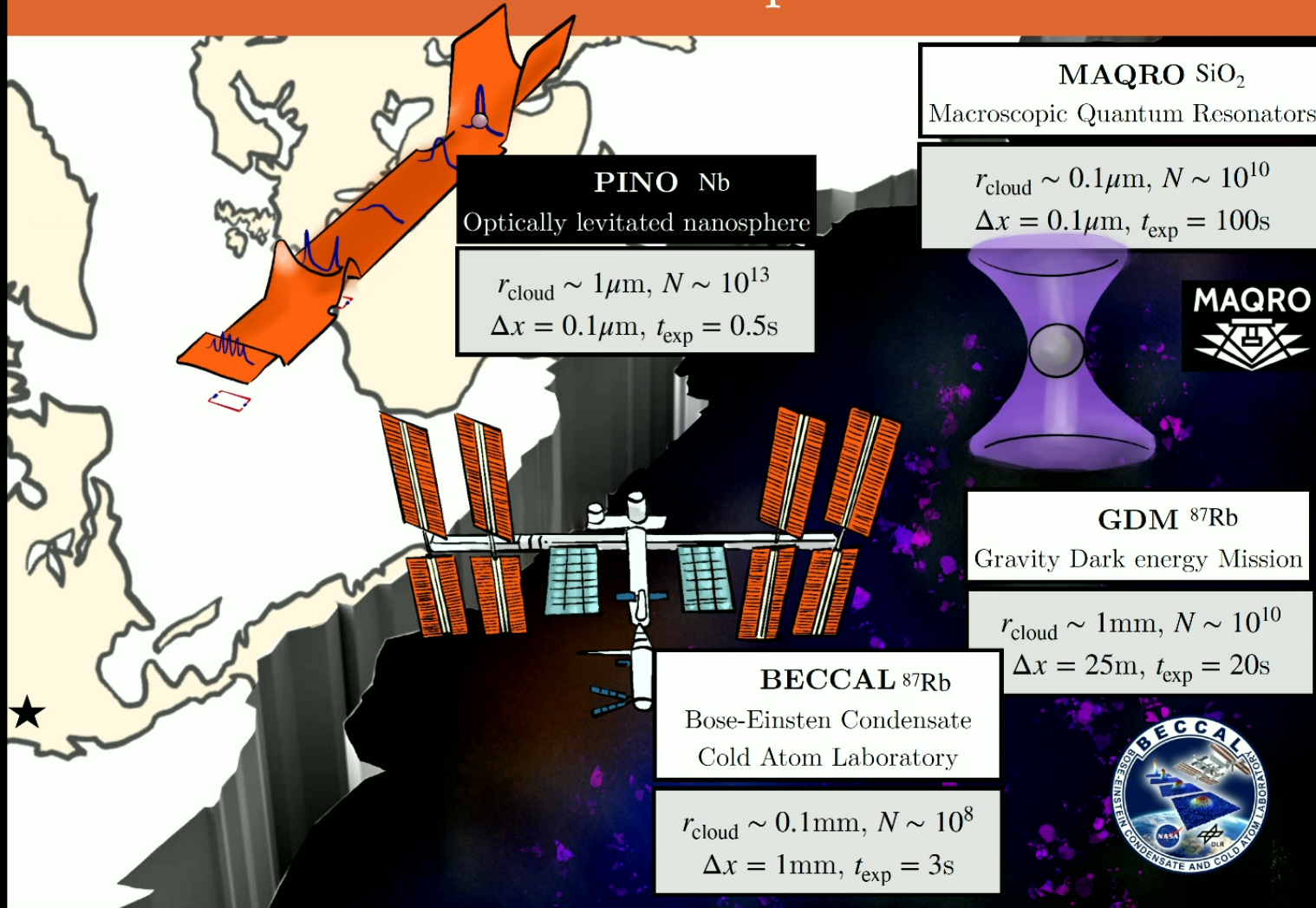
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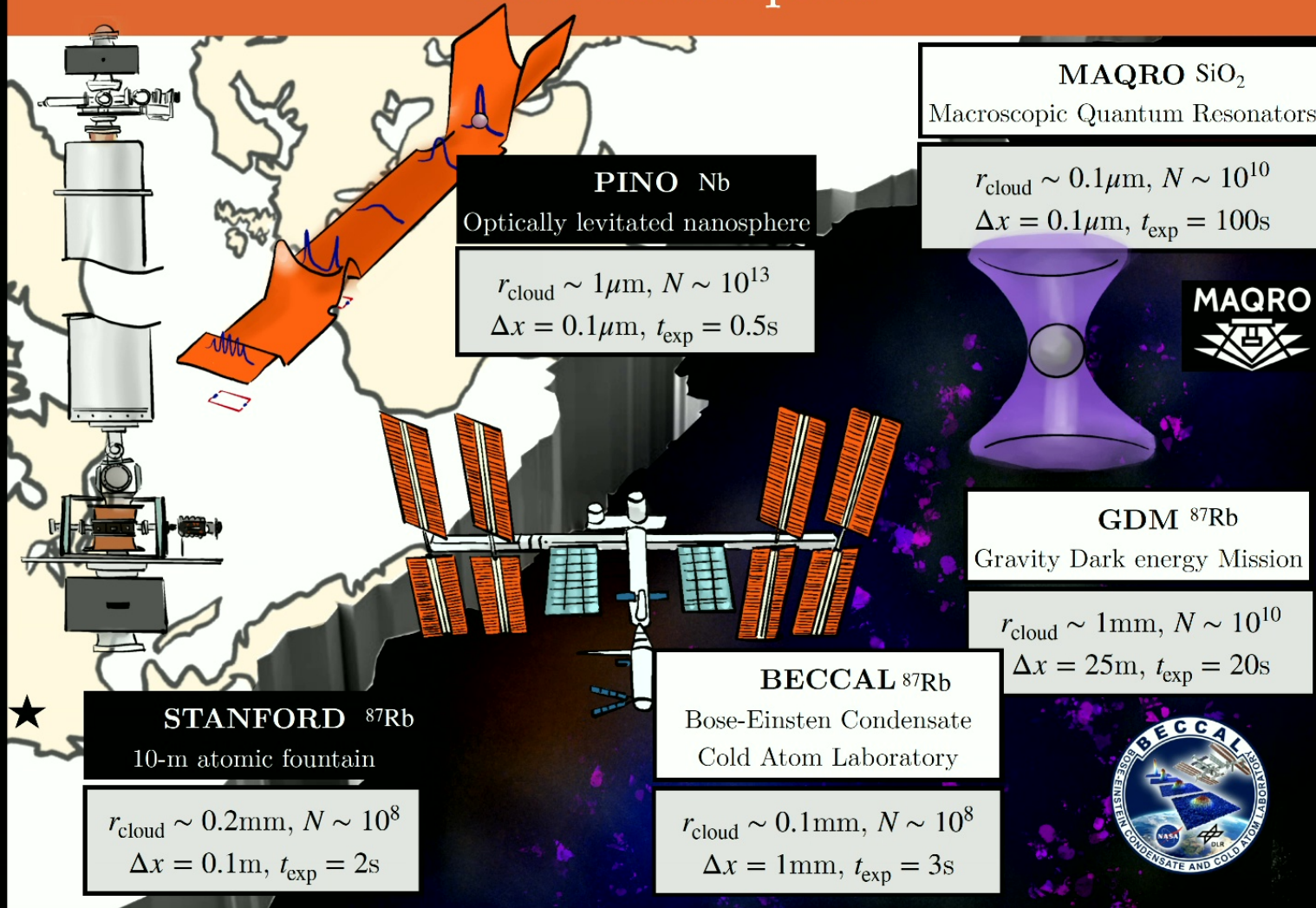
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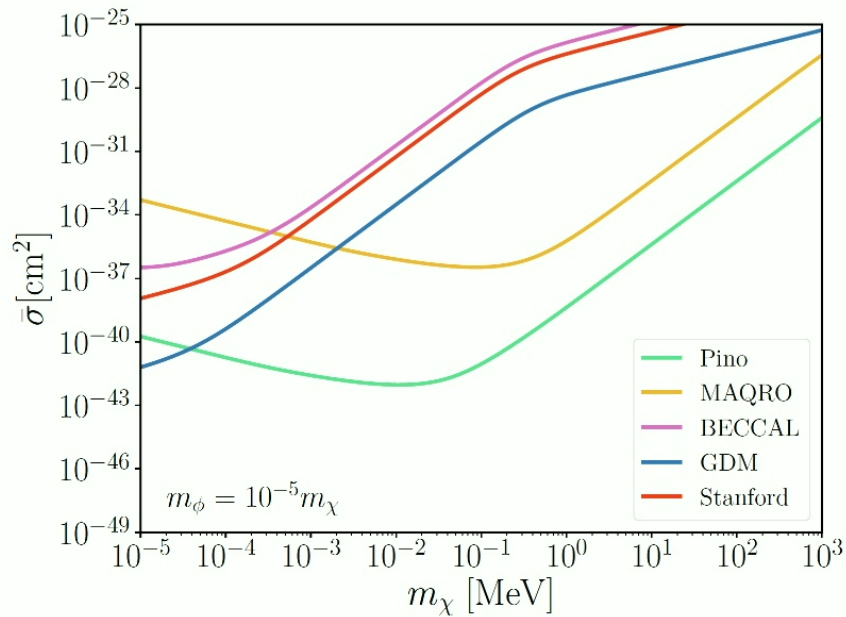
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AIs: Results

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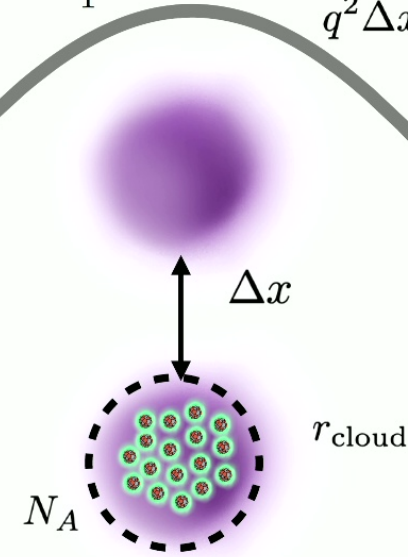
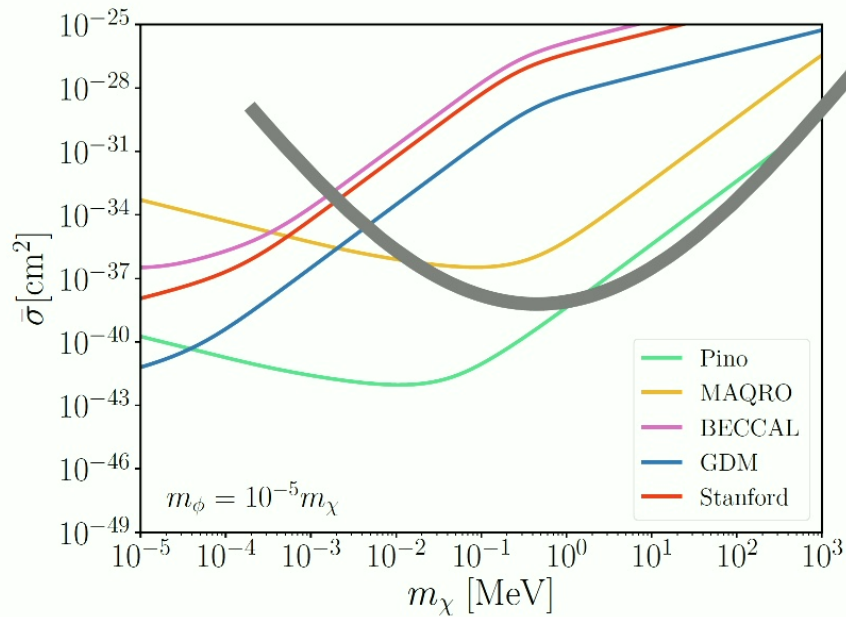


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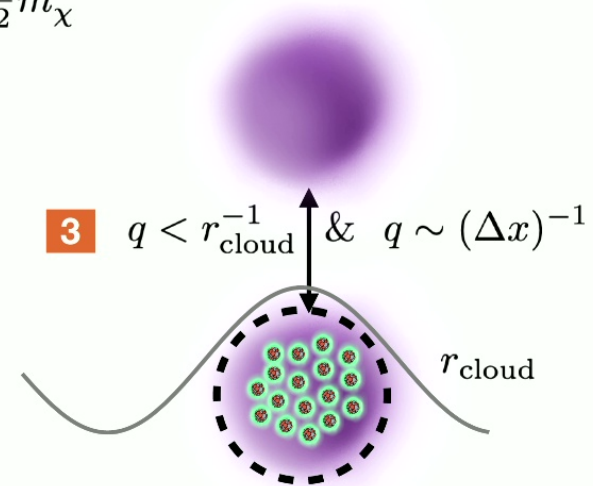
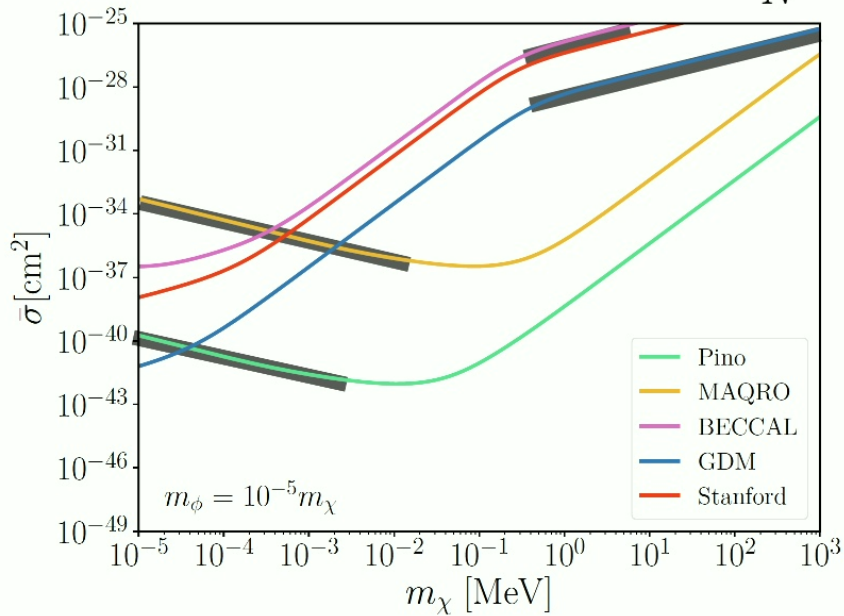
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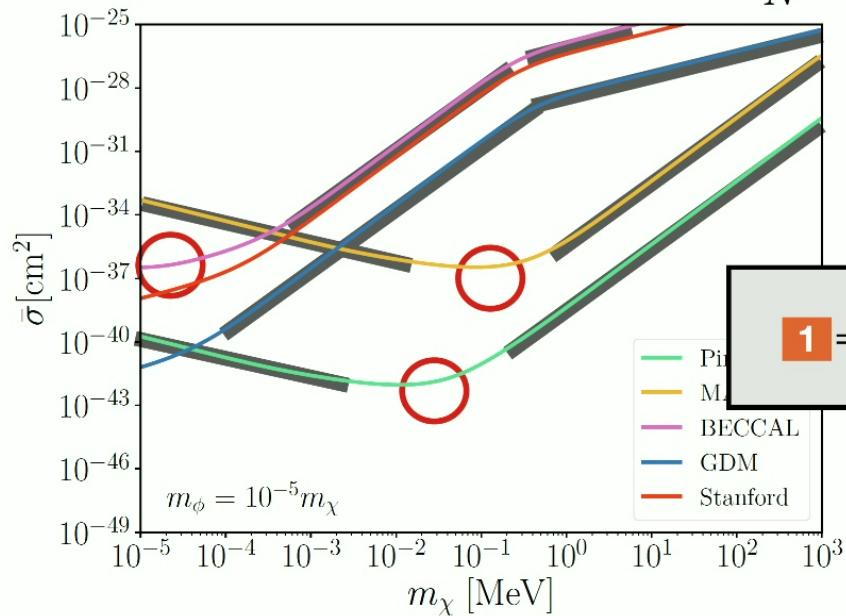
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AIs: Results

$$s \propto N^2 \frac{\bar{\sigma} v_0^4 m_\chi^4}{m_\chi^3} \frac{r_{\text{cloud}}^{-2}}{m_\chi^4 R_{\phi\chi}^4}$$

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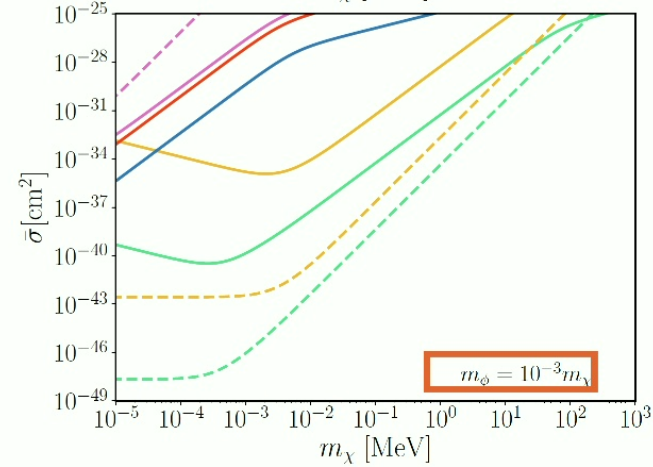
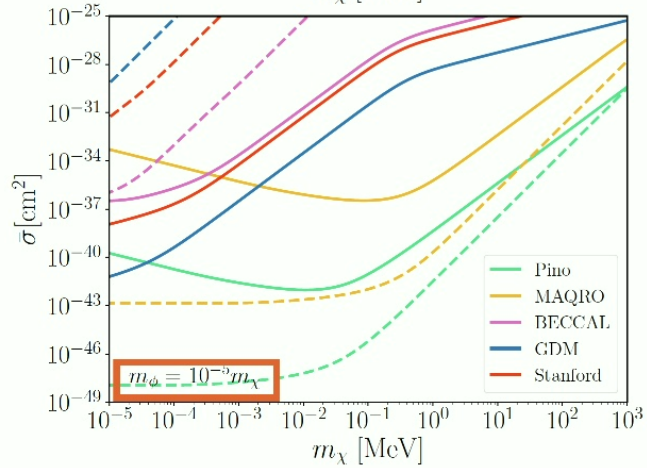
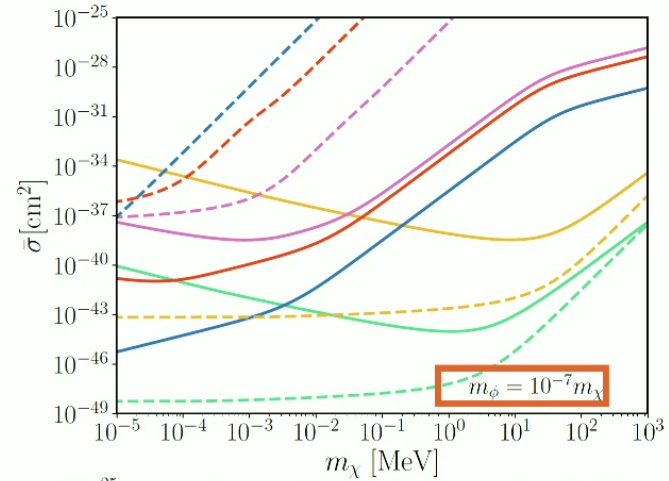
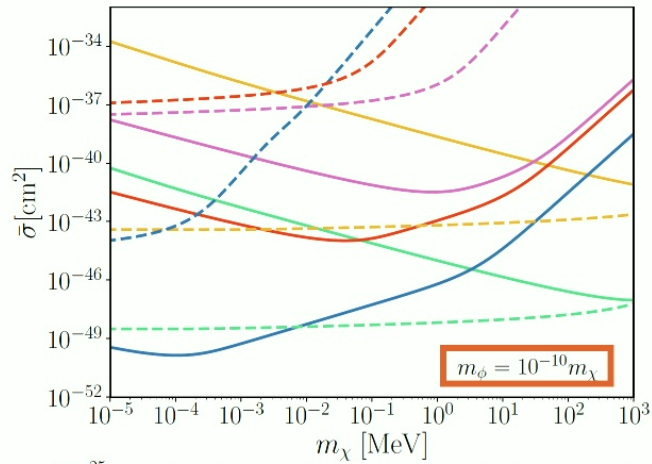
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$$\Rightarrow \bar{\sigma} \propto \frac{r_{\text{cloud}}^2 R_{\phi\chi}^4}{N^2} m_\chi^3$$

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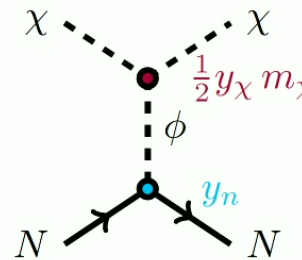
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AIs: Results



AIs: Constraints

[Knapen, Lin, Zurek, 2017]


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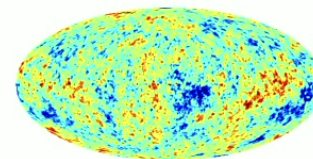
Terrestrial



Astrophysical



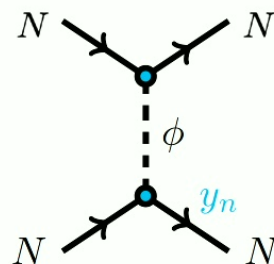
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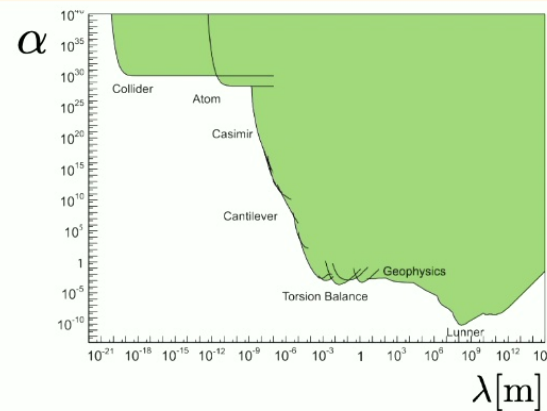
AIs: Constraints

[Knapen, Lin, Zurek, 2017]

$$V(r) = -G_N \frac{m_N^2}{r} (1 + \alpha e^{-m_\phi r})$$



$$\Rightarrow V(r) = -\frac{y_n^2}{4\pi} \frac{1}{r} e^{-m_\phi r} \quad [\text{Murata, Tanaka, 2014}]$$



Terrestrial



⇒ Collider
⇒ 5th force

Astrophysical

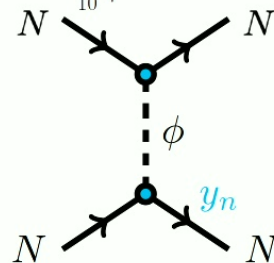
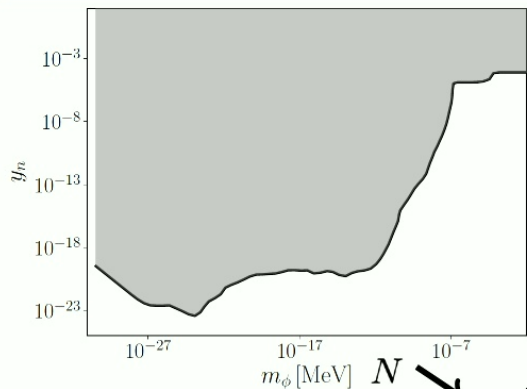


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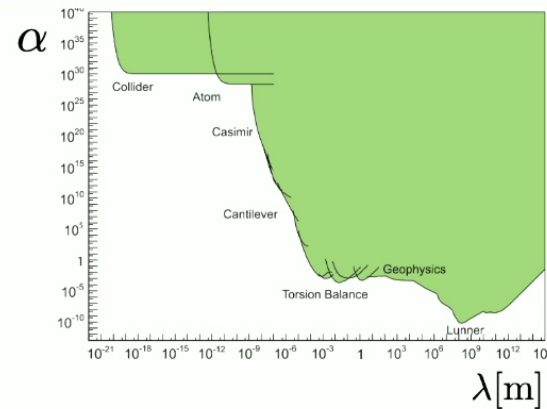


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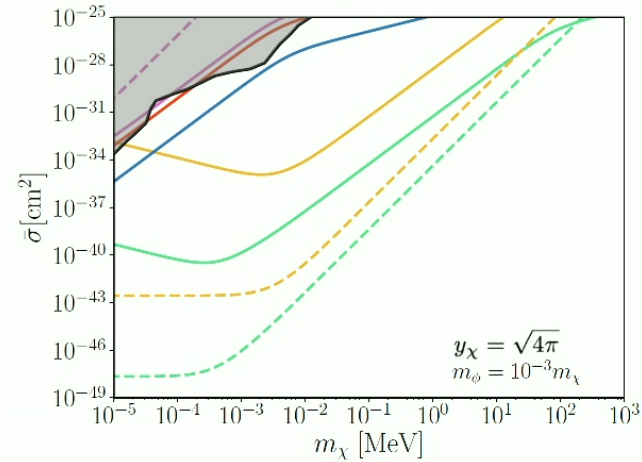
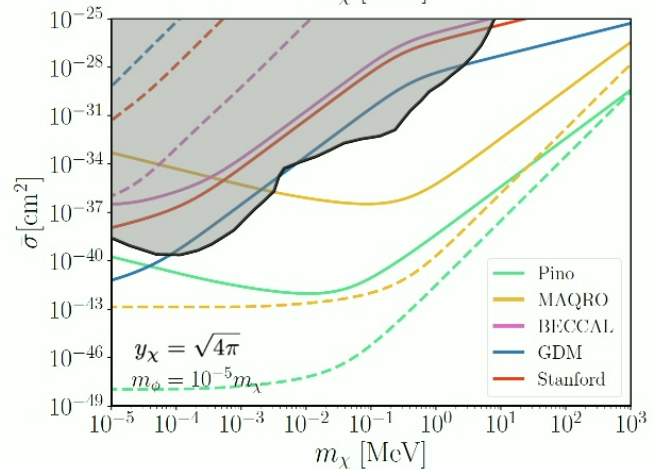
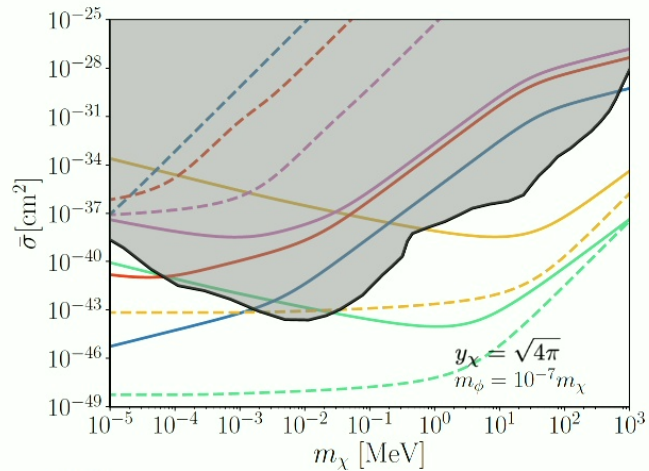
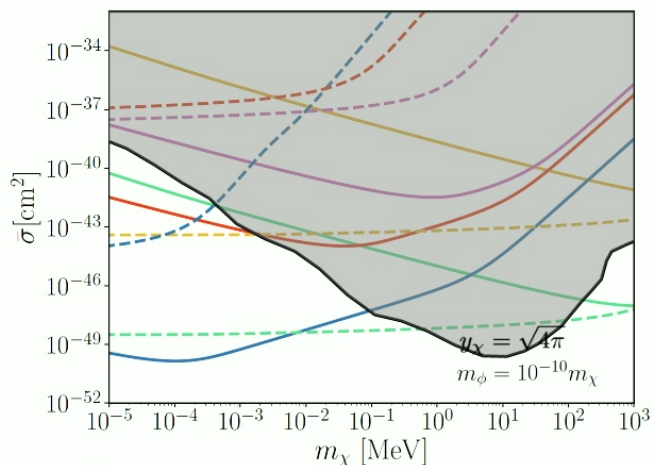
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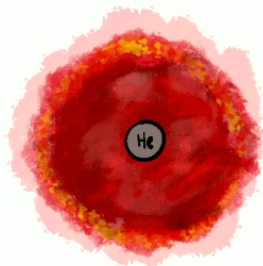


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RG and HB stars

$$m_\phi < T \sim 10 \text{ keV}$$

$$\epsilon \lesssim 10 \text{ erg/g/s}$$

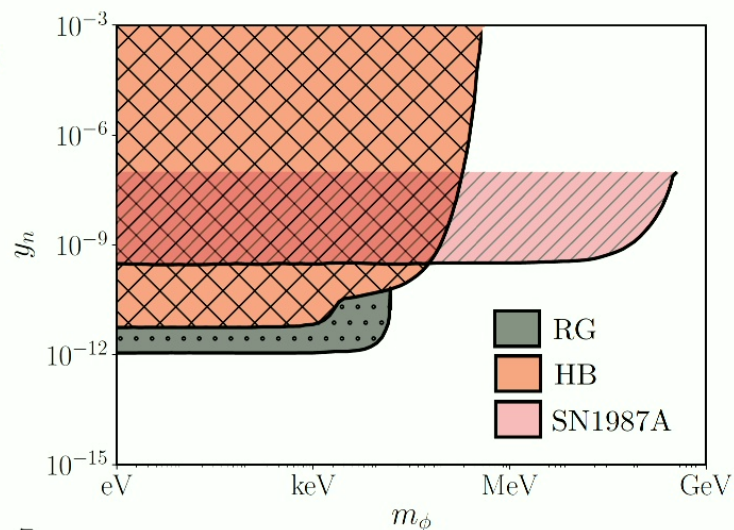
$$y_n \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-11}$$

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$$T = 30 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\rho = 3 \times 10^{14} \text{ g/cm}^3$$

$$\epsilon < 10^{19} \text{ erg/g/s} \Rightarrow 10^{-10} < y_n < 10^{-7}$$



Terrestrial



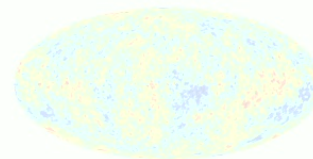
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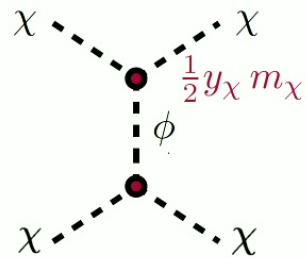
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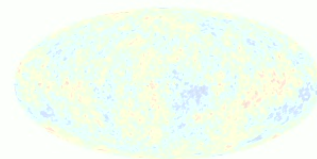
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Astrophysical



- ⇒ Stellar emission
- ⇒ DMSI

Cosmological

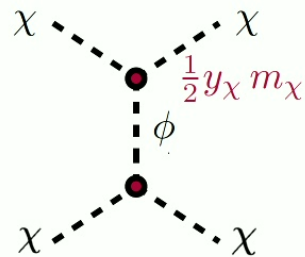


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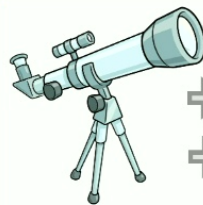
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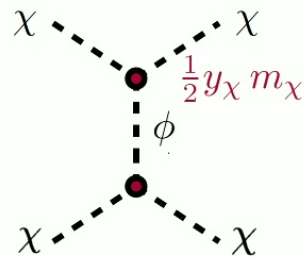


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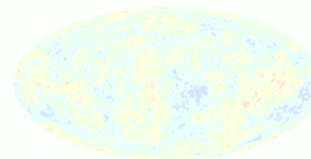
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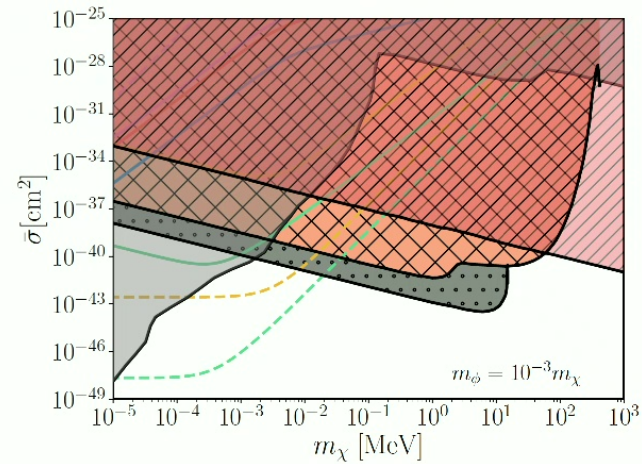
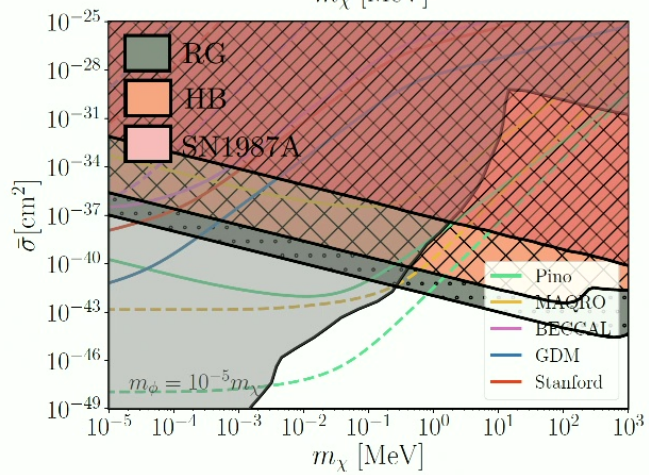
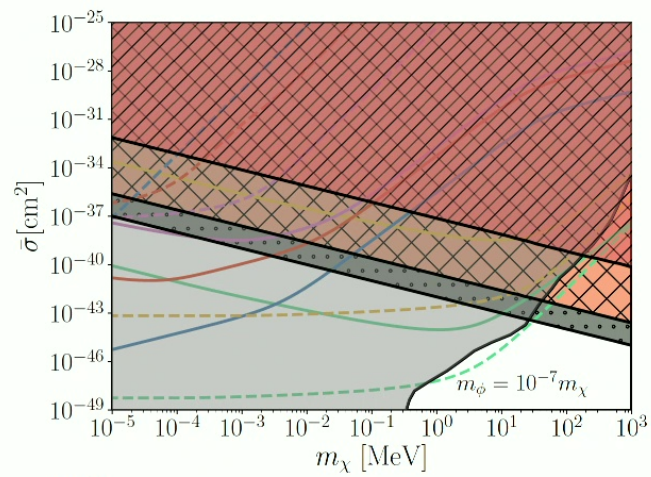
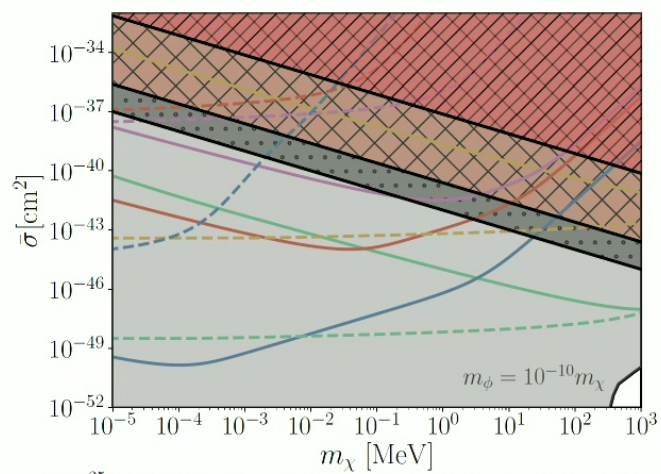


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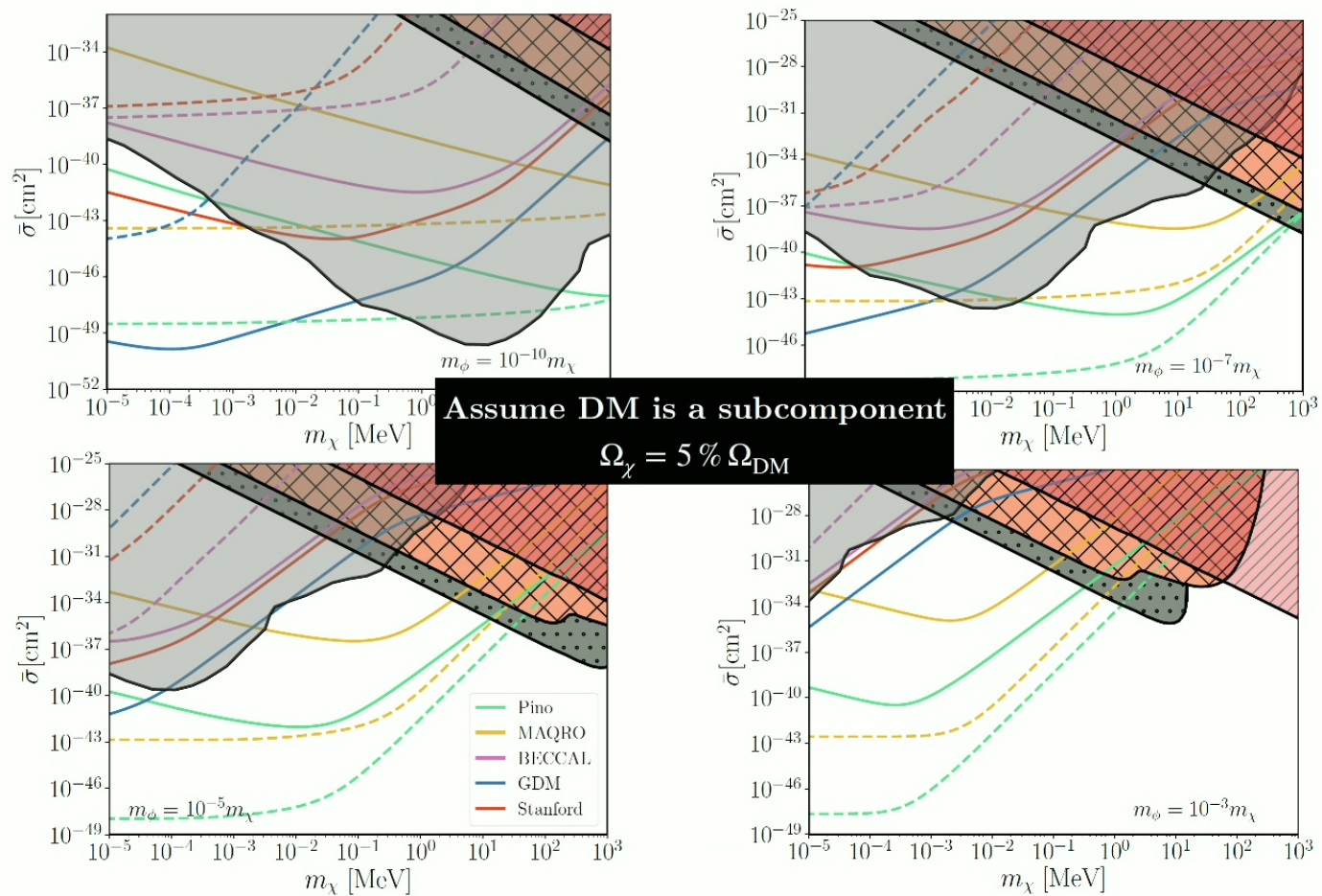
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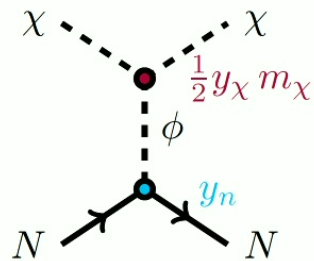
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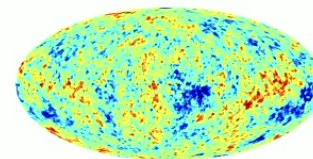
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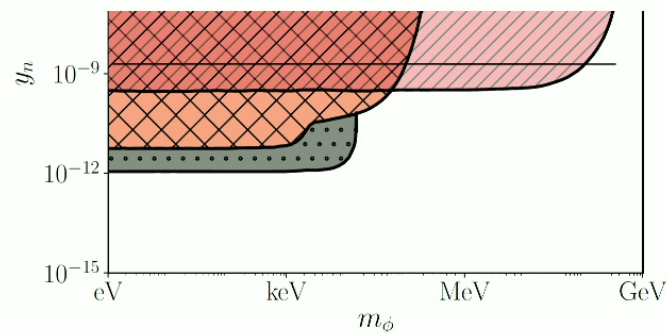
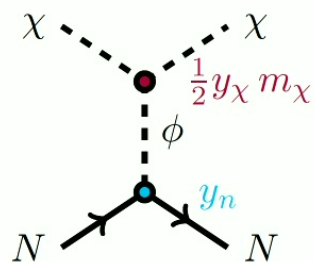
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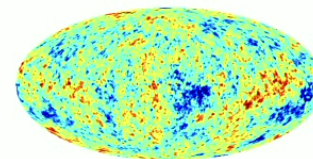
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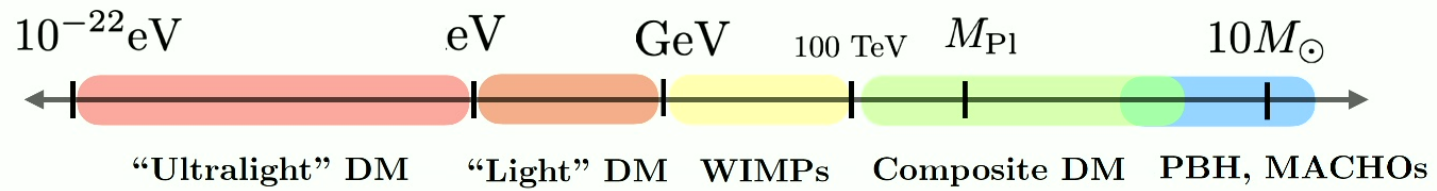


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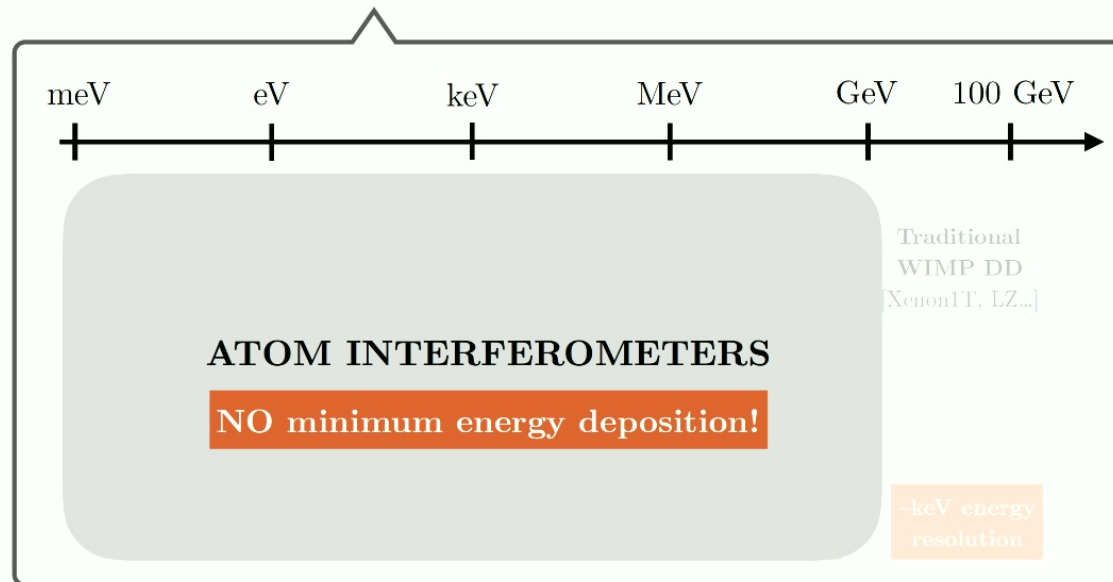
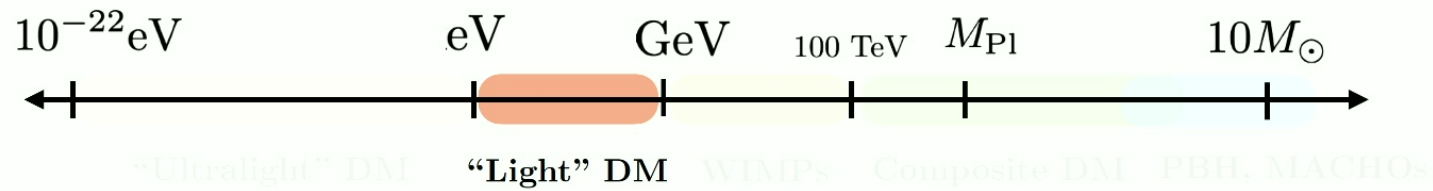
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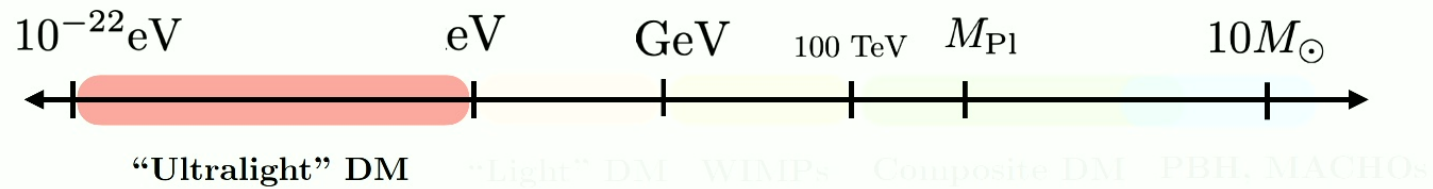
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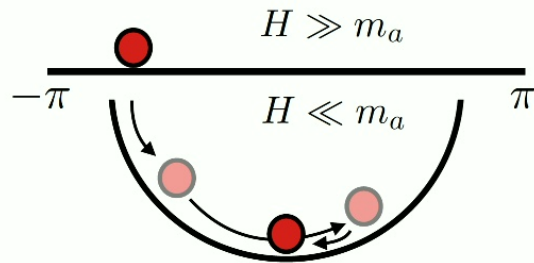
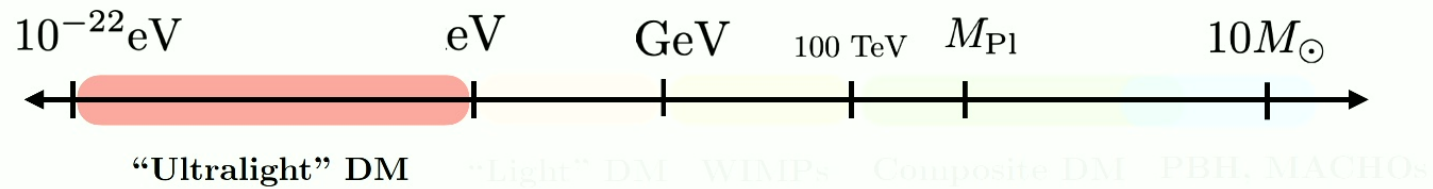


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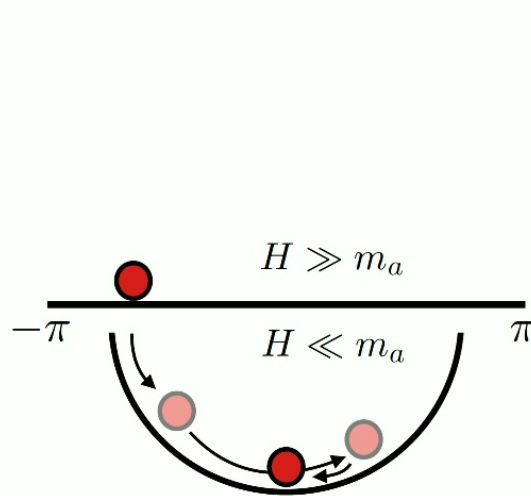
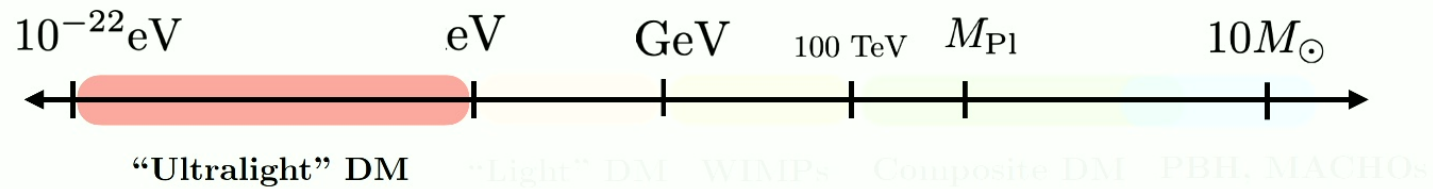
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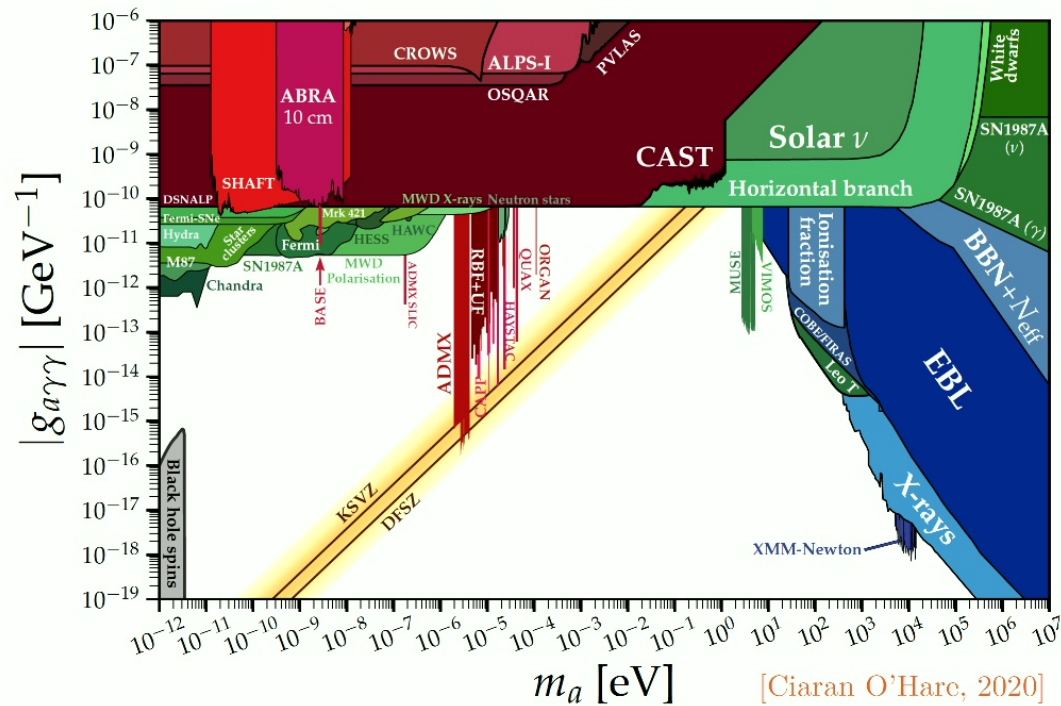
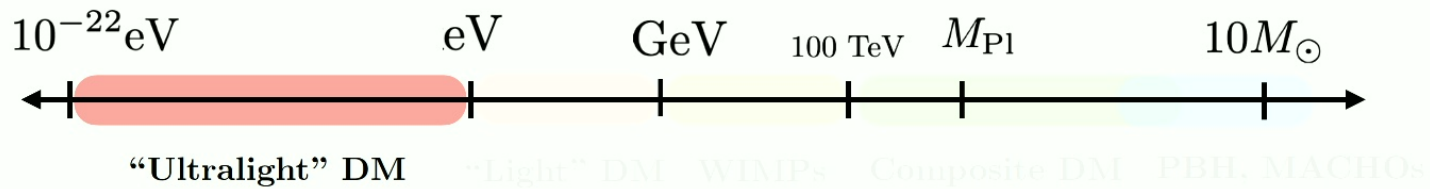
Diagram illustrating the generation of axion mass m_a via the QCD anomaly. A circle labeled f_a is connected to a triangle labeled Λ_{QCD}^2 , which is then connected to a circle labeled m_a .

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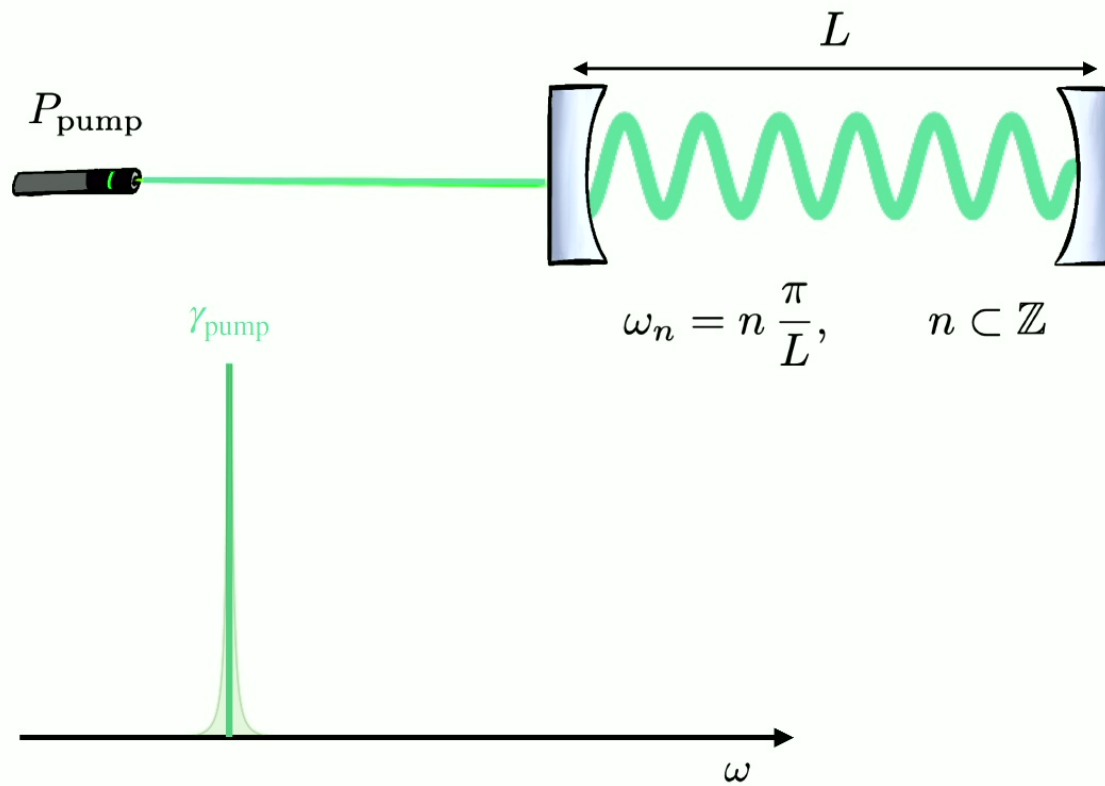
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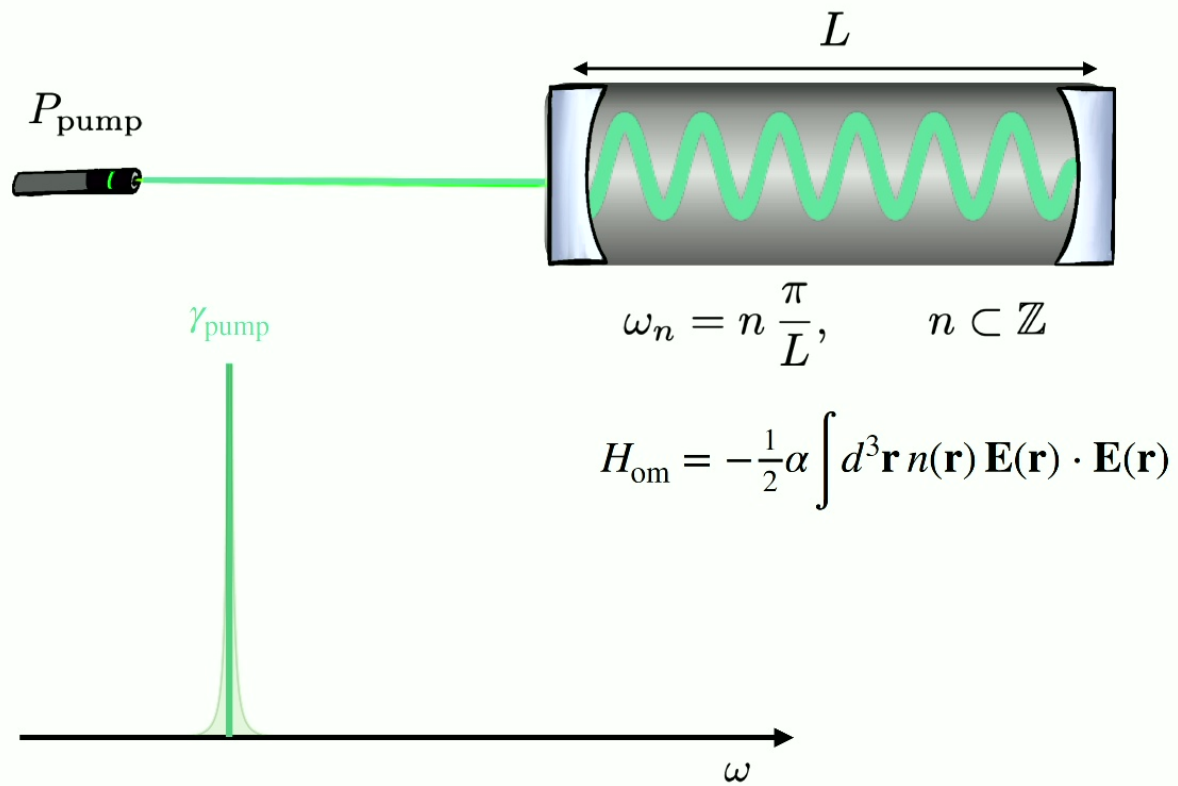


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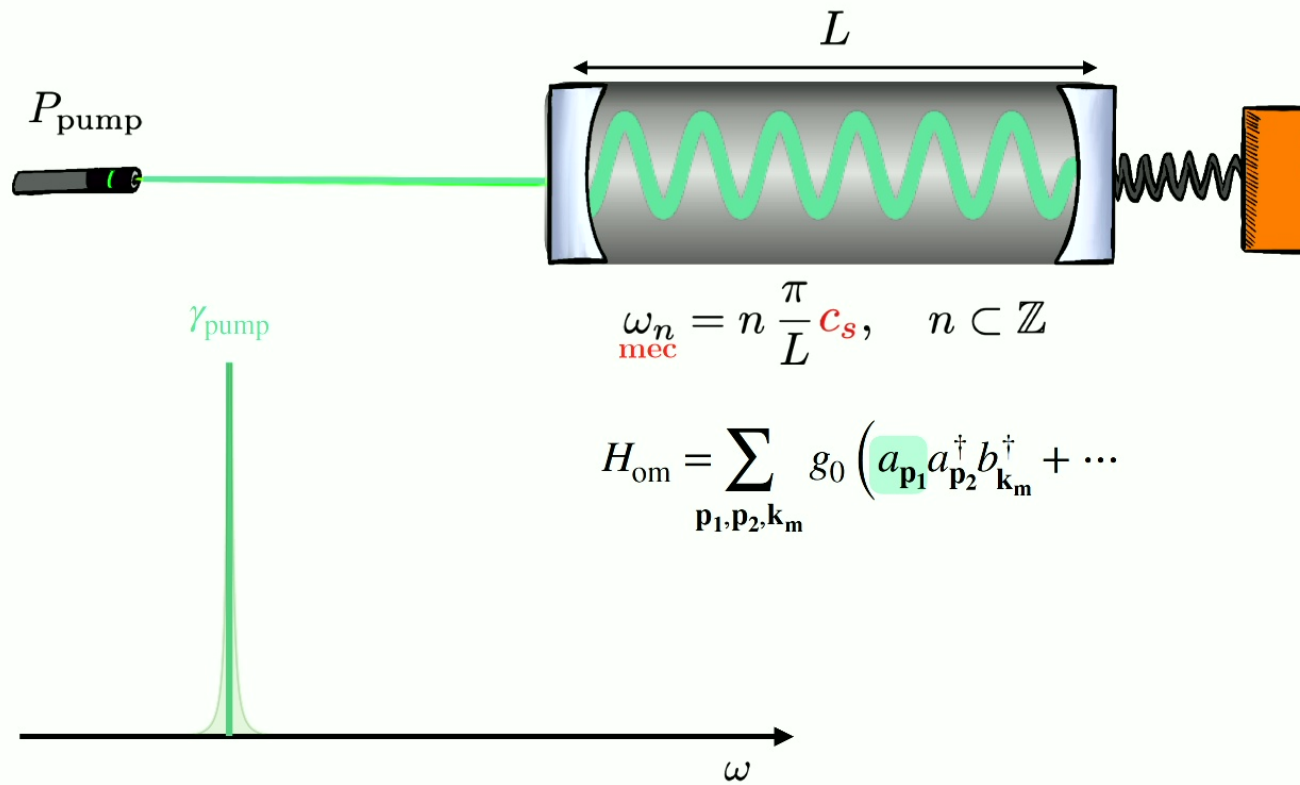
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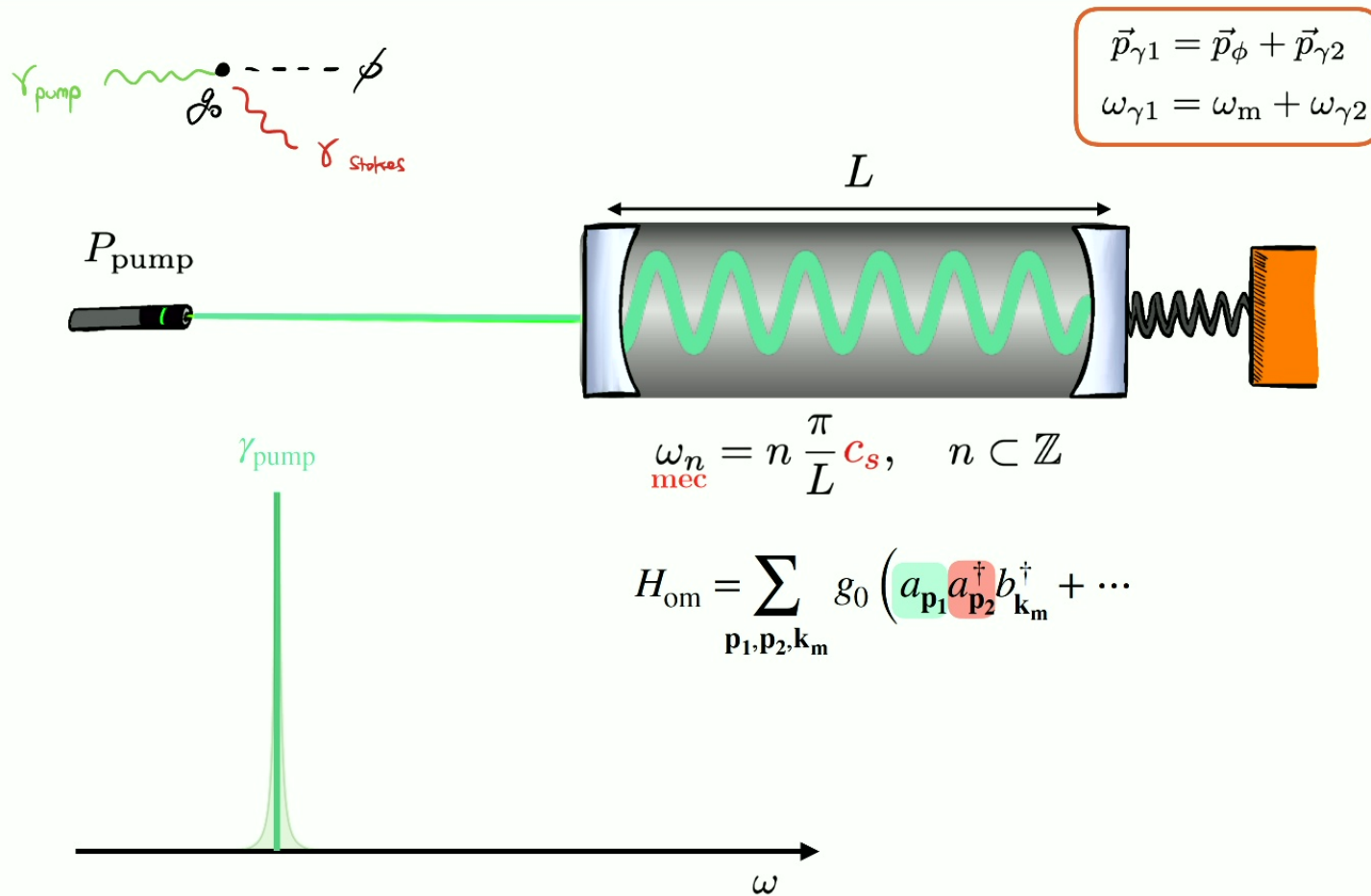
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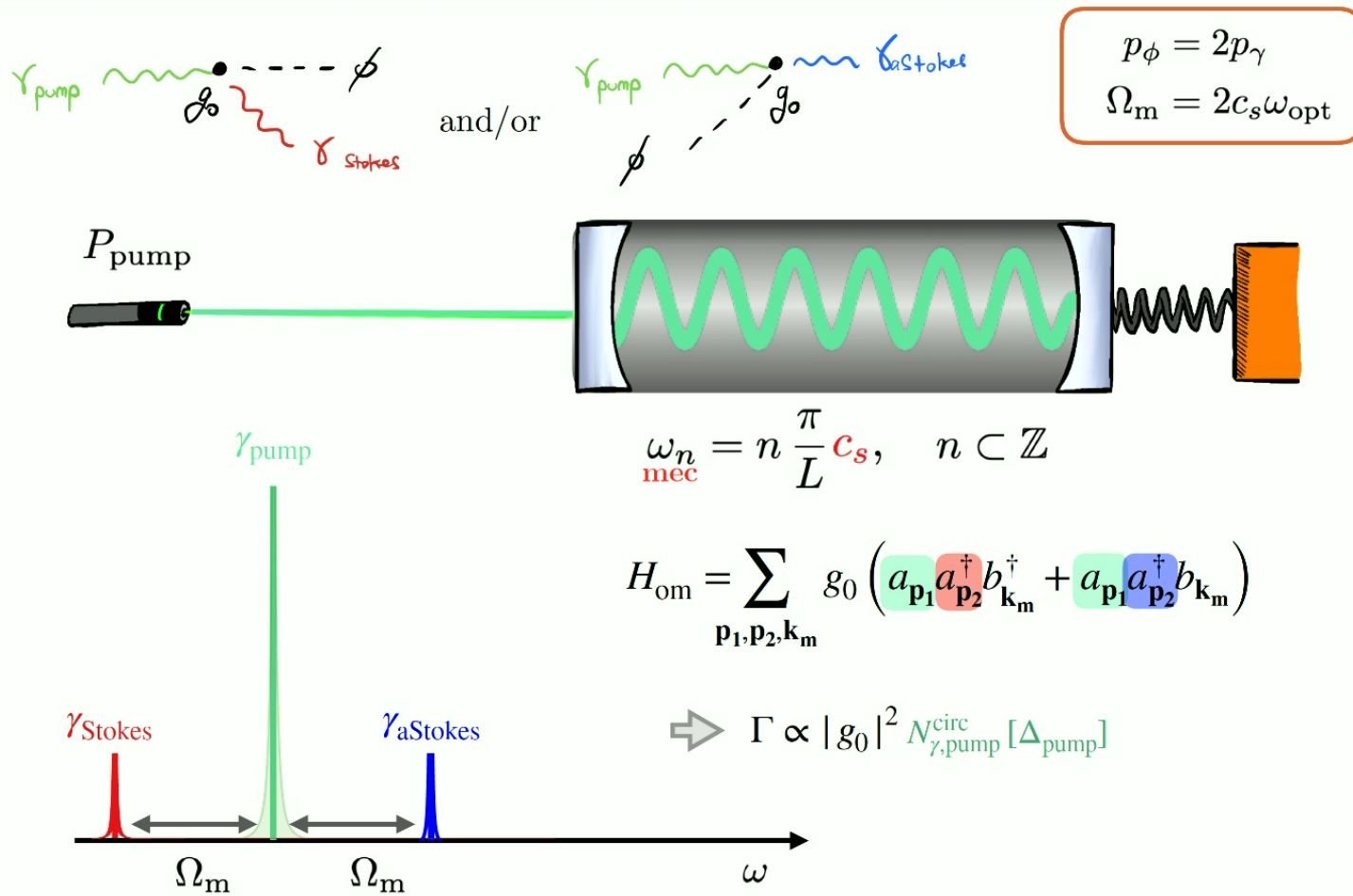
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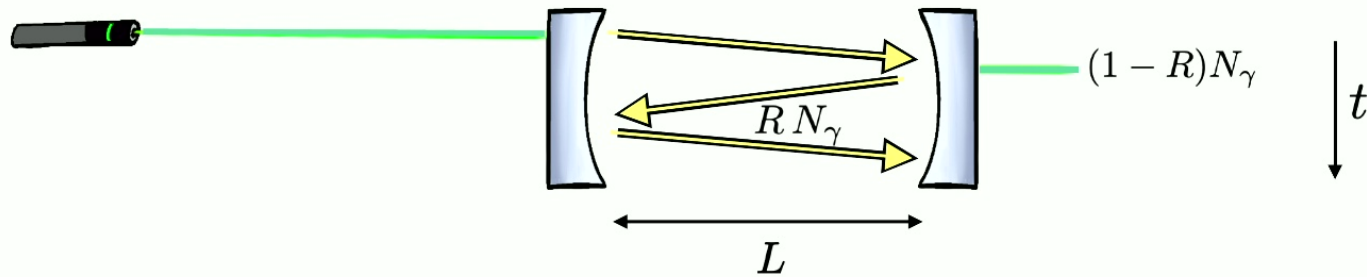
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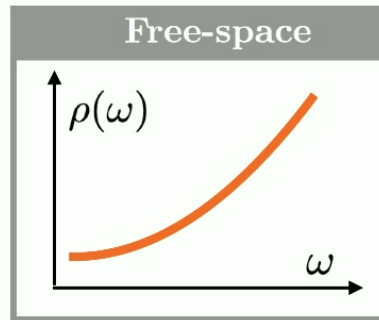


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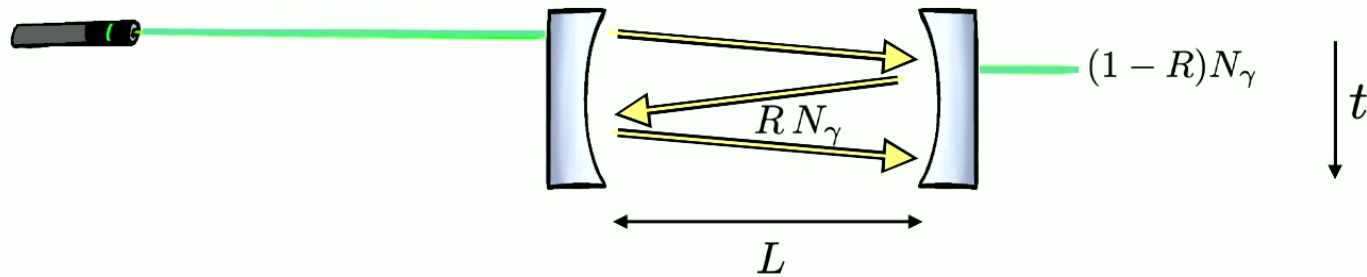
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$\mathcal{F}_{\text{opt}}$

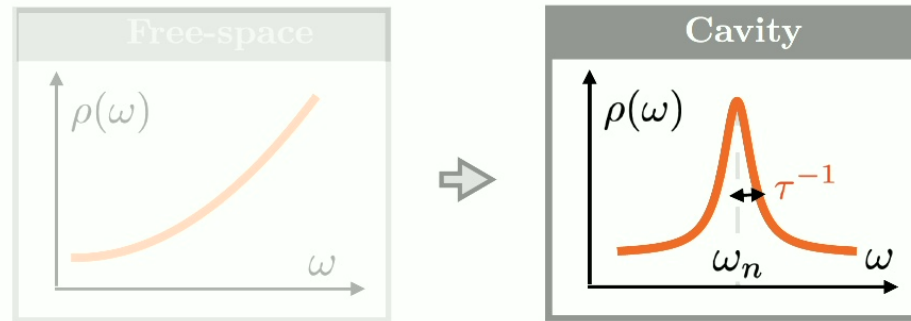


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Standard Optomechanics

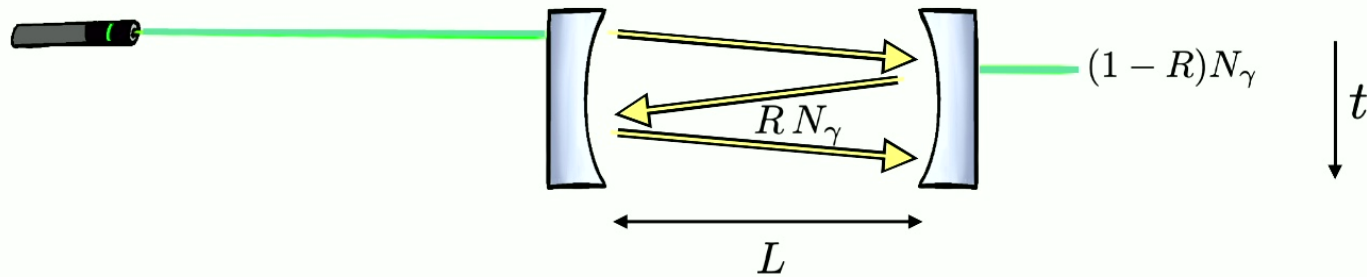


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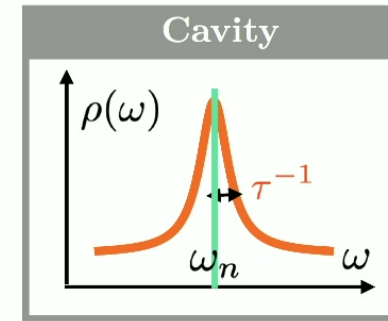
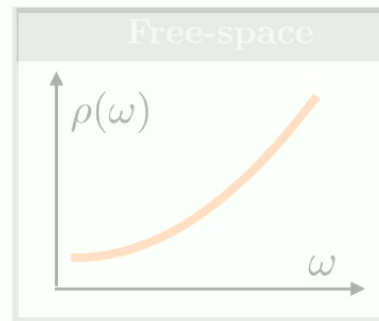
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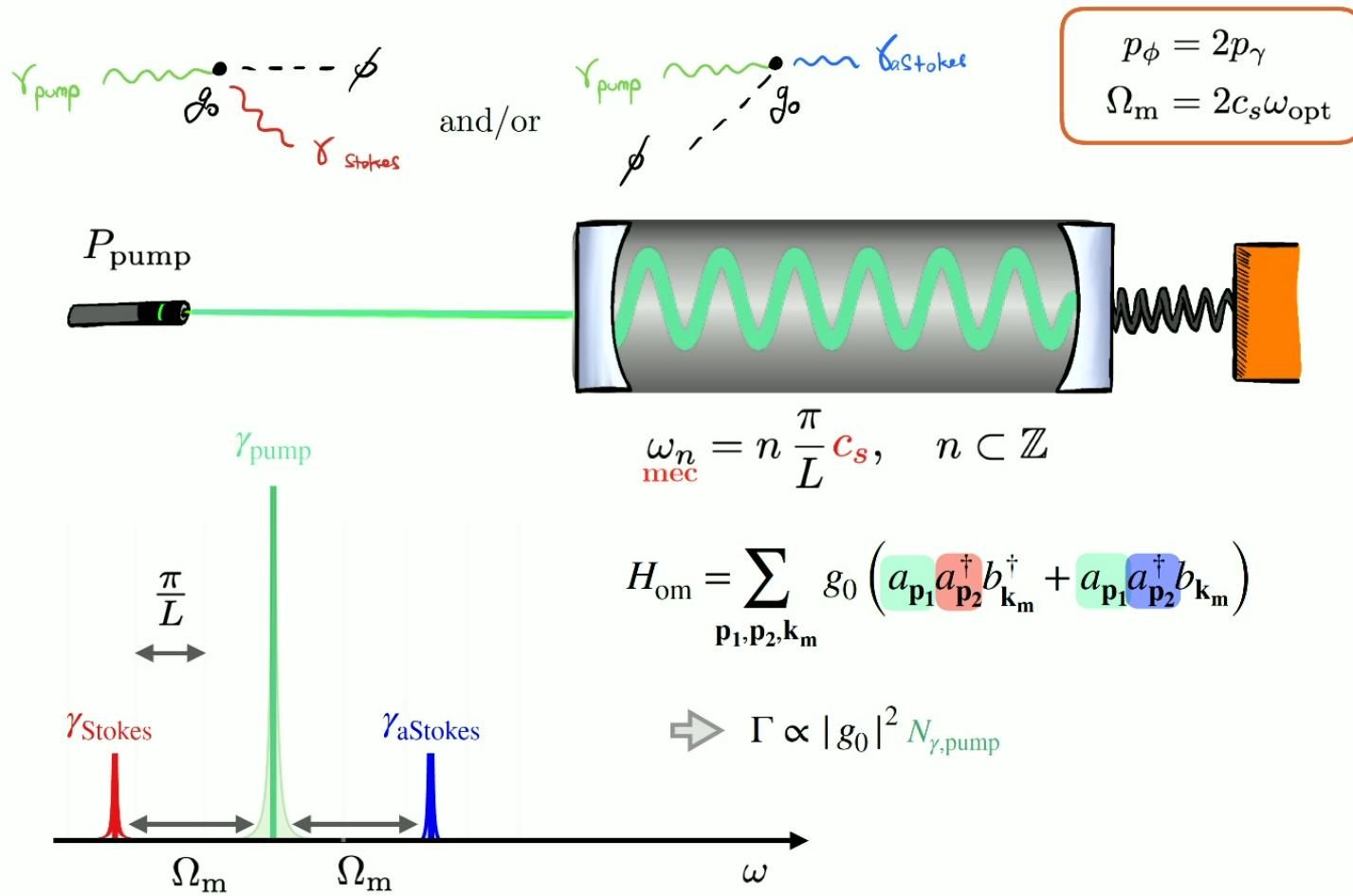
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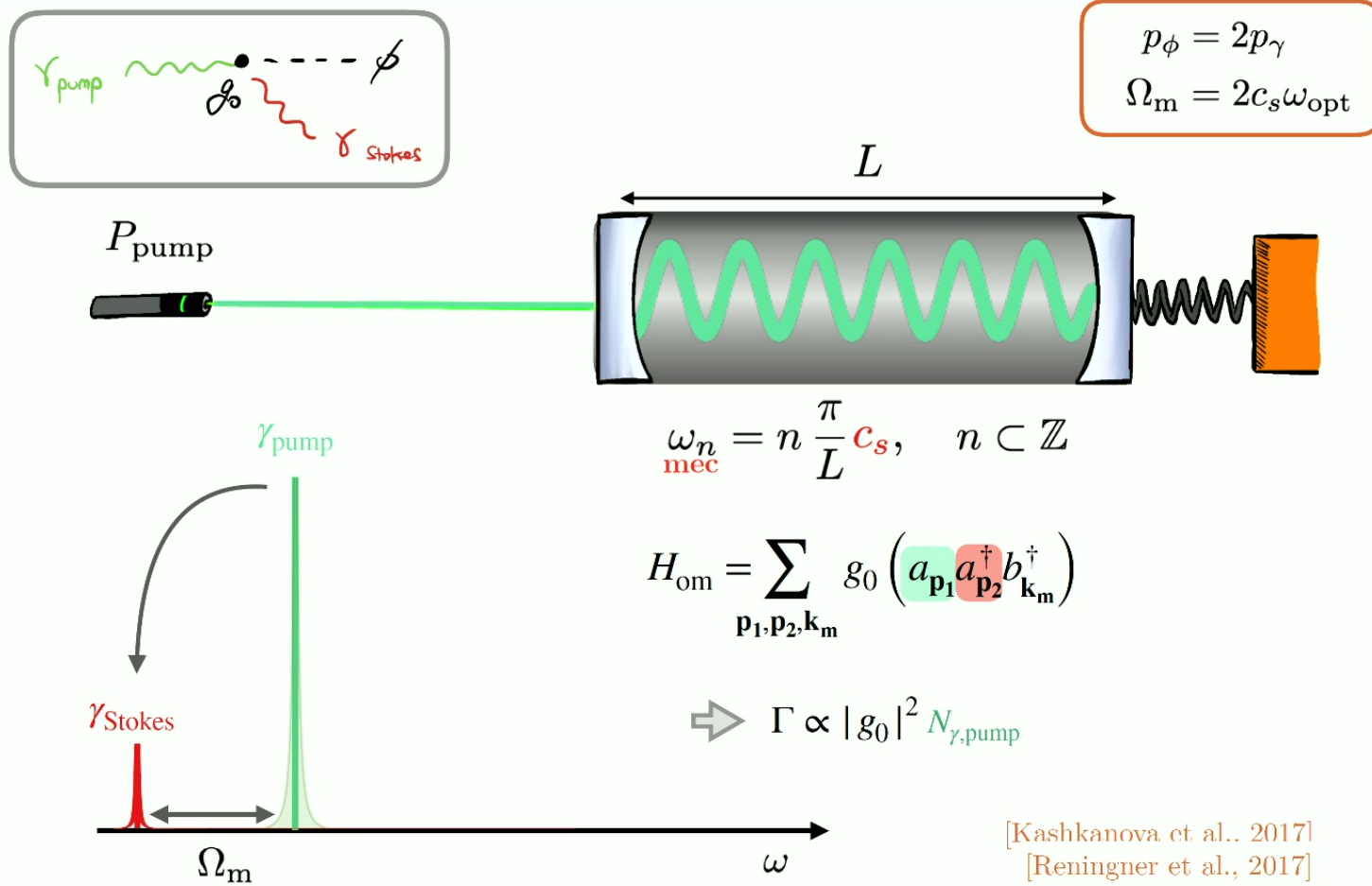


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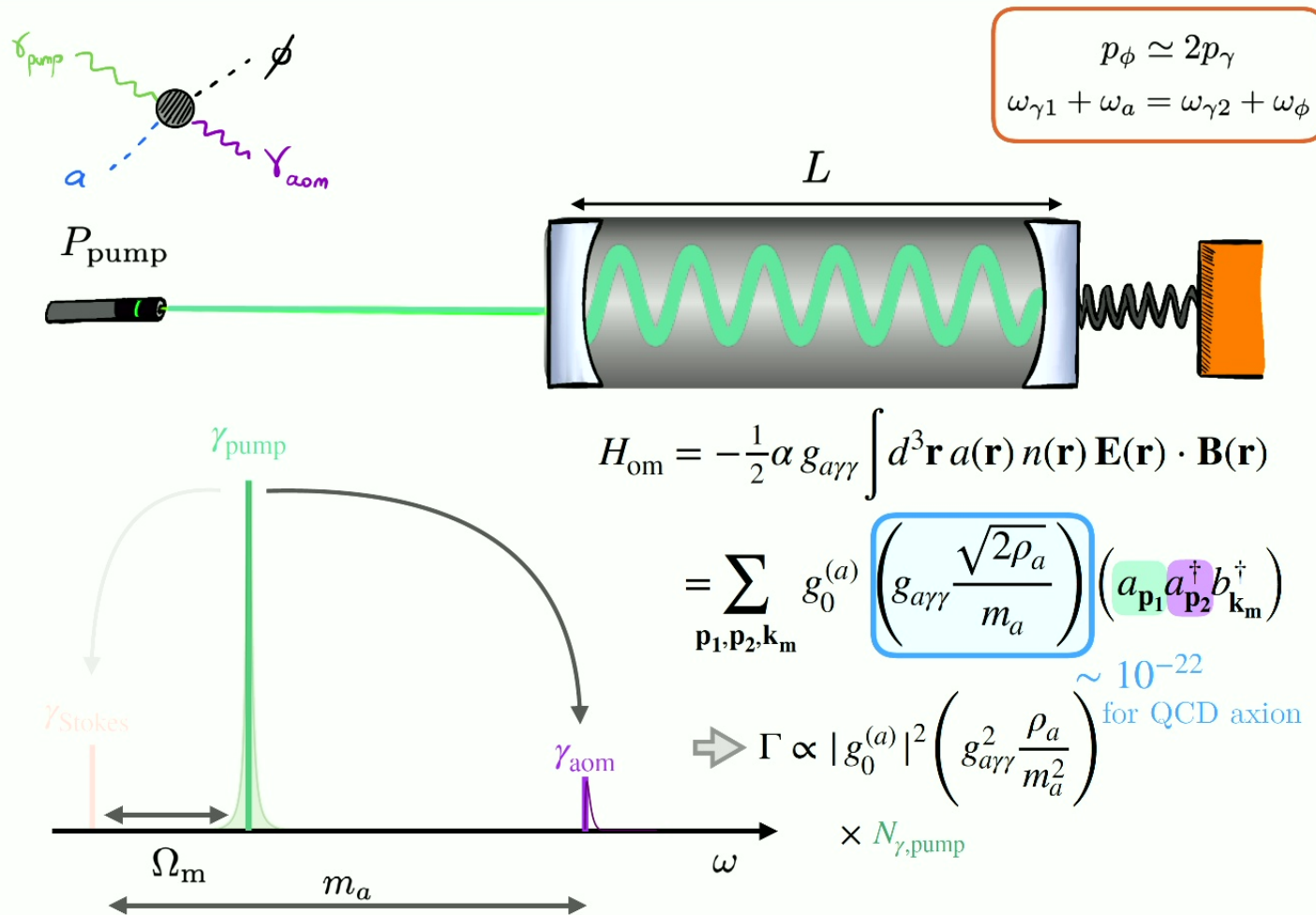
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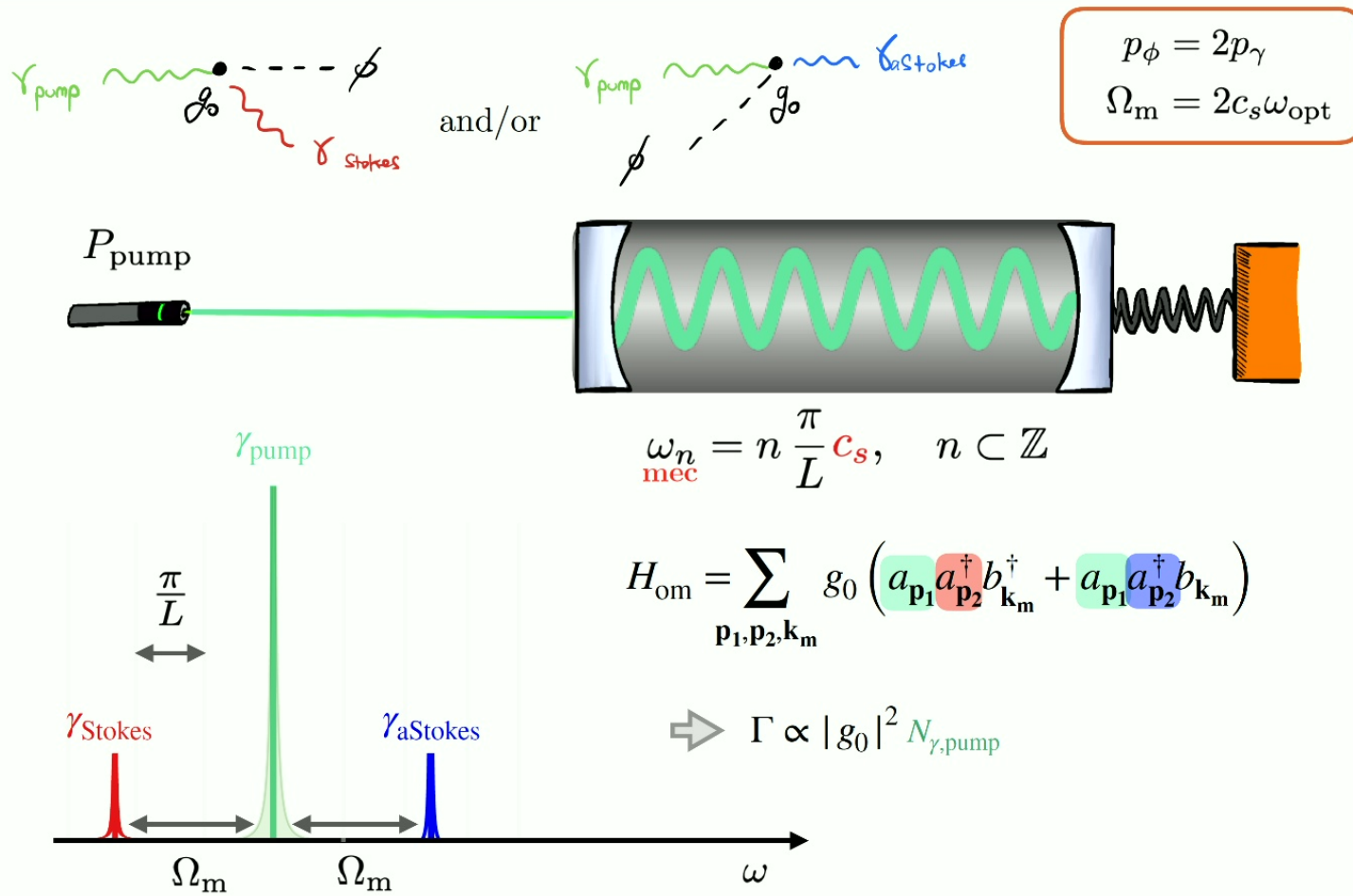
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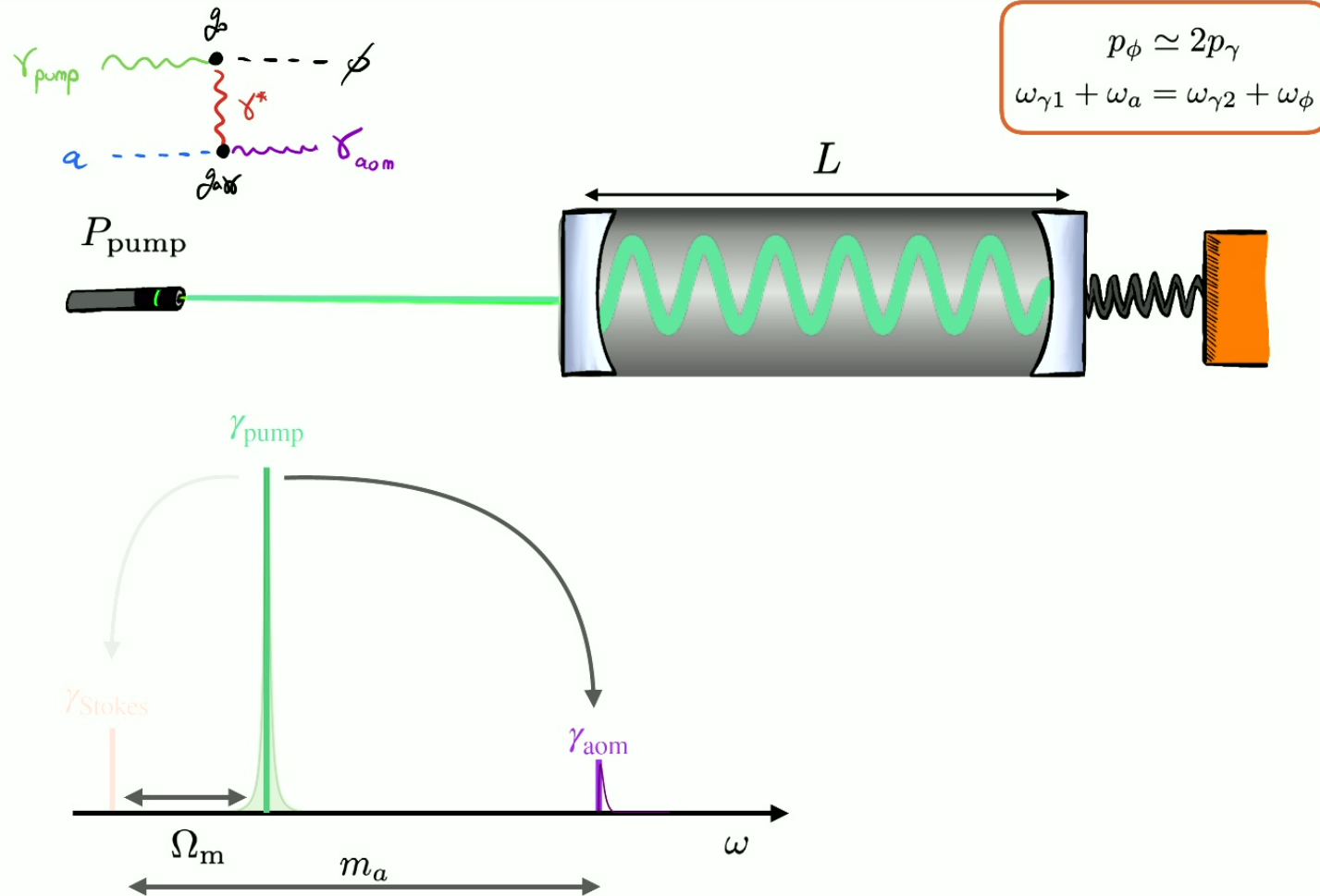
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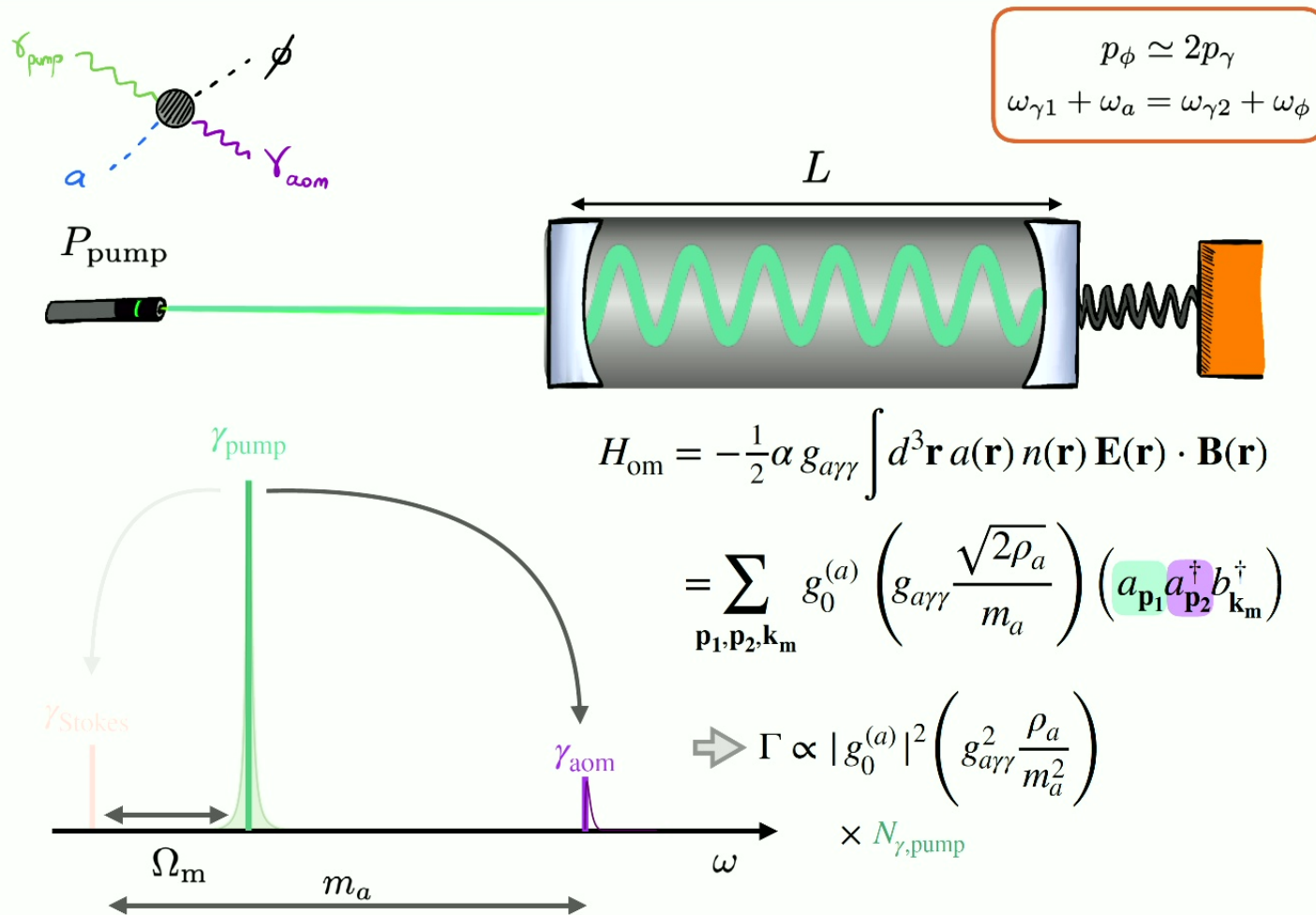
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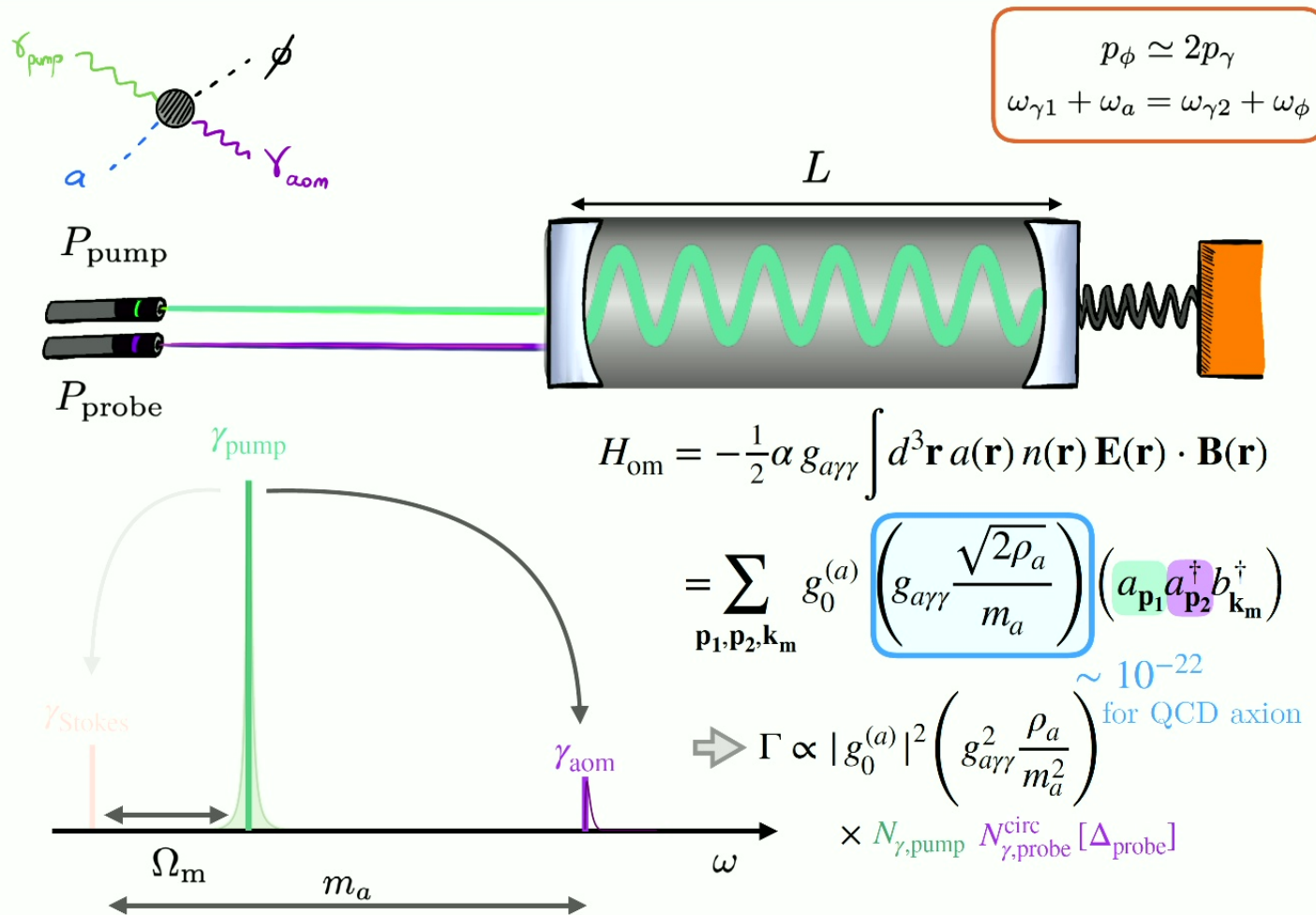
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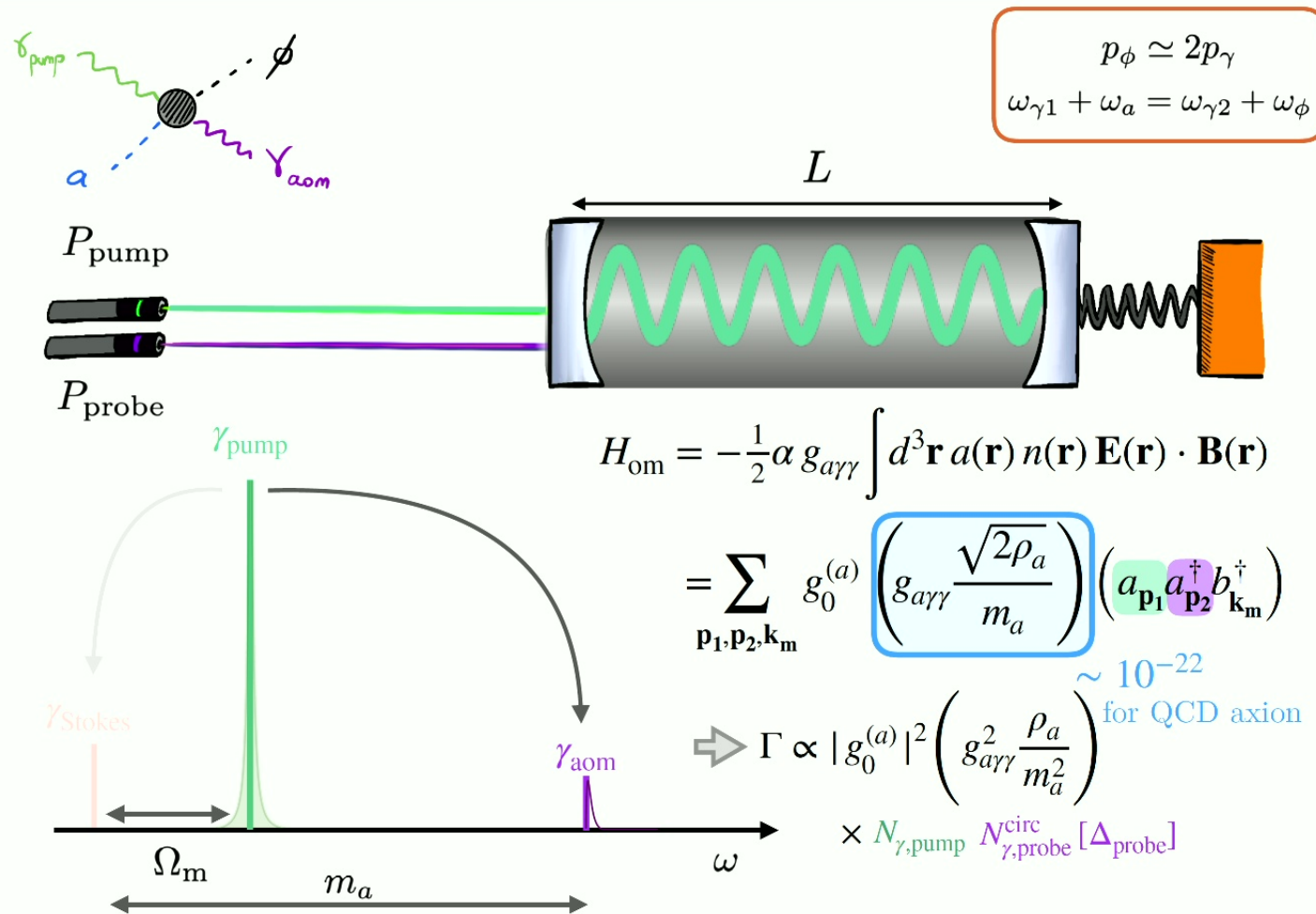
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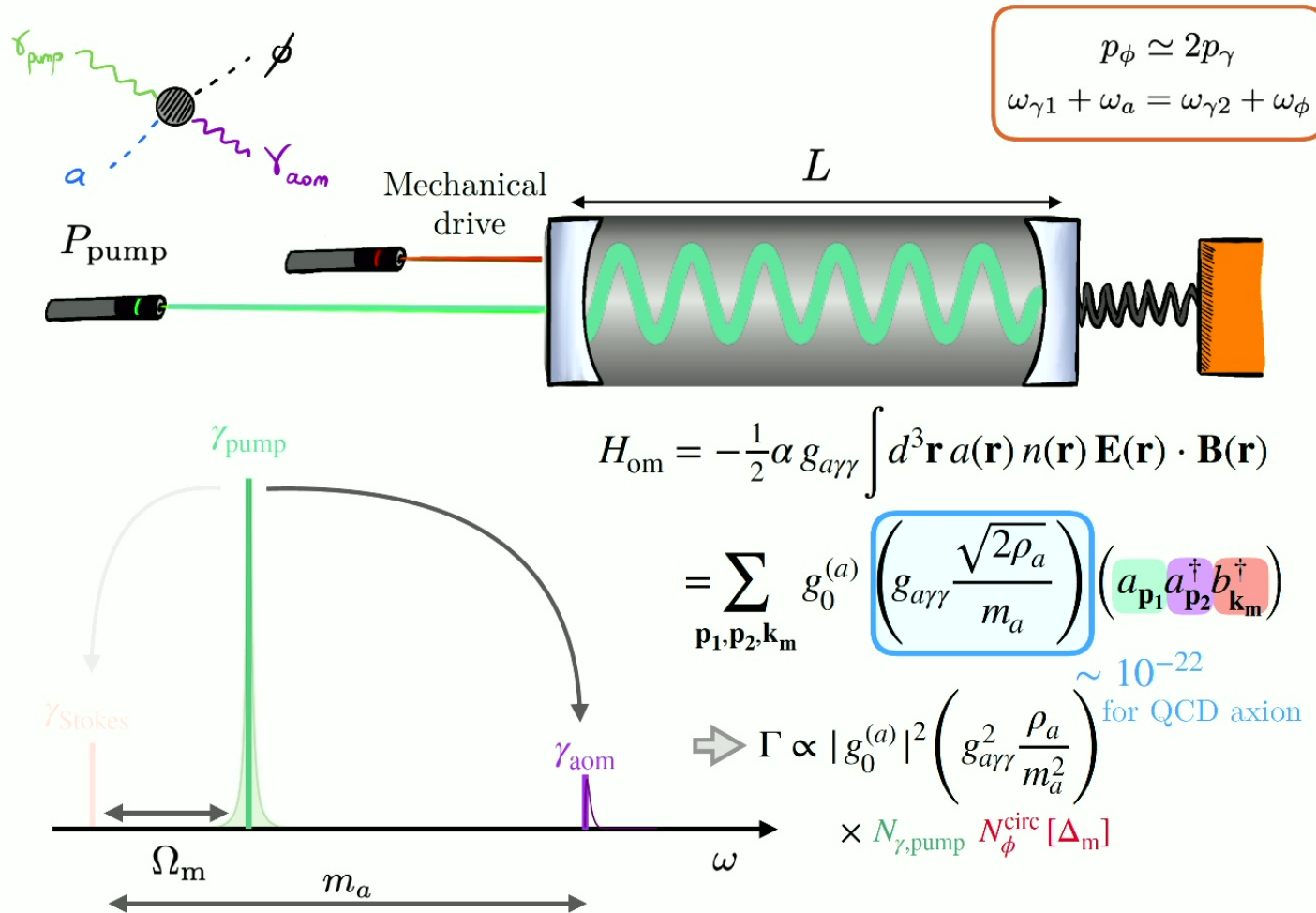
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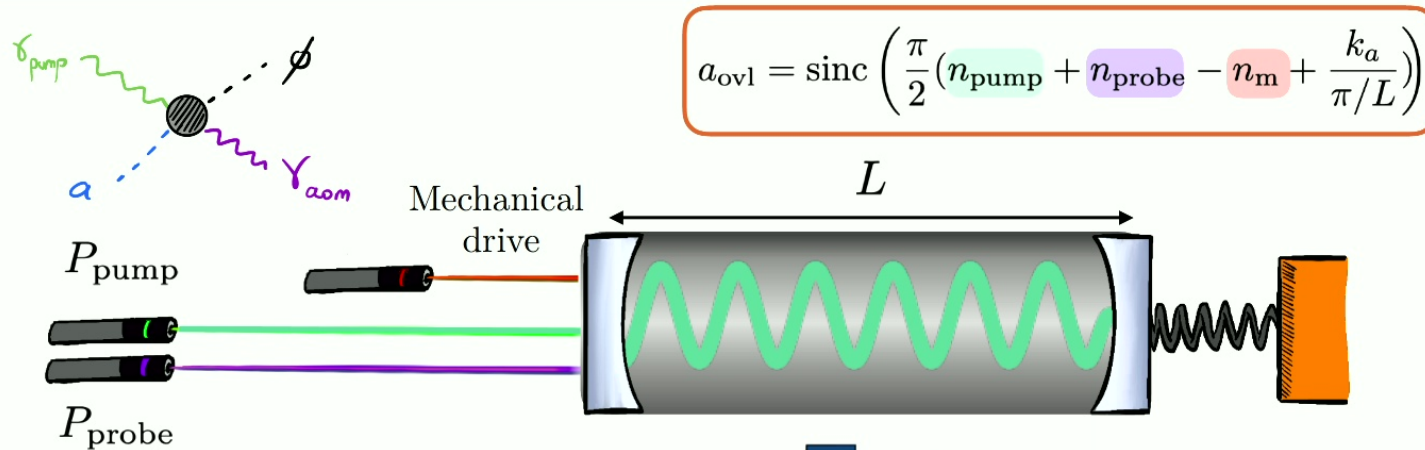
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Coherent enhancement: Phonons



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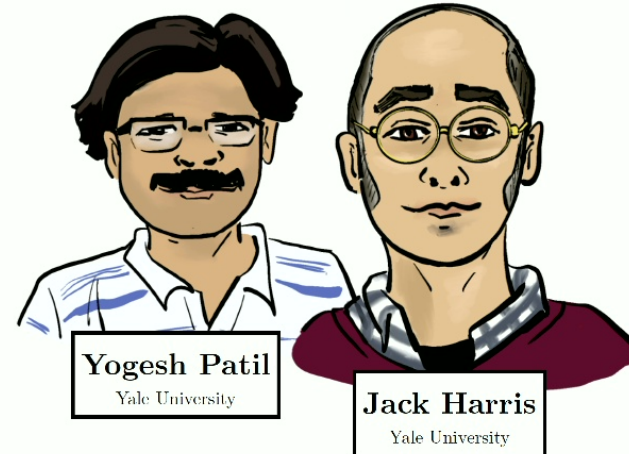
Jack Harris Lab

1 For usual experiments in their lab:

- ⇒ $N_{\text{pump}} \simeq 10^6$ $P_{\text{pump}} \sim 1 \mu\text{W}$
- ⇒ $N_{\text{probe}} \simeq 10^6$ $L \sim 100 \mu\text{m}$
- ⇒ $N_{\phi} = 1$ $\mathcal{F}_{\text{opt}} \sim 10^5$

2 What they can “easily” do, even now:

- ⇒ $N_{\text{pump}} \simeq 10^{14}$ $P_{\text{pump}} \sim 10 \text{ mW}$
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- ⇒ $N_{\phi} \simeq 10^{14}$ $L \sim 1 \text{ cm}$
- $\mathcal{F}_{\text{opt}}/\pi \sim 10^5$



Conclusions

Importance of exploiting potential of existing /upcoming experiments to explore dark matter possibilities.

Atom Interferometers

- Advantages
 - ⇒ Decoherence has no lower bound on energy deposition
 - ⇒ Coherent enhancement
 - ⇒ Boost in the rate for light DM and mediator
- Future Directions
 - ⇒ Understand the possible backgrounds.
 - ⇒ Study the implications of enjoying a network of AIs.
 - ⇒ Constrain other new physics: DM nuggets?
 - ⇒ Study decoherence in other quantum sensors: atomic clocks?



Axioptronic

- Advantages
 - ⇒ Coherent enhancement/number state enhancement (?)
 - ⇒ Decoupling length from axion mass
- Future Directions
 - ⇒ Study backgrounds in specific experiment [experimental proposal]
 - ⇒ Explore other materials

J. Harris and J. Patil at Yale U.

Thank you!