

# (More or less exotic) Light New Physics

## Motivation and search strategies

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# Outline

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1) Motivation for light New Physics

2) Axion

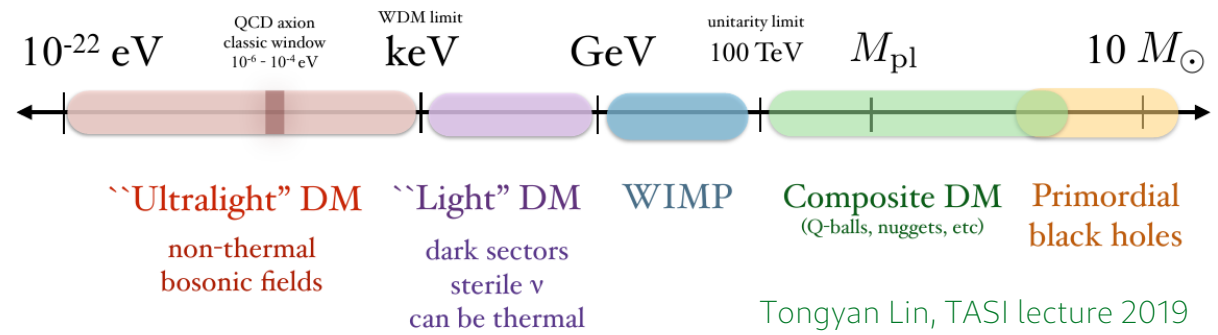
3) Relaxion

4) Quantum sensors for exotic light NP

# Why light New Physics

- ◆ If symmetries imply massless particles
  - ▶ Small symmetry breaking → low mass
  - ▶ e.g. dilaton, dark photon, ...
- ◆ Still a lot of unexplored model and parameter space
- ◆ interplay of cosmo/astro/precision/intensity/precision frontiers
- ◆ DM options

Mass scale of dark matter  
(not to scale)

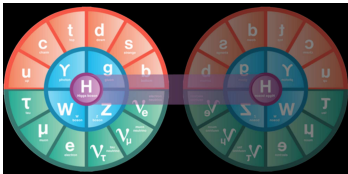


Tongyan Lin, TASI lecture 2019

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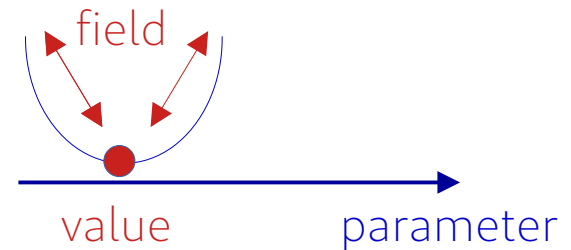
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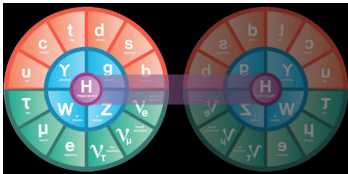
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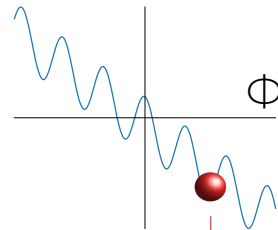
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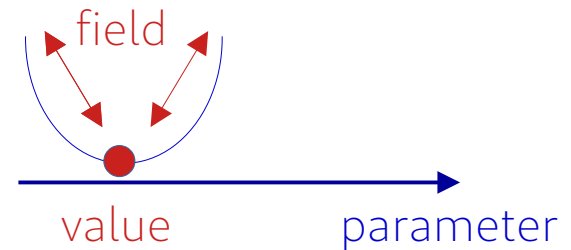
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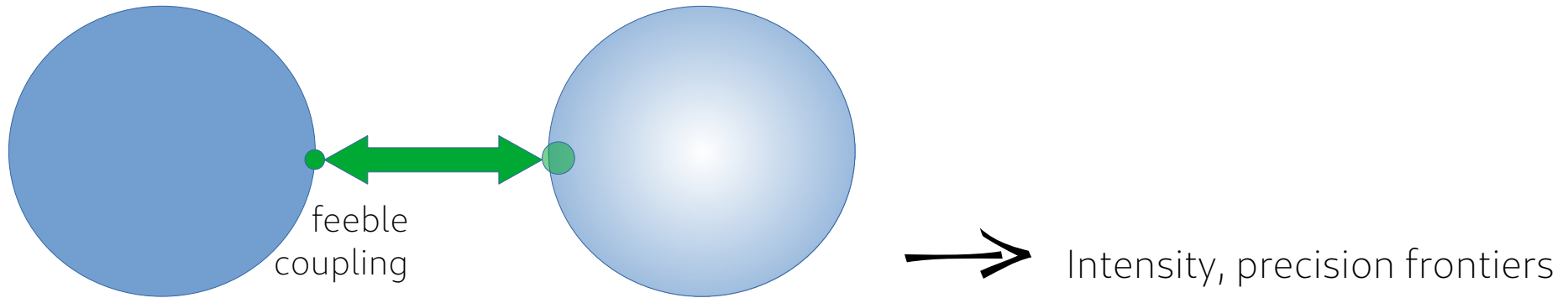
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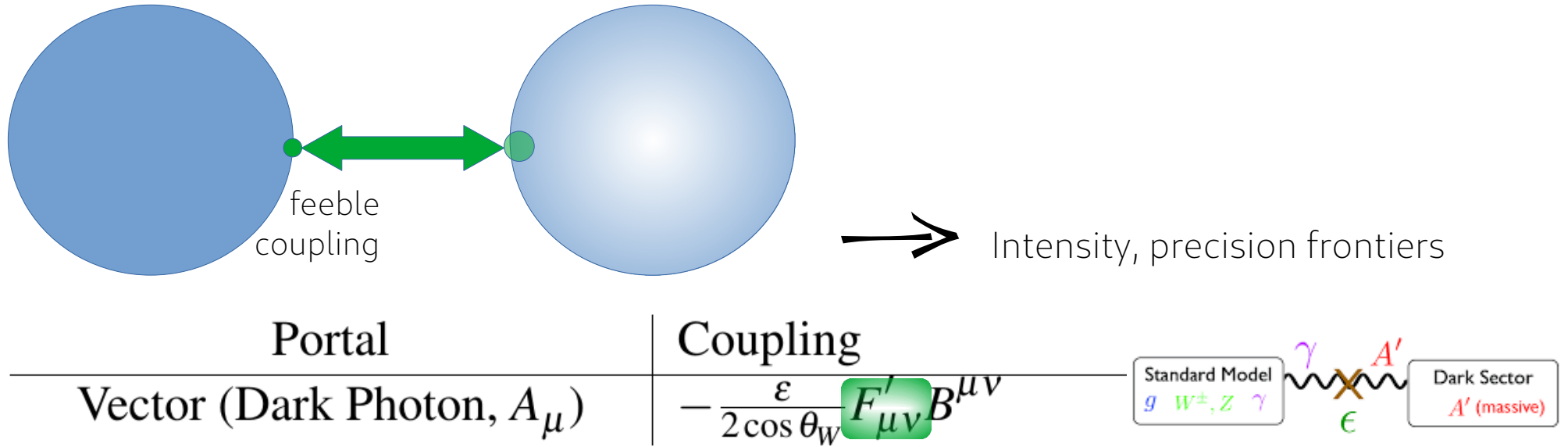


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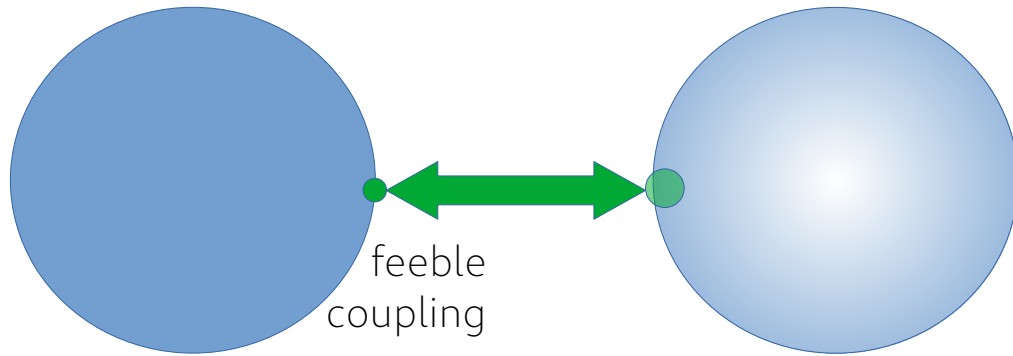
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→ Intensity, precision frontiers

Portal	Coupling
Vector (Dark Photon, $A_\mu$ )	$-\frac{\epsilon}{2 \cos \theta_W} F'_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$
Scalar (Dark Higgs, $S$ )	$(\mu S + \lambda_{HS} S^2) H^\dagger H$
Fermion (Sterile Neutrino, $N$ )	$y_N L H N$
Pseudo-scalar (Axion, $a$ )	$\frac{a}{f} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}, \frac{a}{f} G_{i,\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_i^{\mu\nu}, \frac{\partial_\mu a}{f} \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \psi$

Standard Model  
 $g W^\pm, Z \gamma$

Dark Sector  
 $A' \text{ (massive)}$

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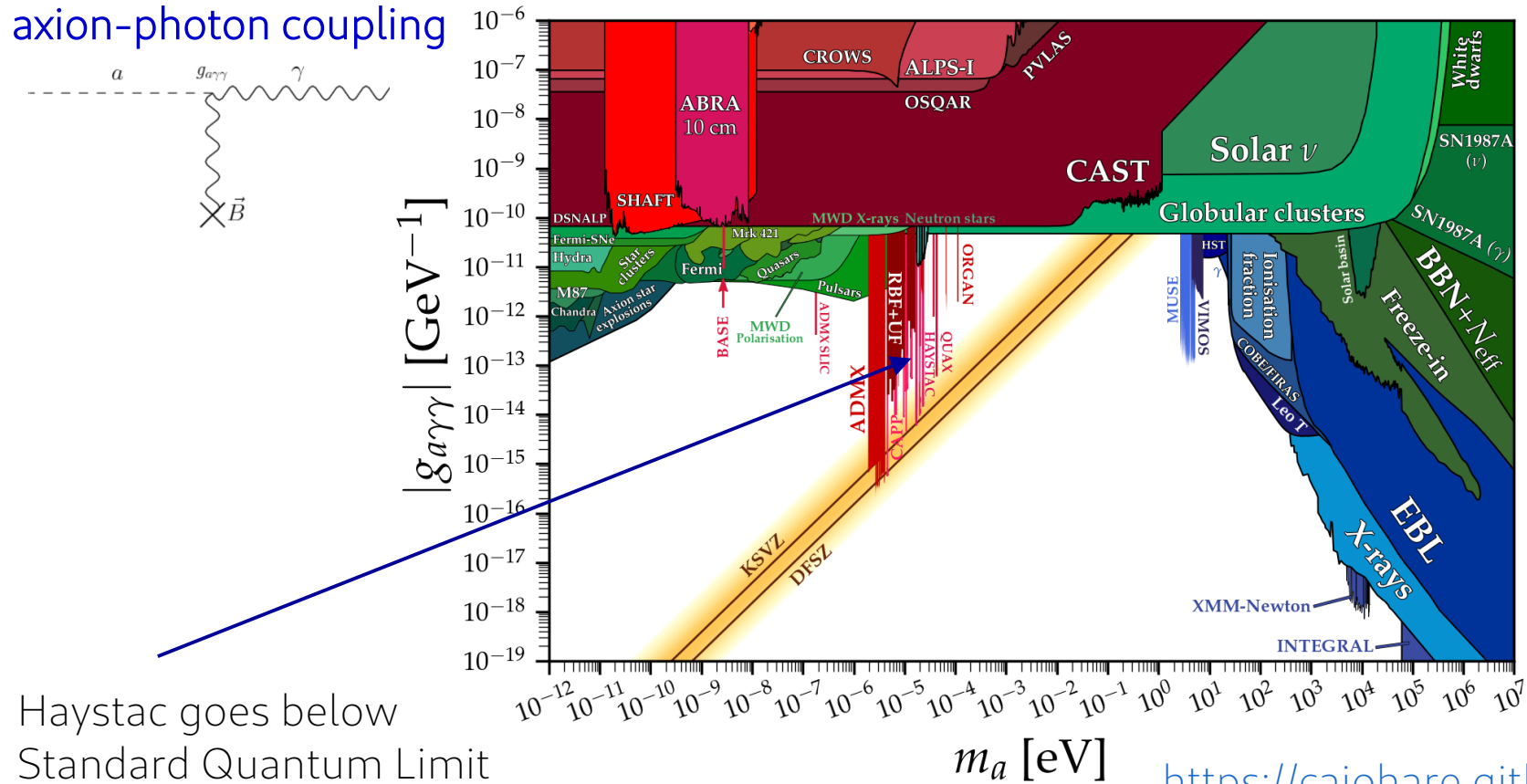
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At low energy: non-relativistic Hamiltonian  $\rightarrow$  how to probe the axion couplings

$$\mathcal{H} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{\mu_0}} g_{a\gamma\gamma} \int a \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV + g_{aff} \hbar c \nabla a \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}} + \sqrt{\epsilon_0 (\hbar c)^3} g_{\text{EDM}a} \hat{\mathbf{S}} \cdot \mathbf{E},$$



# Axion searches: status



Ciaran O'Hare

<https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/>





# SM+Singlet: General vs Relaxion

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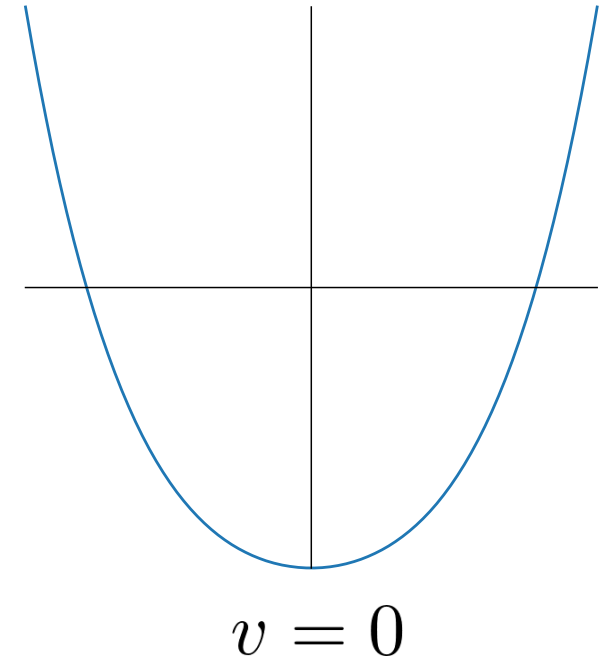
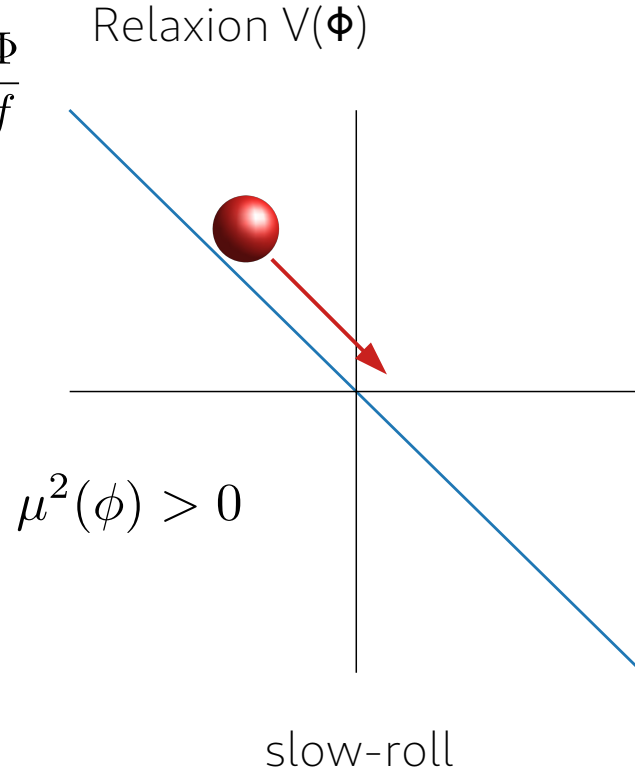
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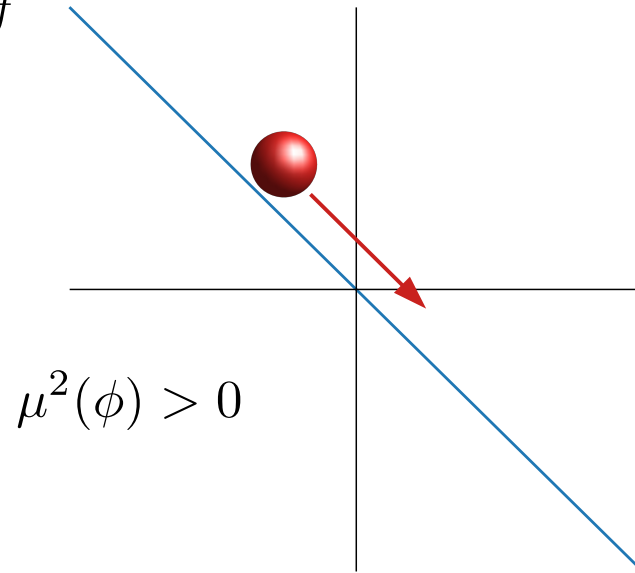


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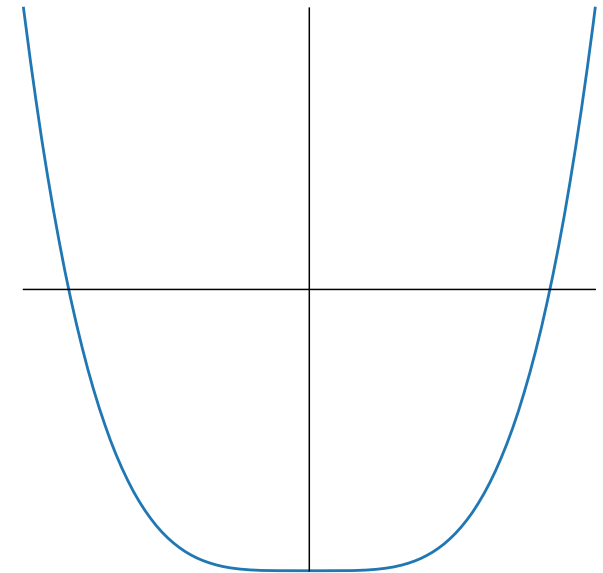
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slow-roll



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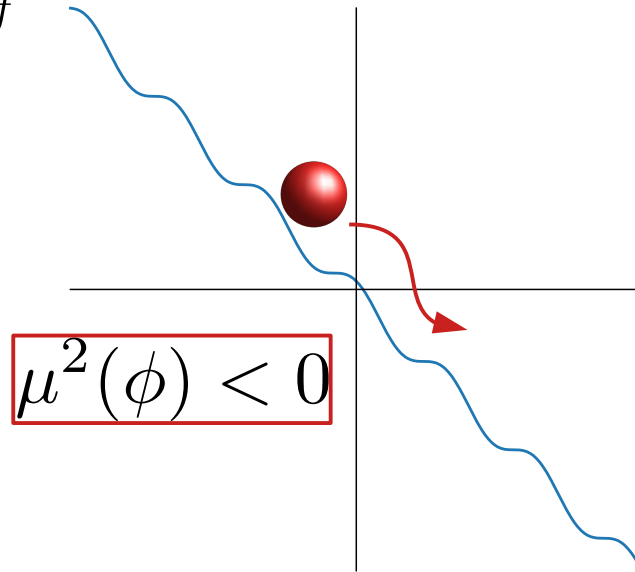
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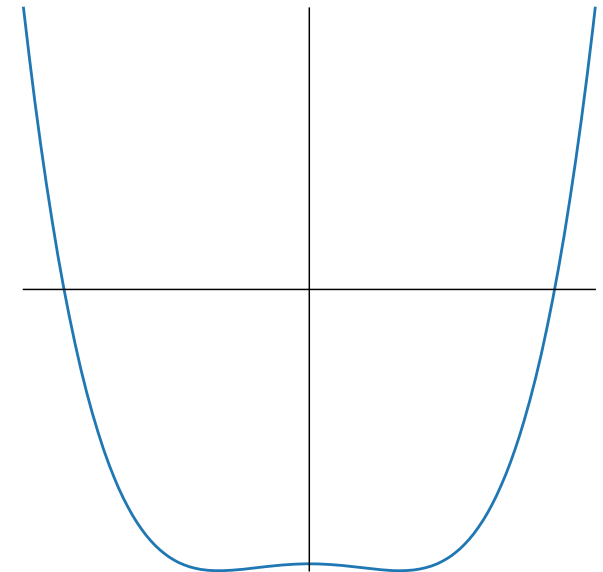
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$$\mu^2(\phi) < 0$$



$$v = v(\phi) \neq 0$$

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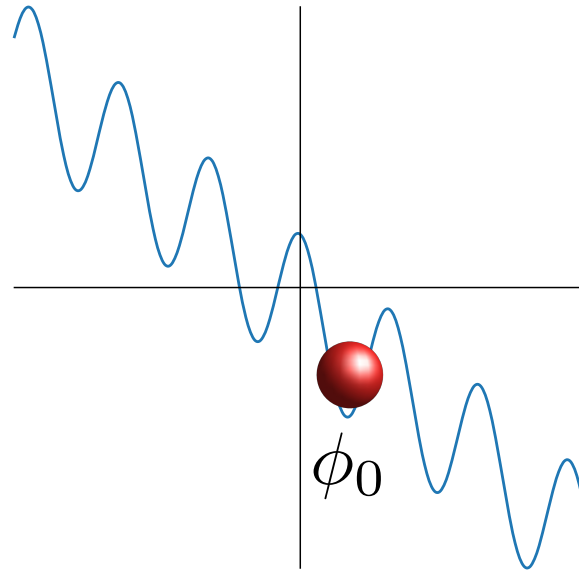
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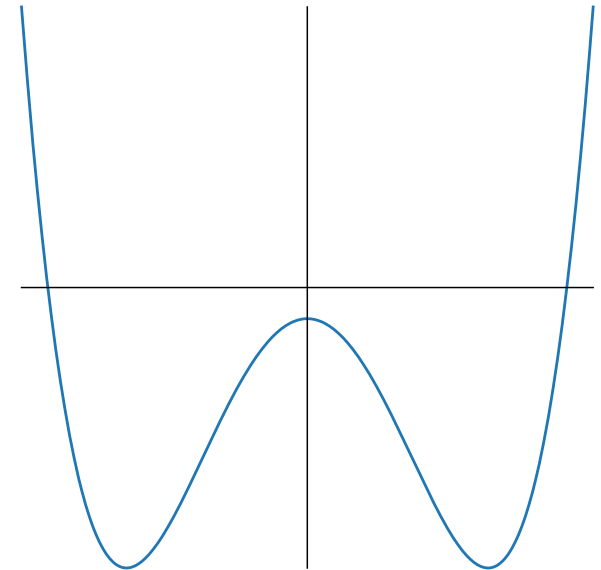
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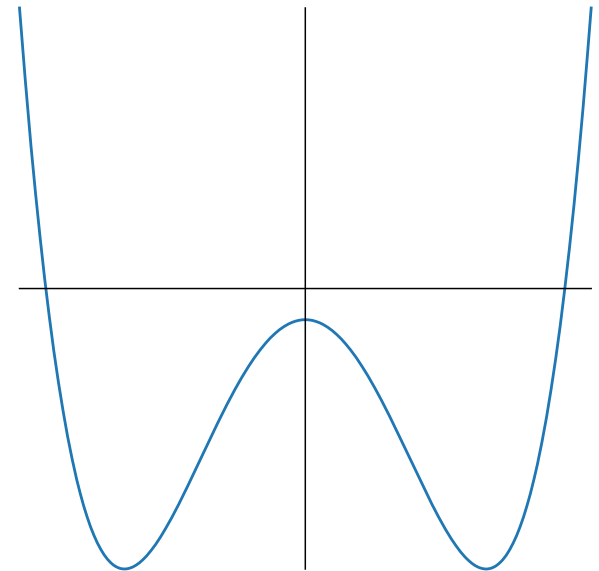
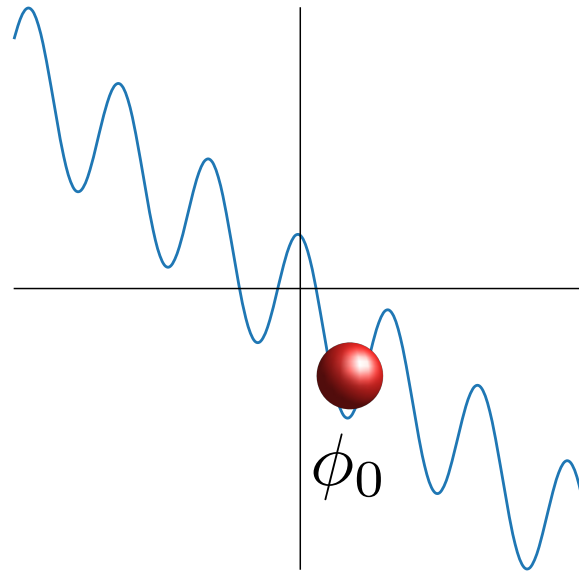
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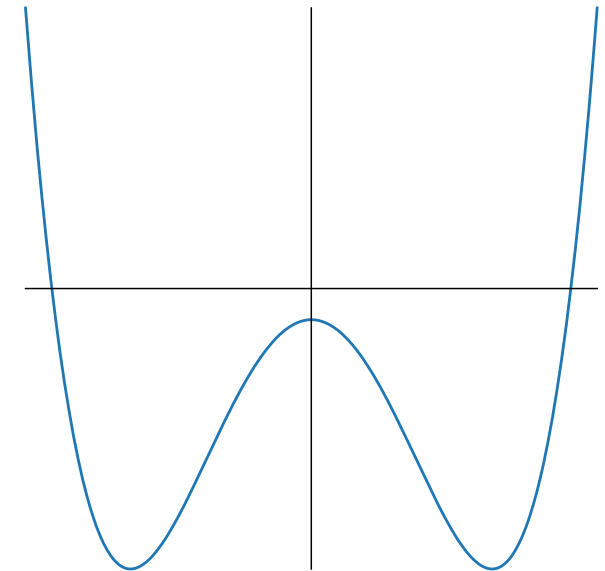
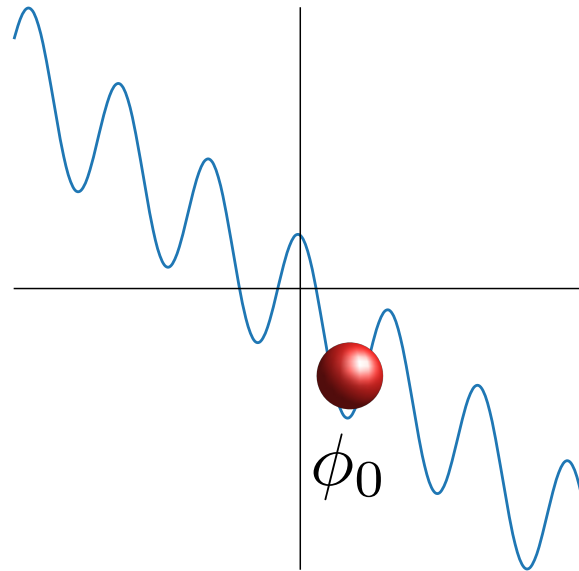
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Relaxion inherits  
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→ Singlet-Higgs Mixing angle  $\sin\theta \approx \frac{a_{h\phi}}{v\lambda_h}$

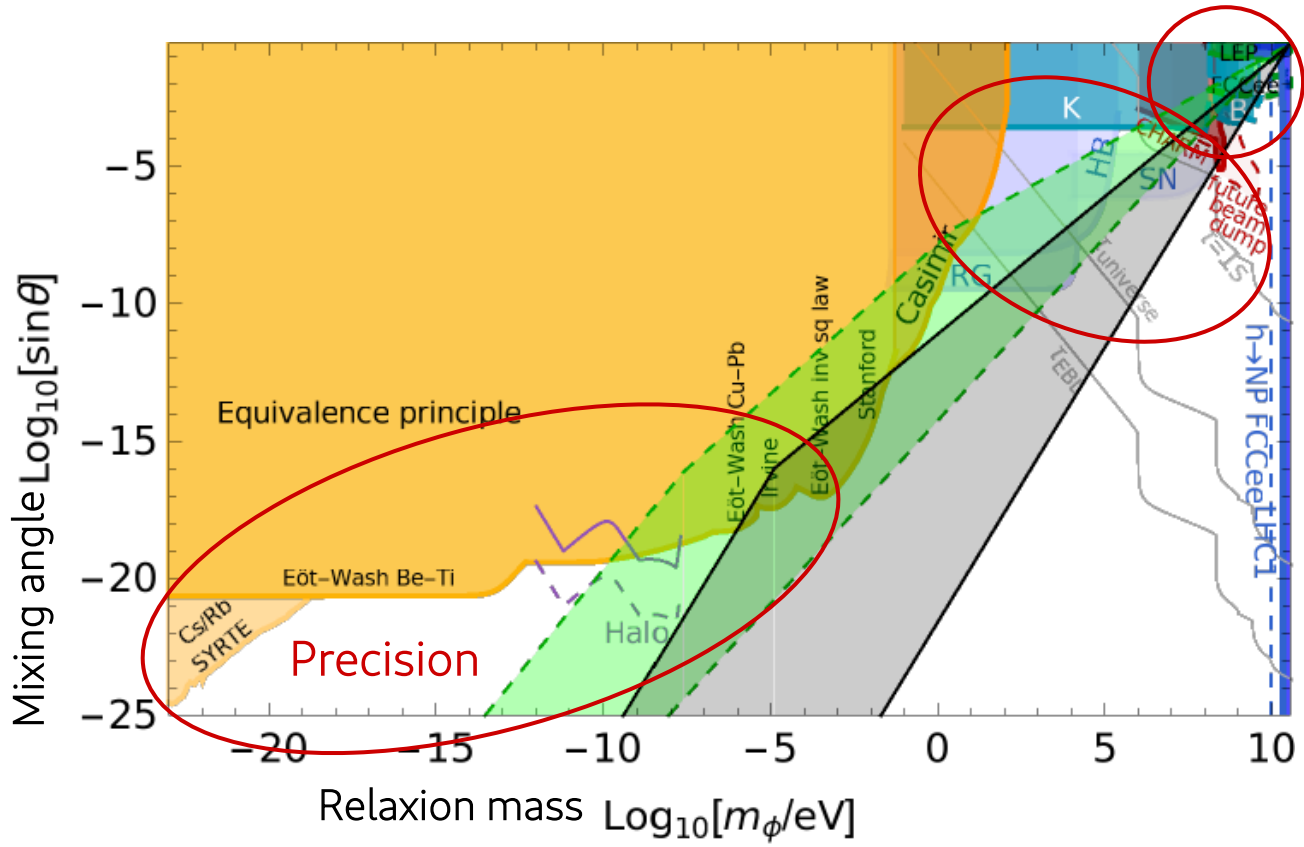
$$s_\theta \approx \frac{\tilde{M}^2}{2vf\lambda_h} \sin\left(\frac{\phi_0}{f}\right)$$

+ CP-odd couplings to SM (like axion)

# Relaxion mass and mixing

relaxion phenomenology across many frontiers

[Frugiuiele, EF, Schlaffer, Perez '18]  
 [Banerjee, Kim, Matsedonsky, Perez, Safronova '20]  
 [Banerjee, Budker, Eby, Kim, Perez '19]  
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Collider → Energy

Beam dump, flavour → Intensity

Cosmology/  
Astrophysics  
Star cooling,  
CMB,... (not shown here)

Several methods needed to probe broad range of unknown mass/coupling





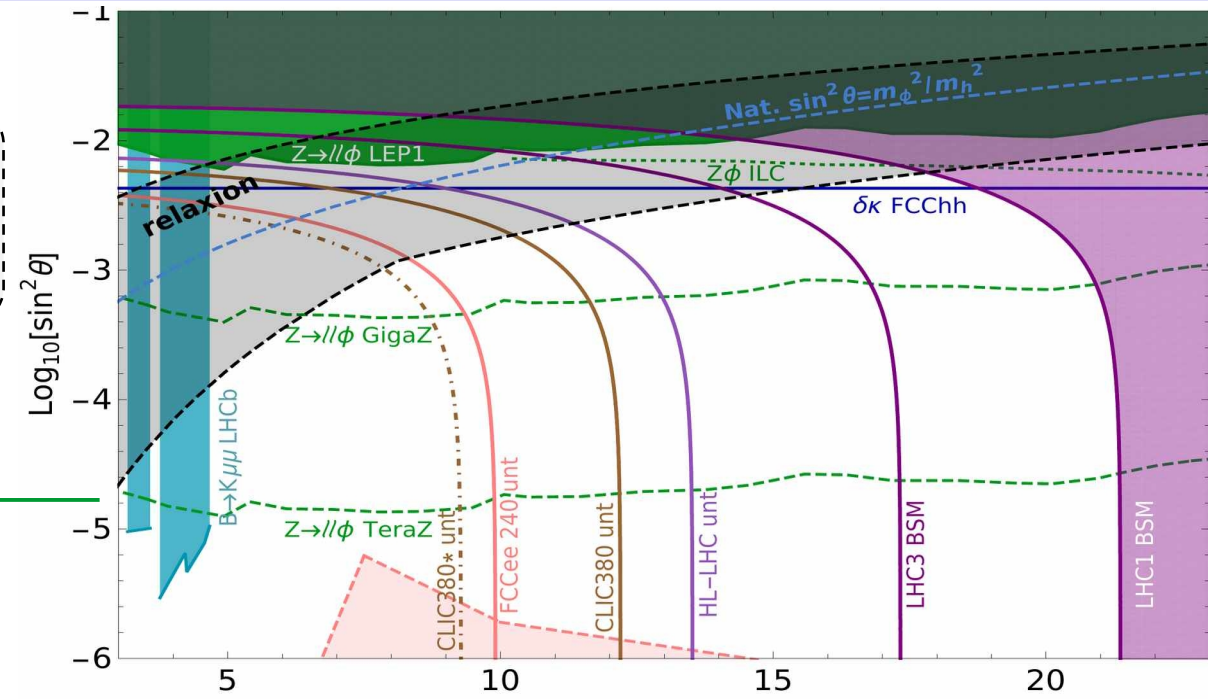
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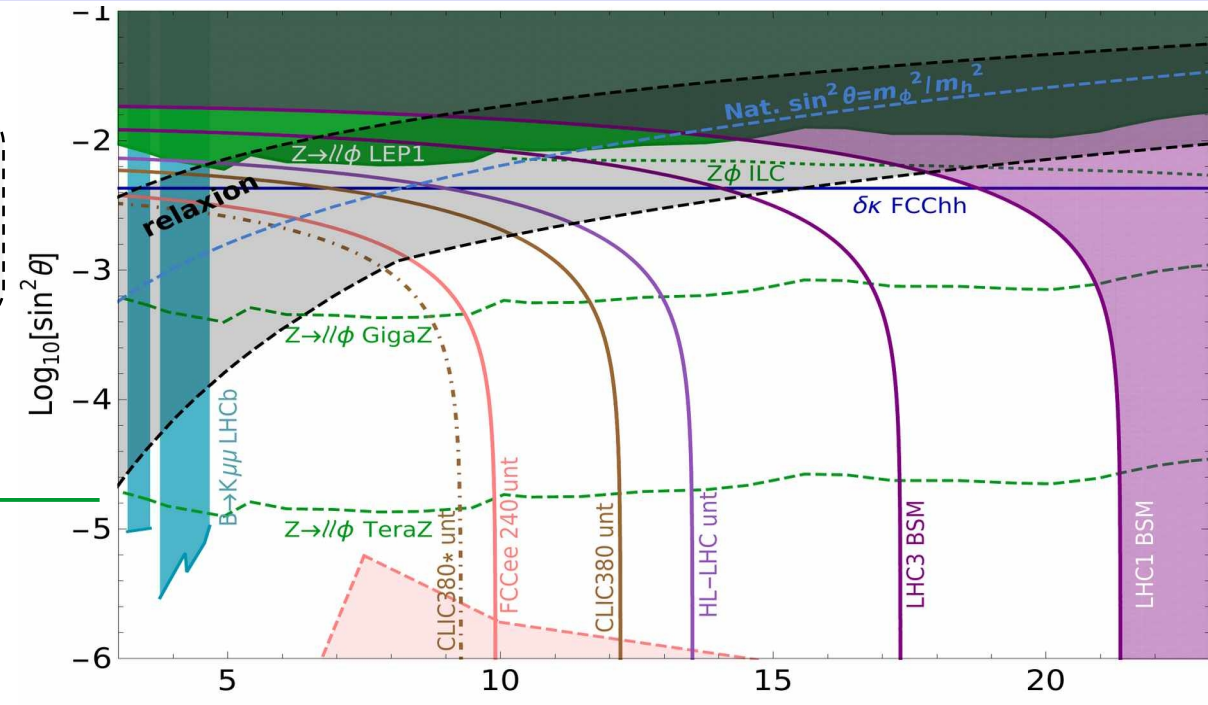
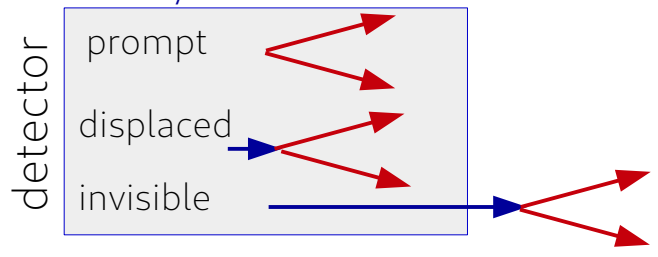
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Decays of  $\Phi$ :



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Long-lived singlet  
 Displaced, delayed, invisible



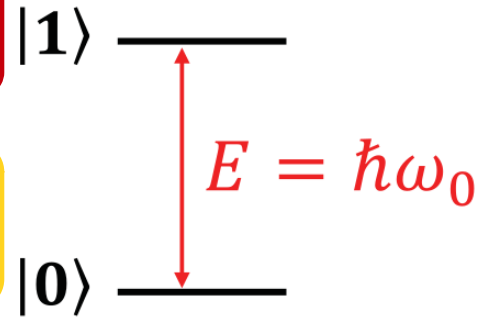
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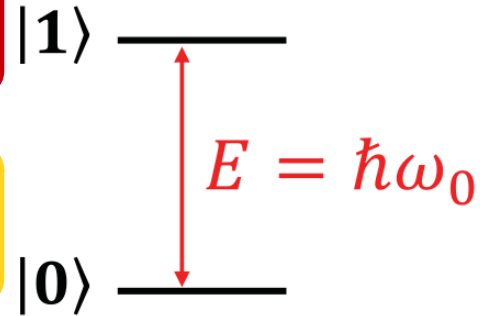
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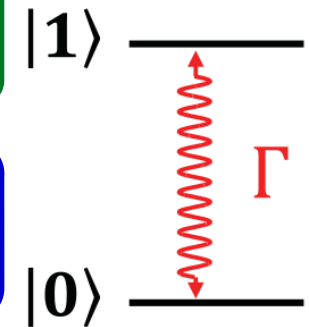
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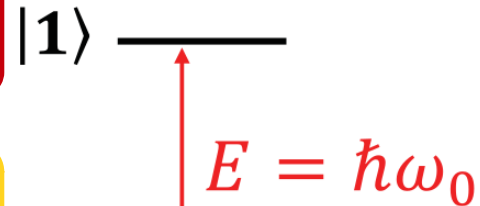


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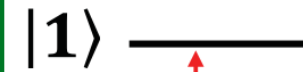
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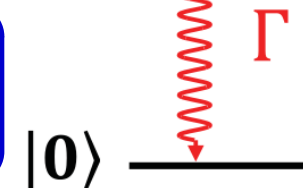
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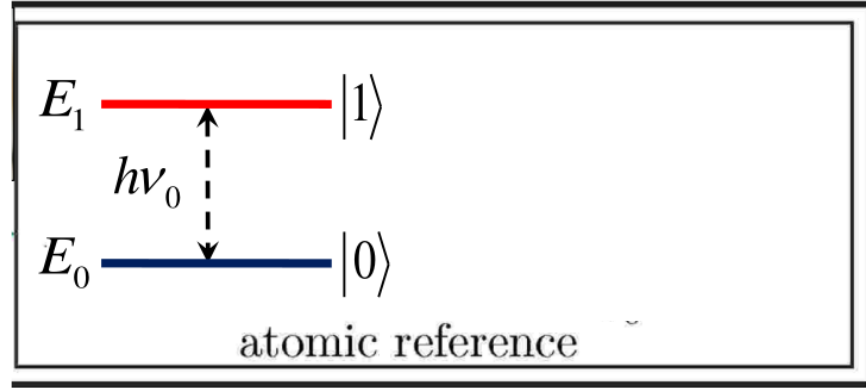
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e.g.: atoms, ions, Rydberg states, superconducting circuits, cavities, clocks, interferometers, ...  
& entanglement/squeezing → **well suited for light DM/NP, GWs, also for HEP detectors**

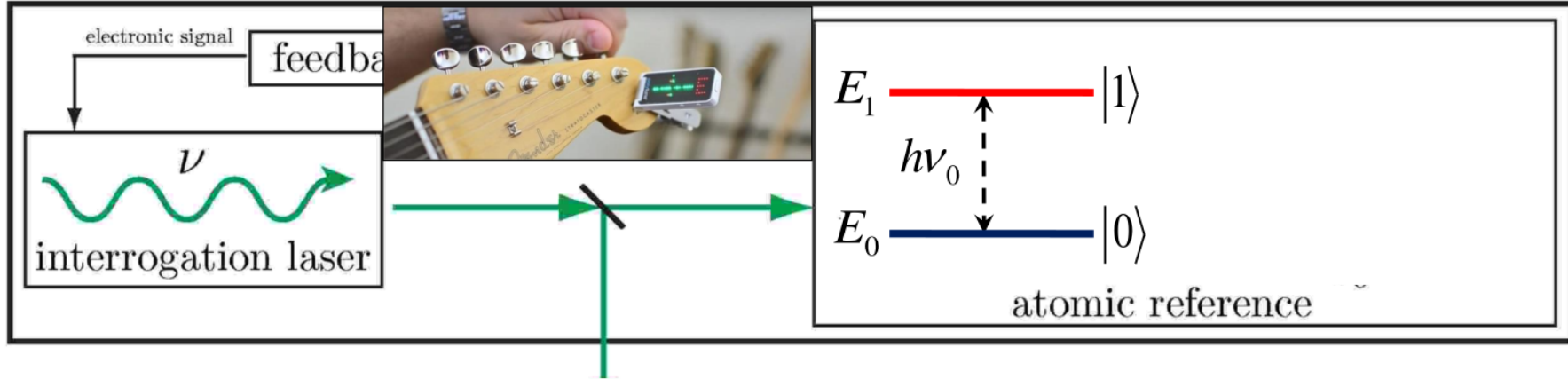
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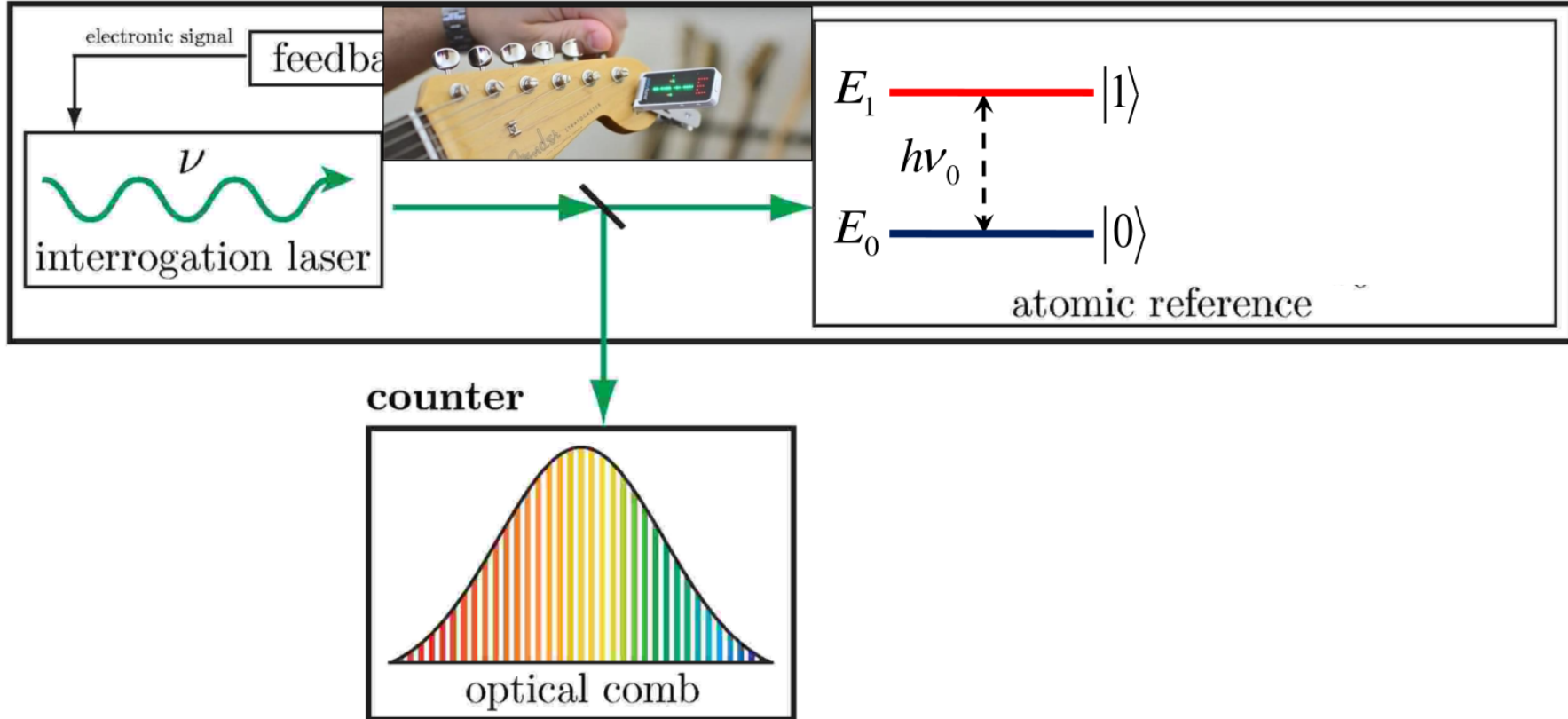
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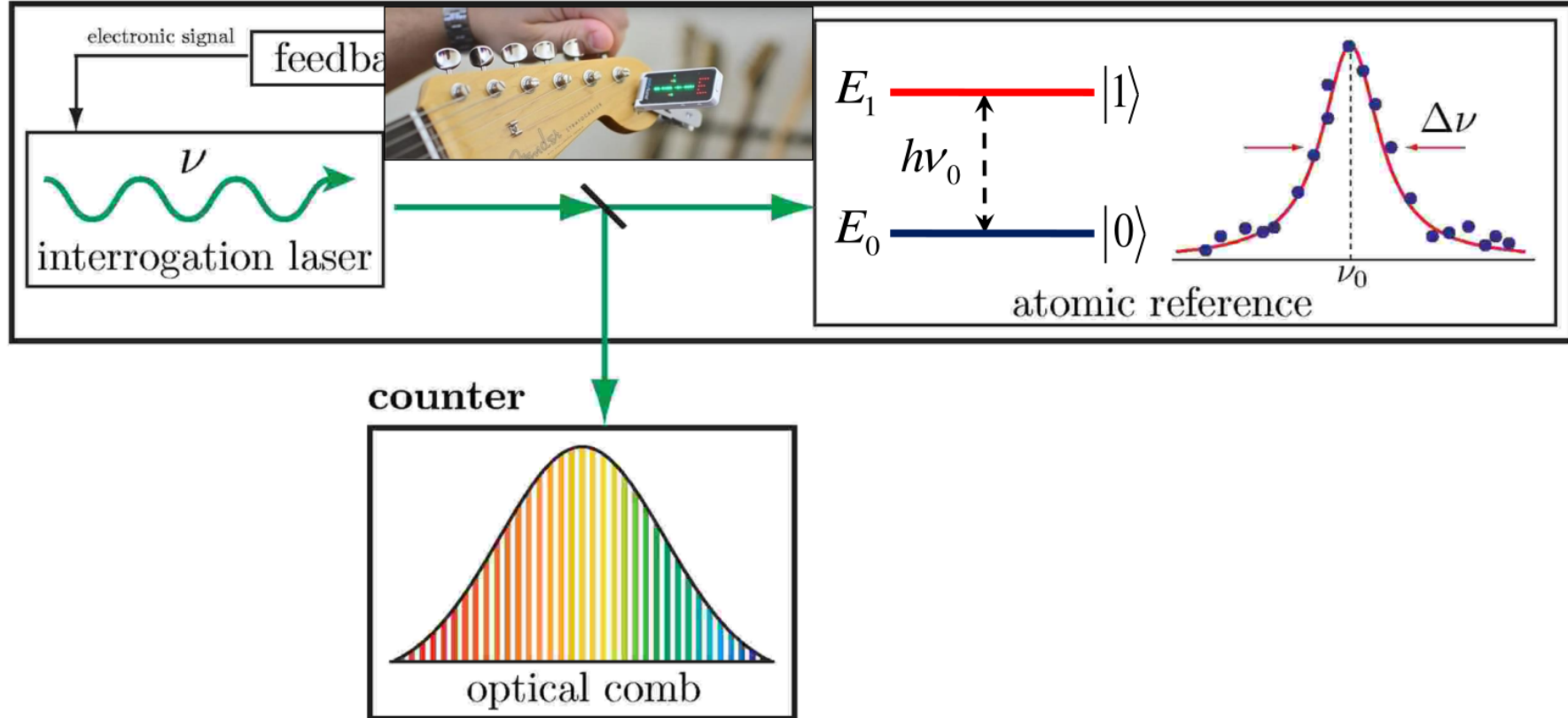
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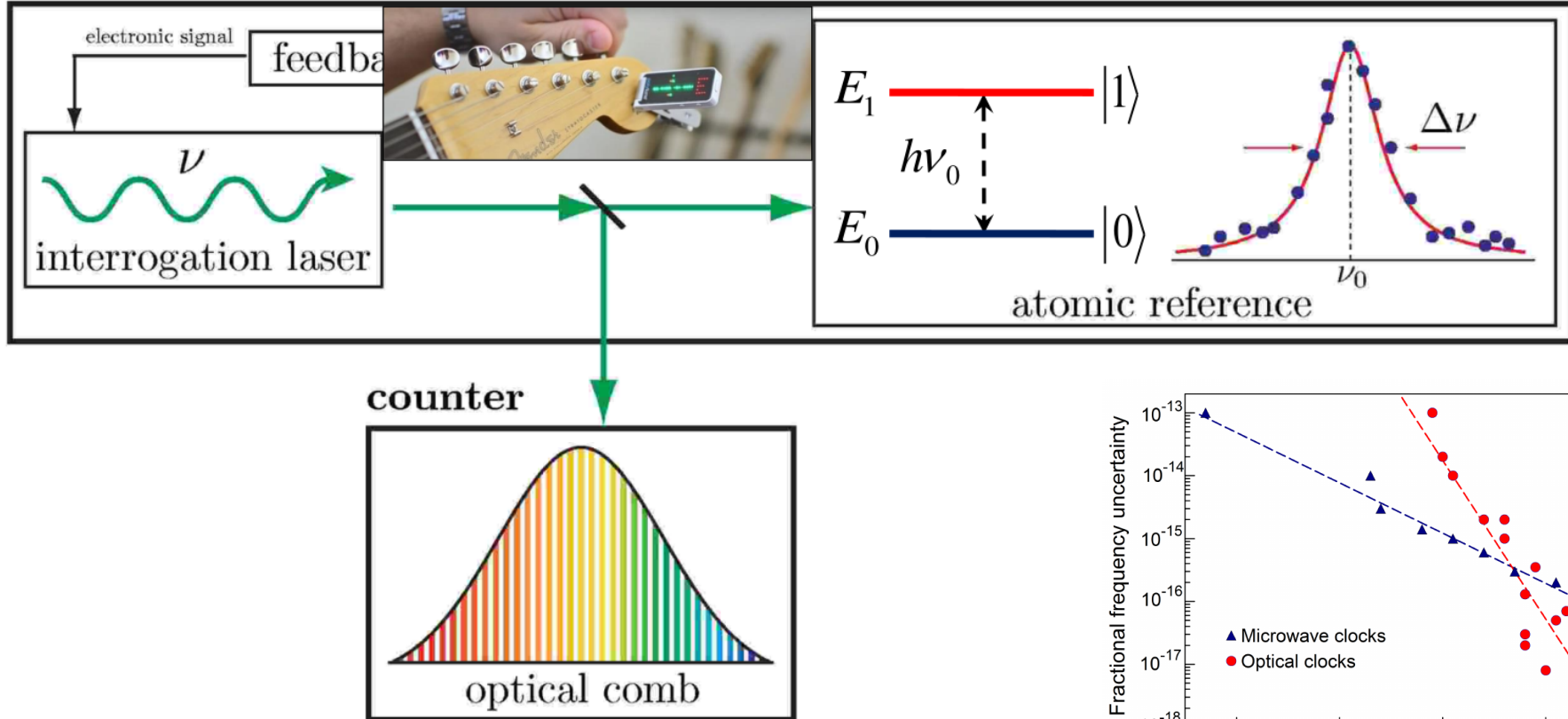
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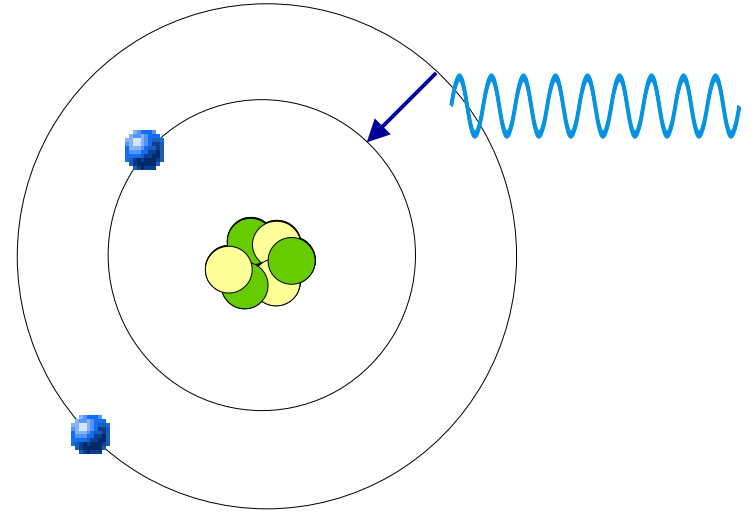
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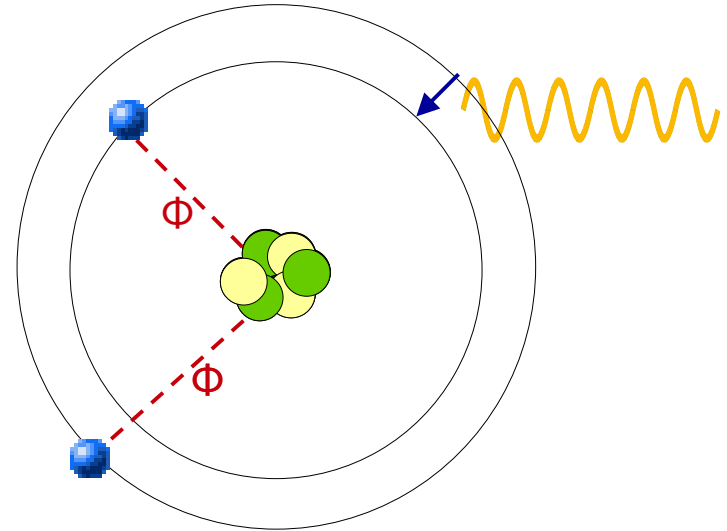
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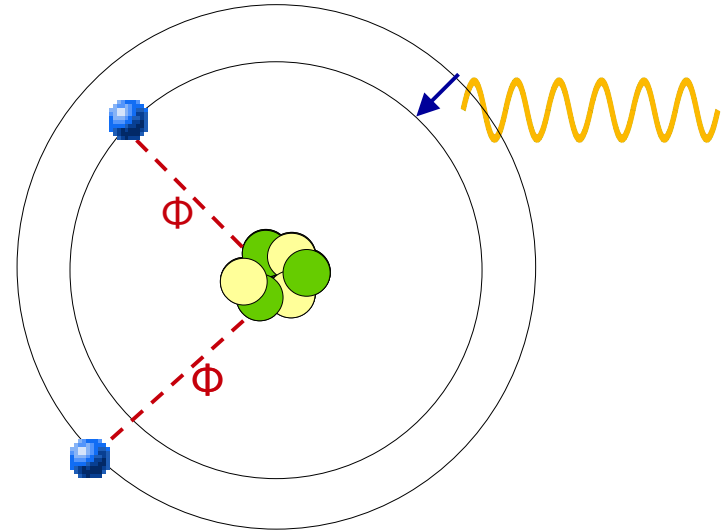
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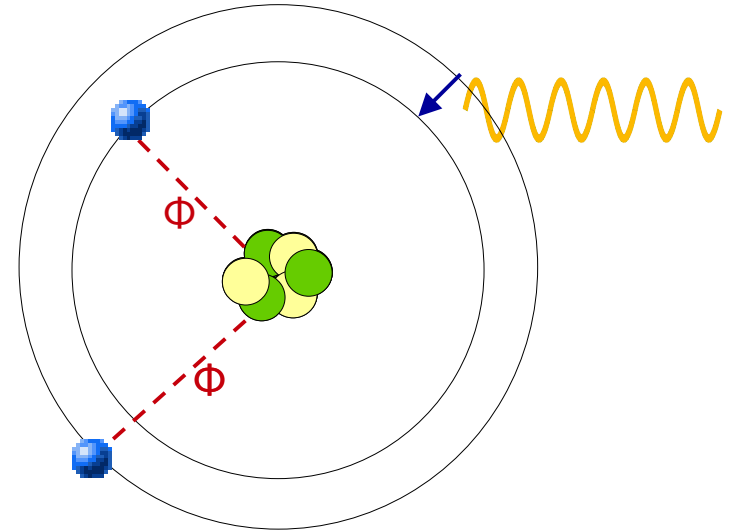
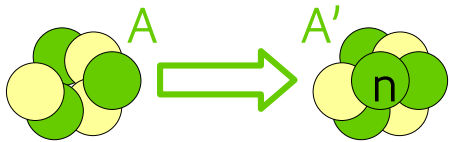
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- **Our method:** Measure 2 transitions, 3 isotope pairs very precisely



- Berengut, Budker, Delaunay, Flambaum, Frugiuele, EF, Grojean, Harnik, Ozeri, Perez, Soreq; PRL 120 (2018) 091801
- Solaro, Meyer, Fisher, Berengut, EF, Drewsen; PRL 125, 123003 (2020)

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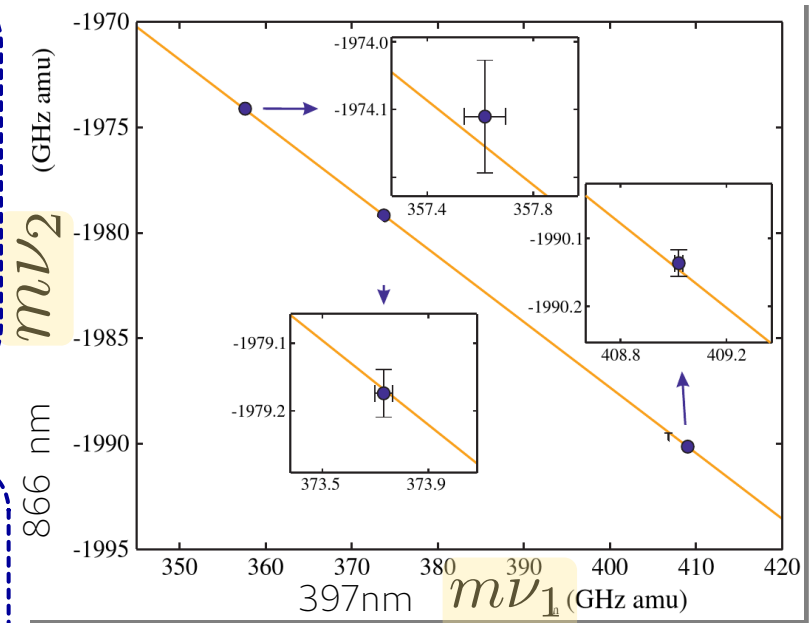
$i = 1, 2$  ↓

2<sup>nd</sup> transition to eliminate charge radius

[King '63]

Linear King relation (at leading order):

$$m\nu_2 = F_{21} m\nu_1 + K_{21}$$



[Gebert, Wan, Wolf, Angstmann, Berengut, Schmidt; PRL 115, 053003 (2015)]

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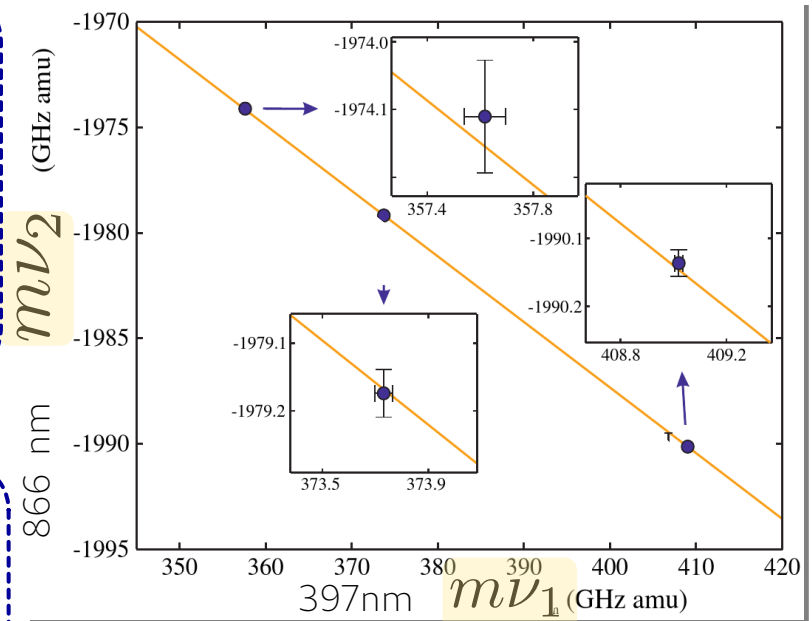
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Mass shift (MS)      Field shift (FS)

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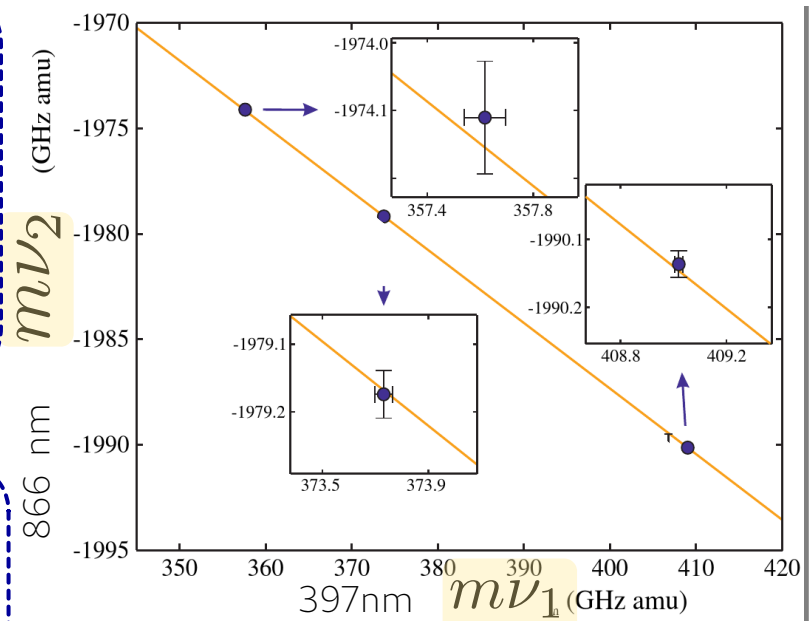
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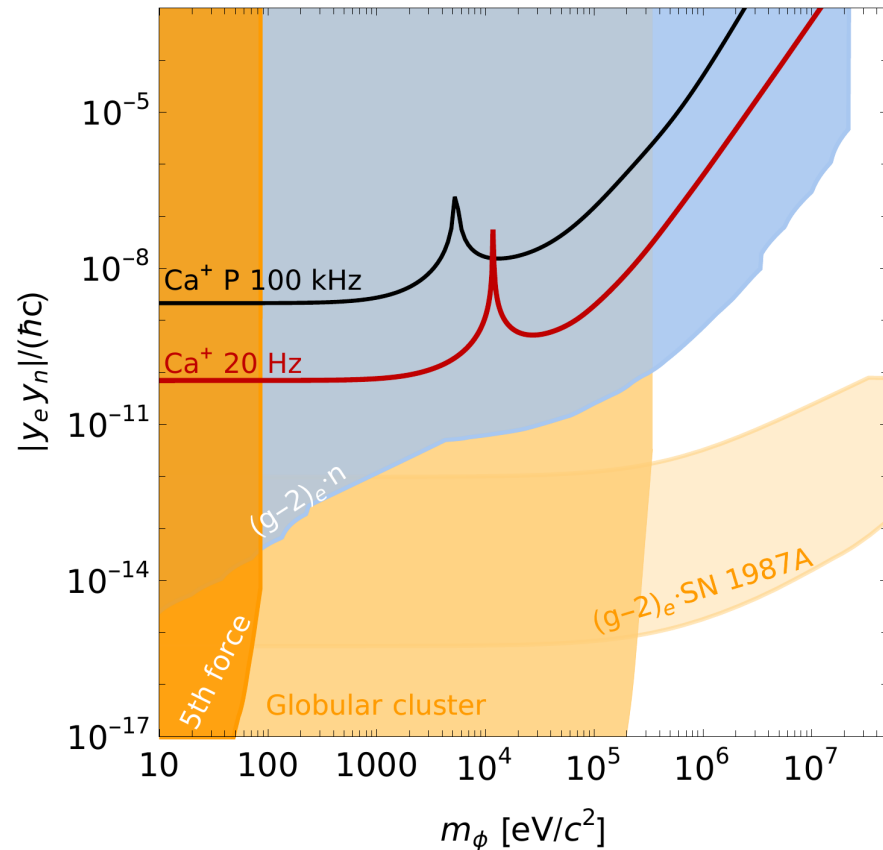


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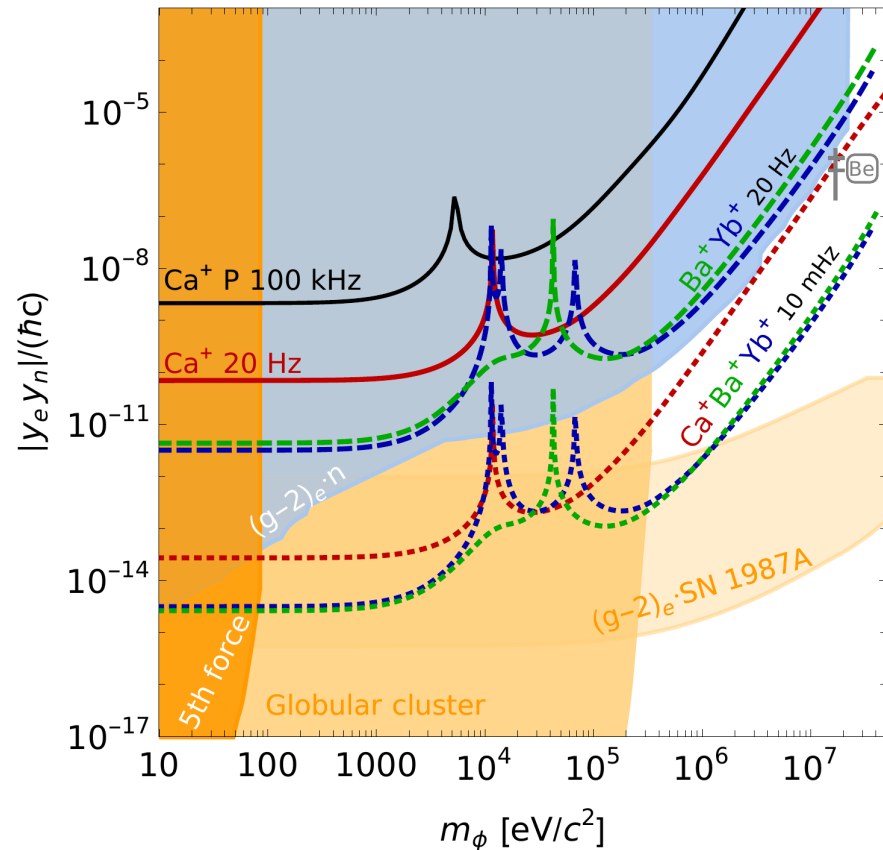


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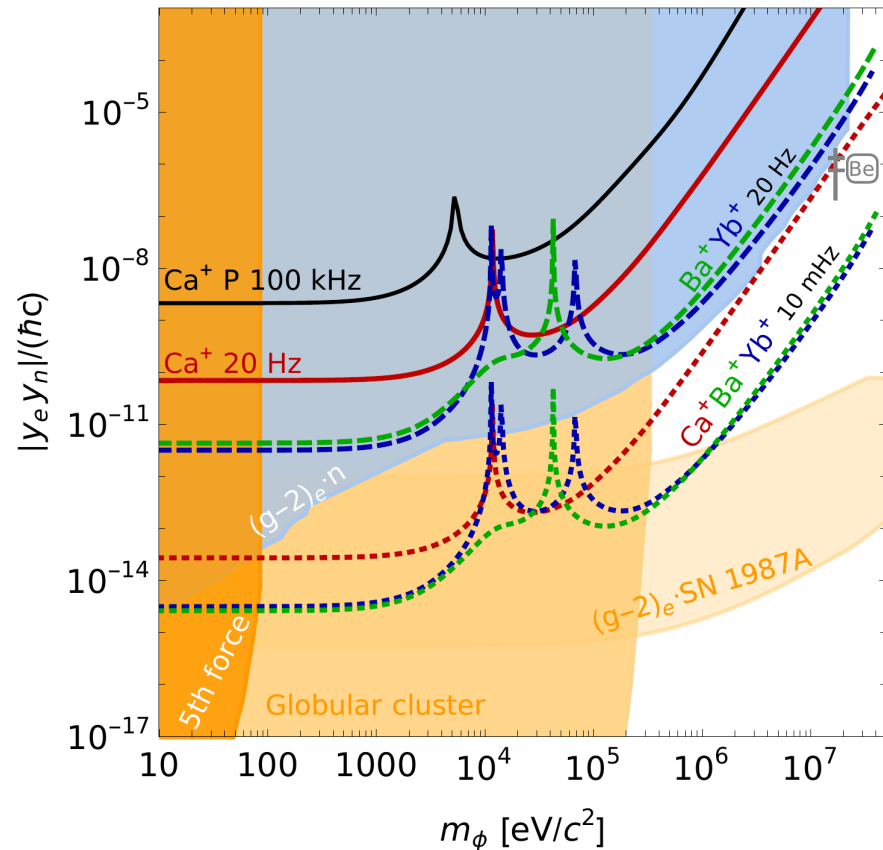


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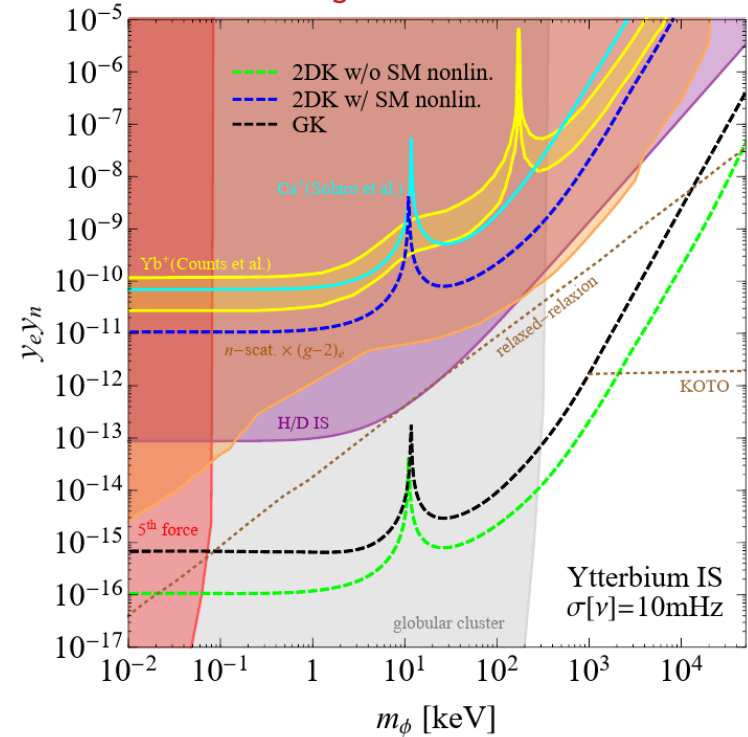
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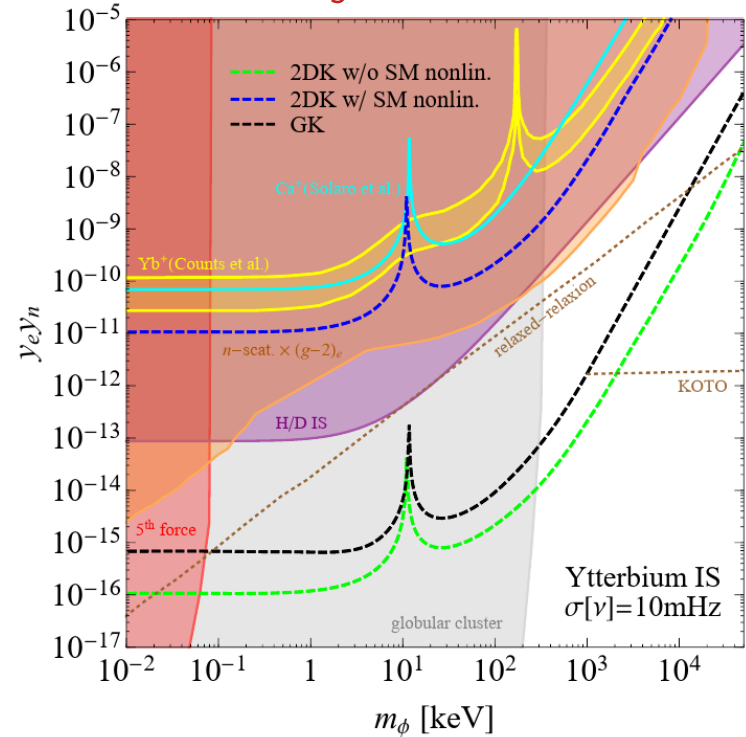
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combine elements:  
**Global fit** to all King plots

[Delaunay, EF, Kirk,  
Mariotti; in progress]

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# Further NP atomic precision probes

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- ◆ Highly charged ions: clocks, isotope shifts
- ◆ Rydberg states
- ◆ Few-electron systems (H, He, D, Li,...)
- ◆ Frequency modulation by GWs
- ◆ Tests of Local Lorentz invariance violation

# Variation of fundamental constants

Scalar ultralight DM  $\phi$

Antypas et al, Snowmass 2203.14915

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{\text{lin}} = \kappa\phi \left\{ \left[ \frac{d_e F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}}{4} - d_{m_e} m_e \bar{\psi}_e \psi_e \right] - \left[ \frac{d_g \beta_3 G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}}{2g_3} + \sum_{q=u,d,s} (d_{m_q} + \gamma_m d_g) m_q \bar{\psi}_q \psi_q \right] \right\}$$

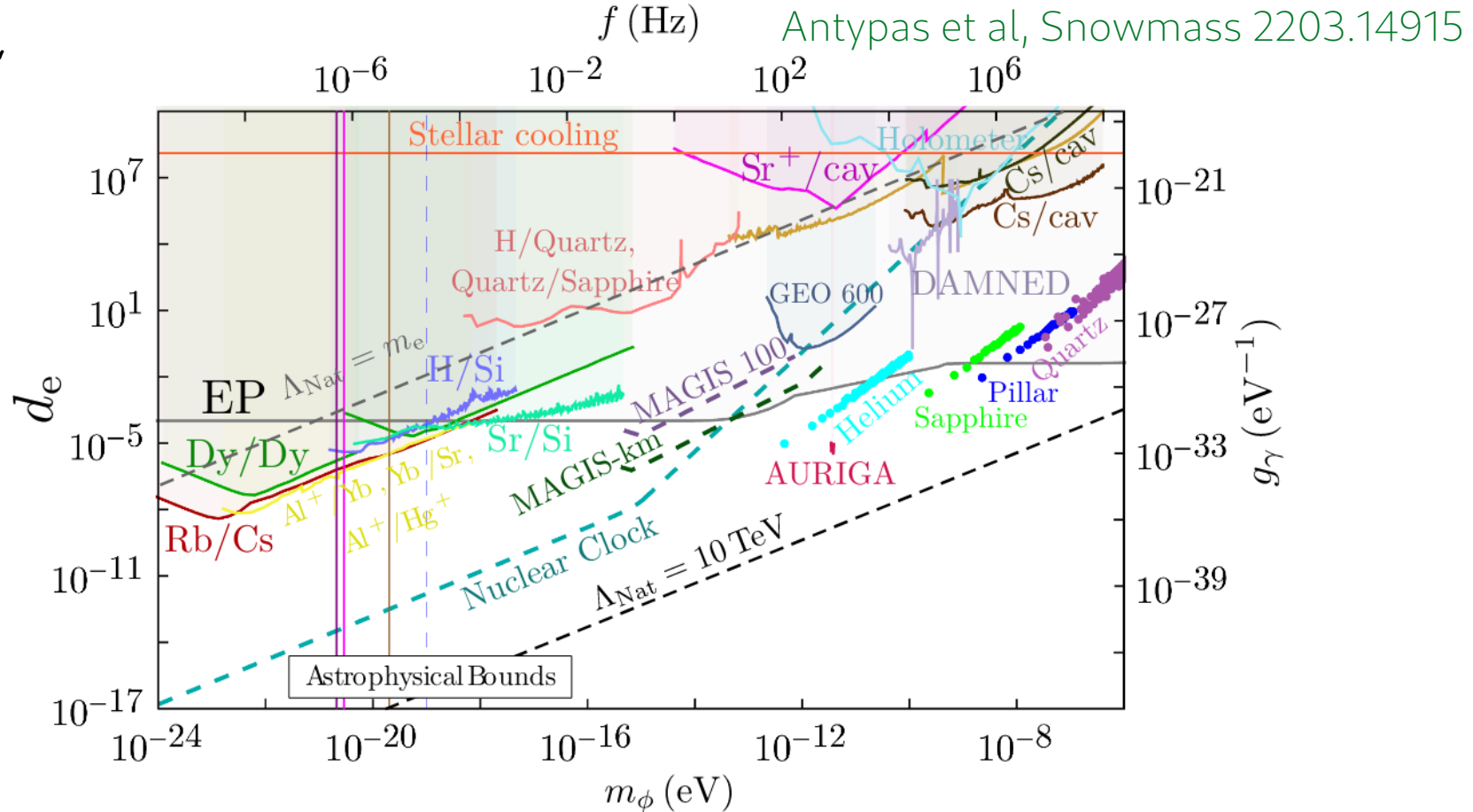
→ induces **oscillations** of  $\alpha_{\text{em}}$  and fermion masses:

$$\phi(t) \approx \phi_0 \cos(m_\phi t)$$

$$\alpha \rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{1 - g_\gamma \phi} \approx \alpha(1 + g_\gamma \phi), \quad m_\psi \rightarrow m_\psi + g_\psi \phi$$

# Ultralight scalar DM-photon coupling

$$\kappa \frac{d_e}{4} \phi F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$



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Energy shift due to new long-range interaction

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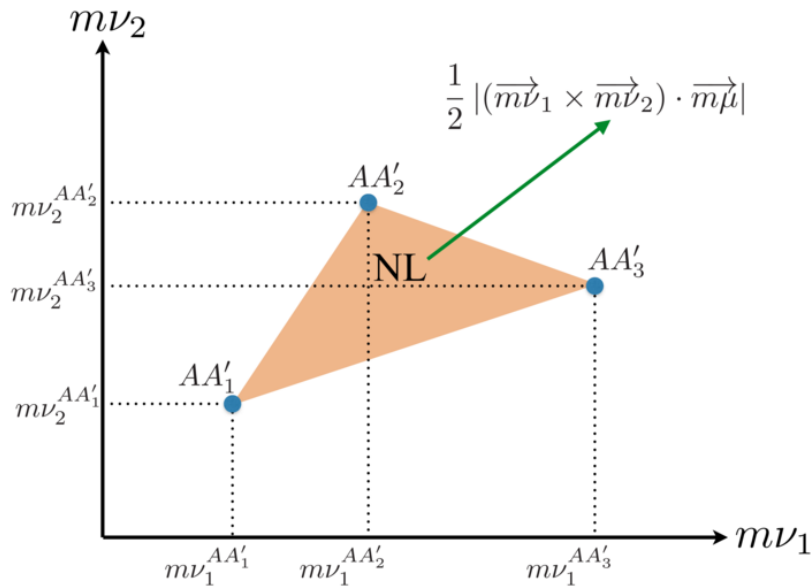
NP  $\phi$  coupling to electrons and neutrons

theory input: NP electronic coefficients  
 overlap of wavefunctions with NP potential  
 $X_i = X_i(m_\phi)$

Goal: bound on  $y_e y_n$  and  $m_\phi$  in data-driven approach

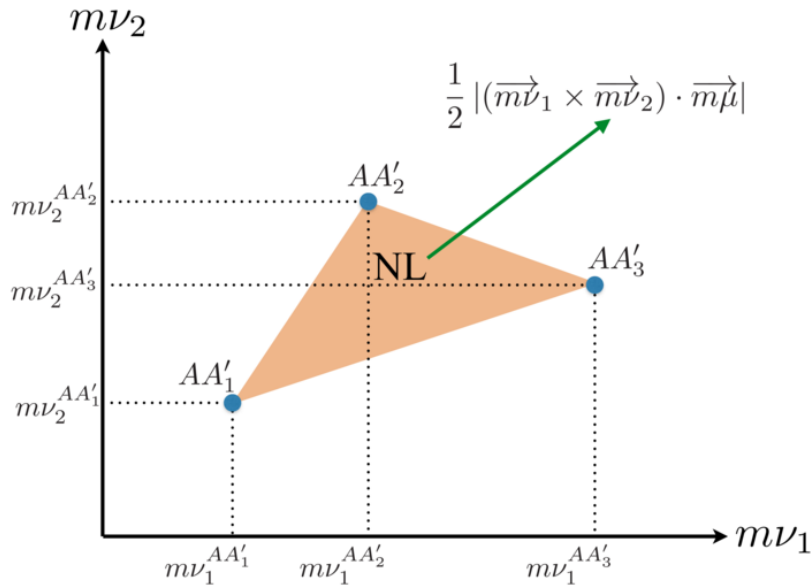
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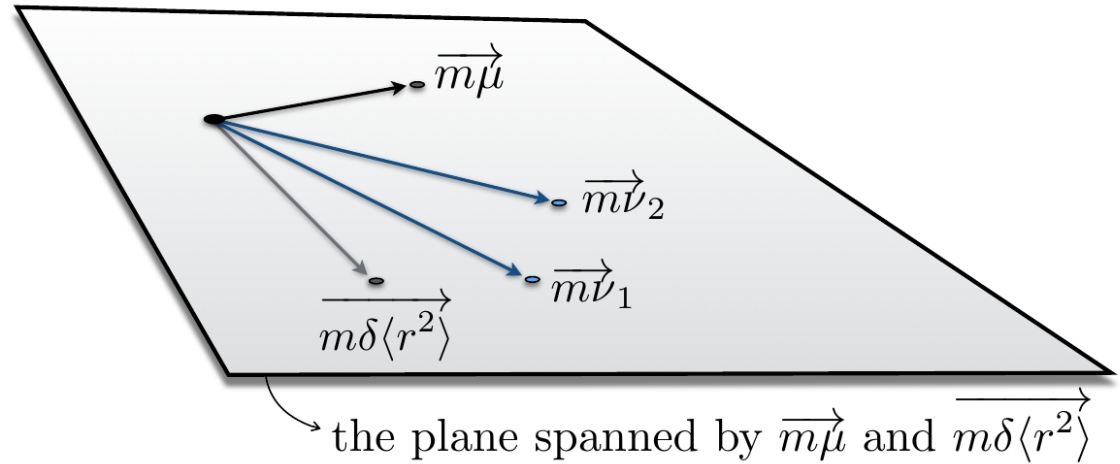


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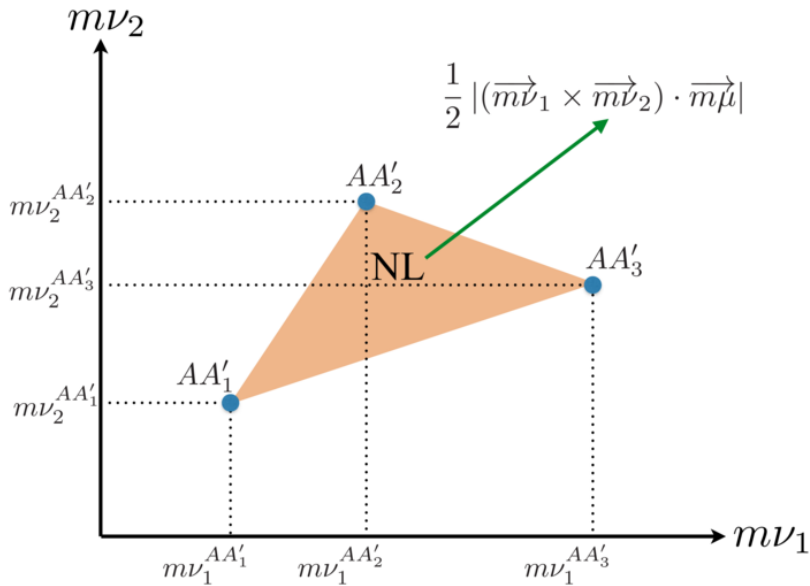


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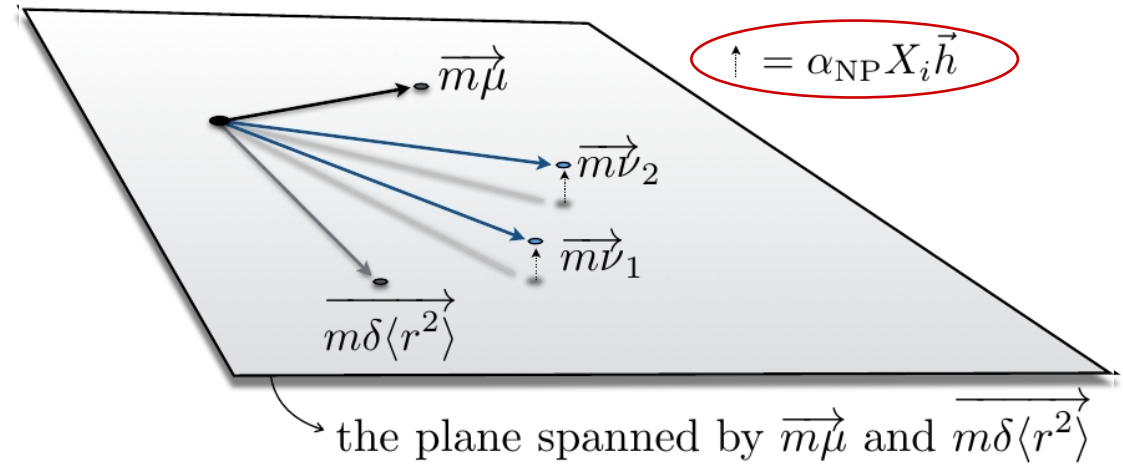


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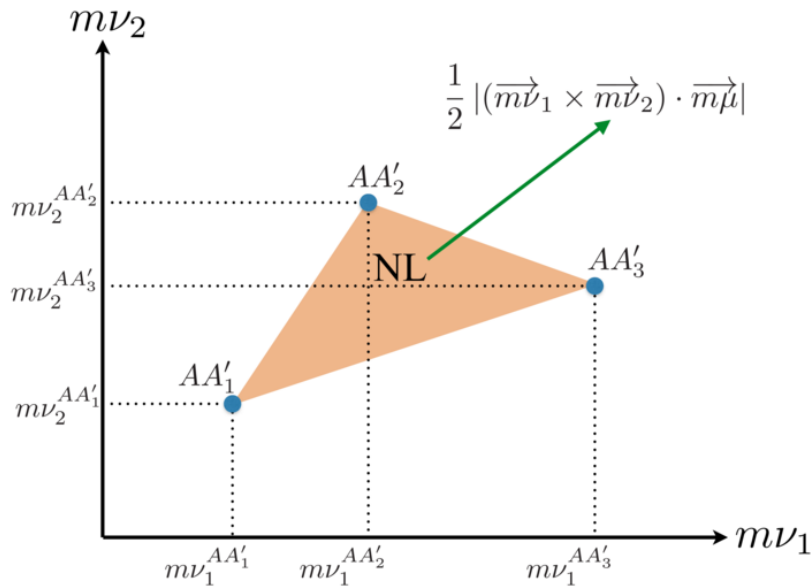


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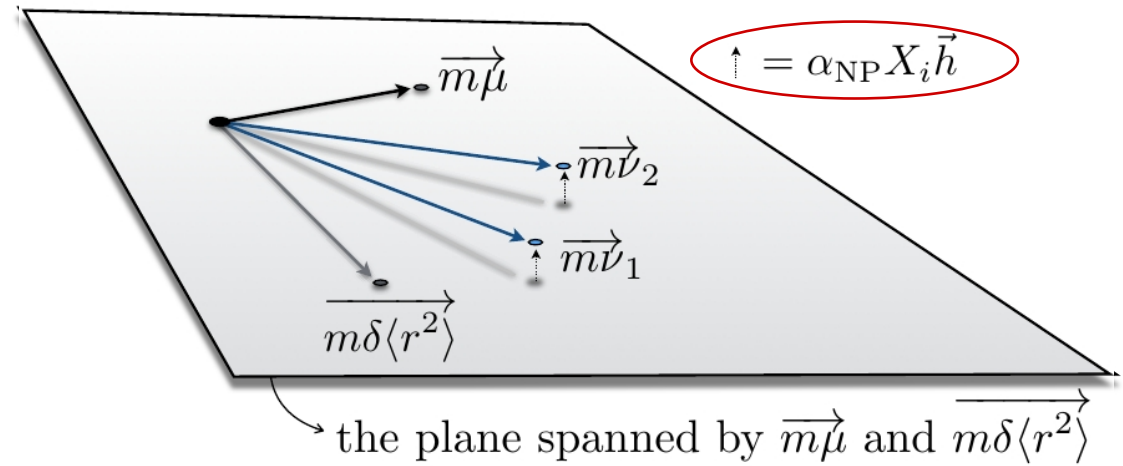


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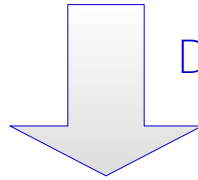
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**NP can break linearity: non-linearity measure  $NL_{\text{NP}}$**

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$NL_{\text{NP}} = 0$  if

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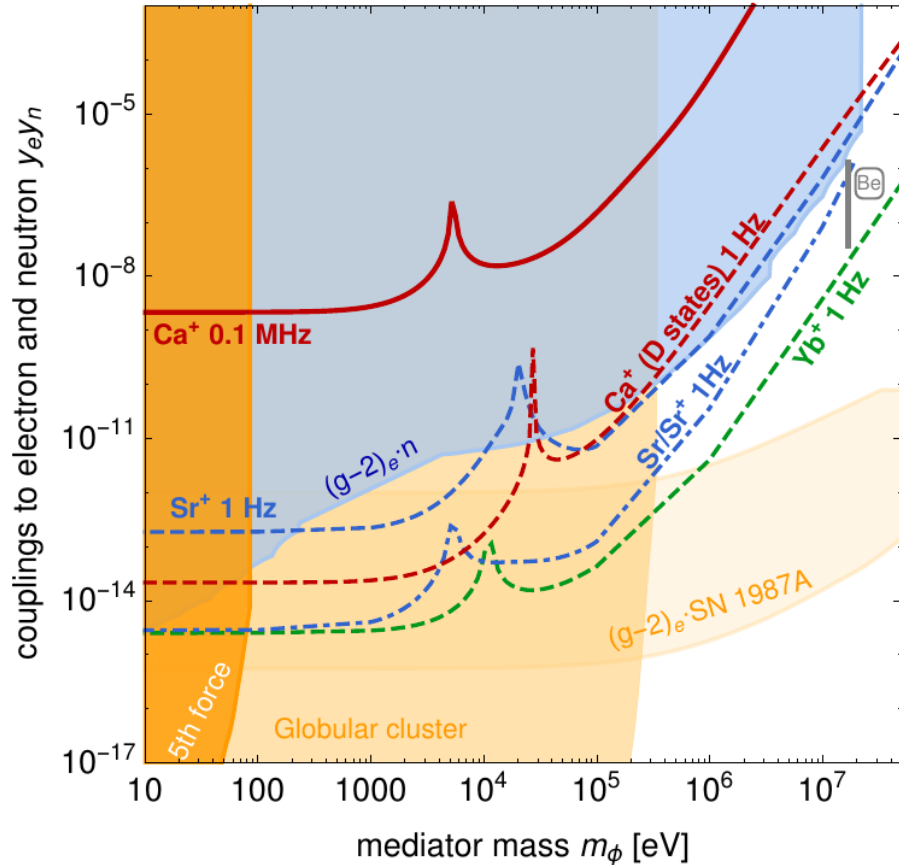
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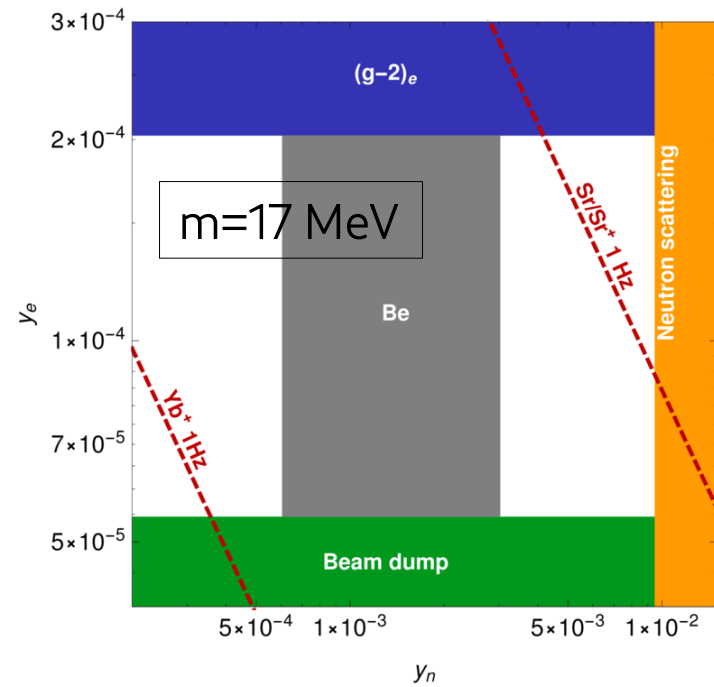
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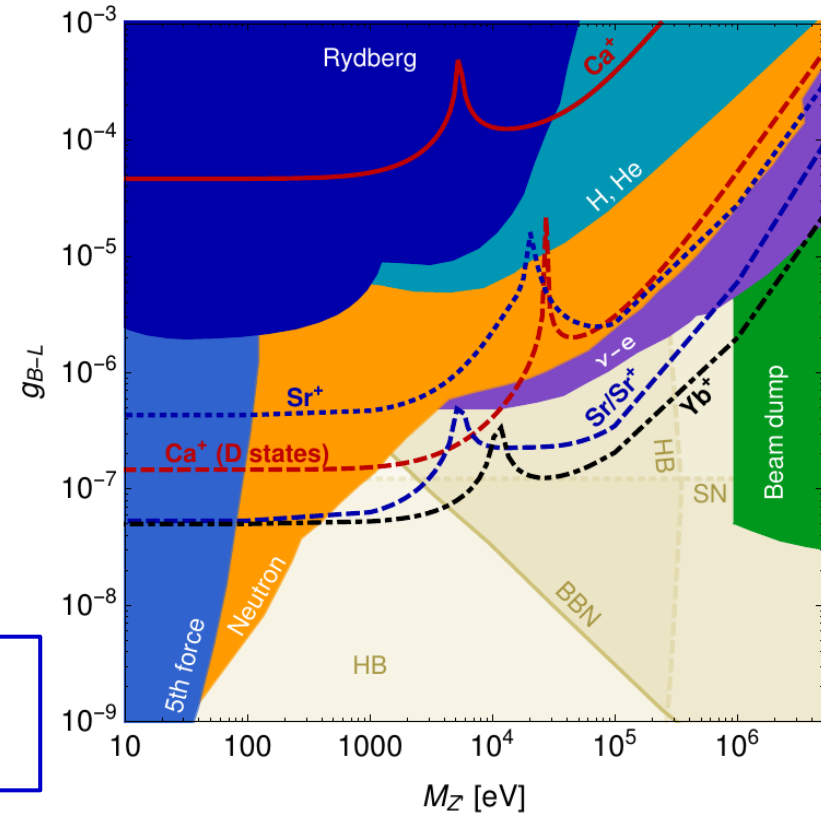
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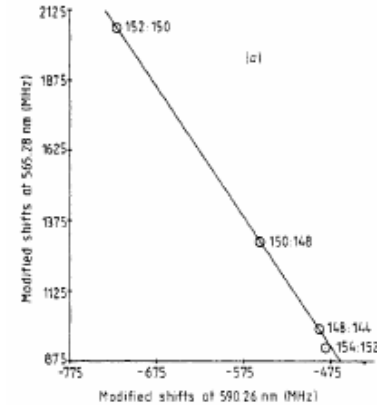
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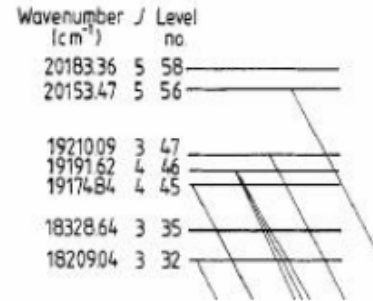
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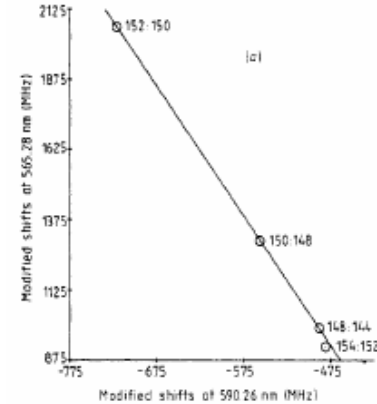


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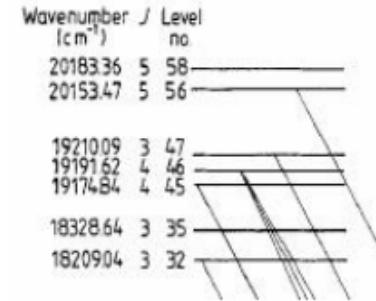
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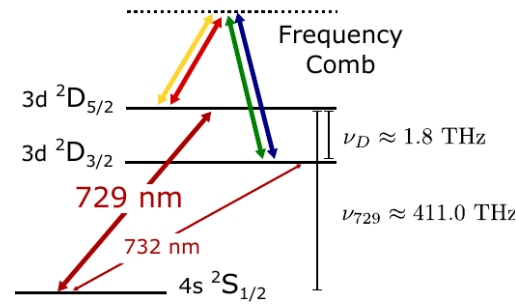
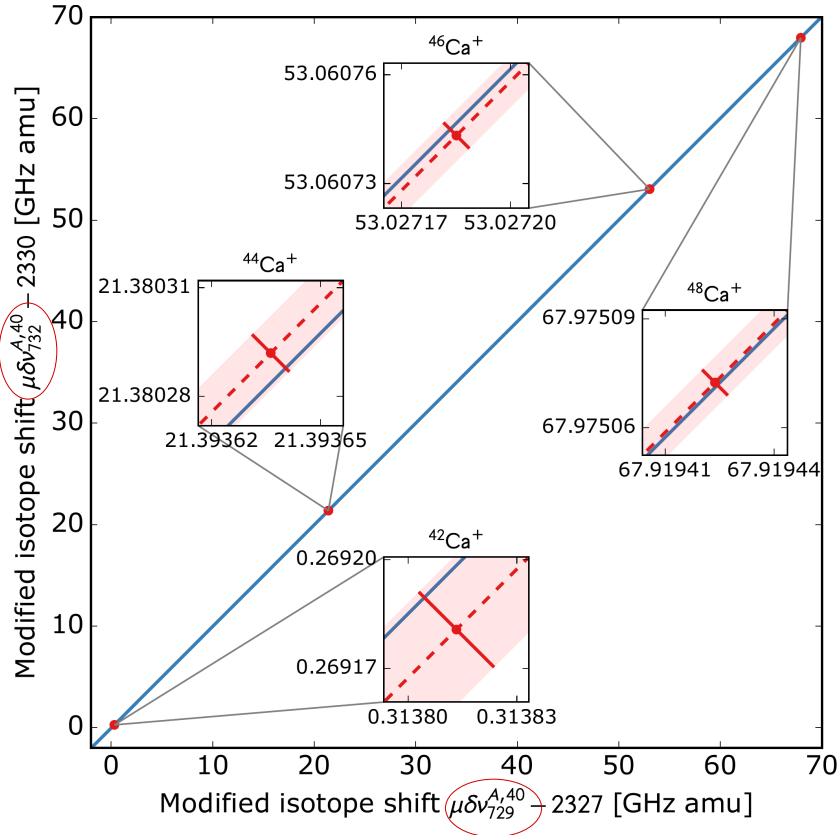


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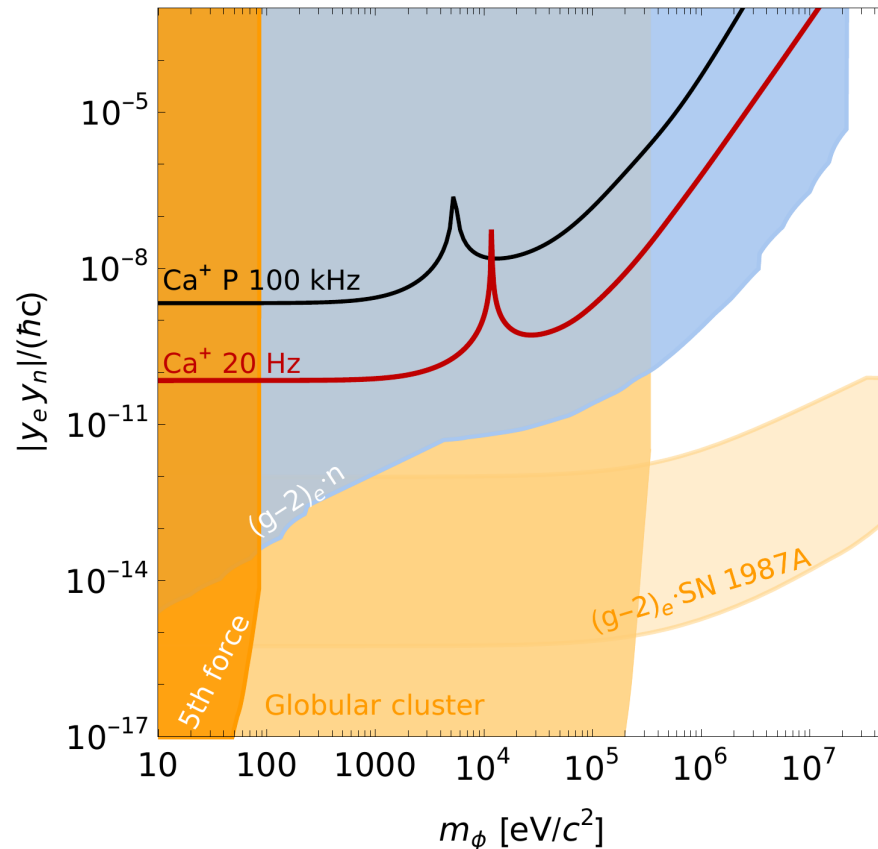
Aarhus:  $D_{3/2} - D_{5/2}$  at 20 Hz

Ca 40, 42, 44, 46, 48

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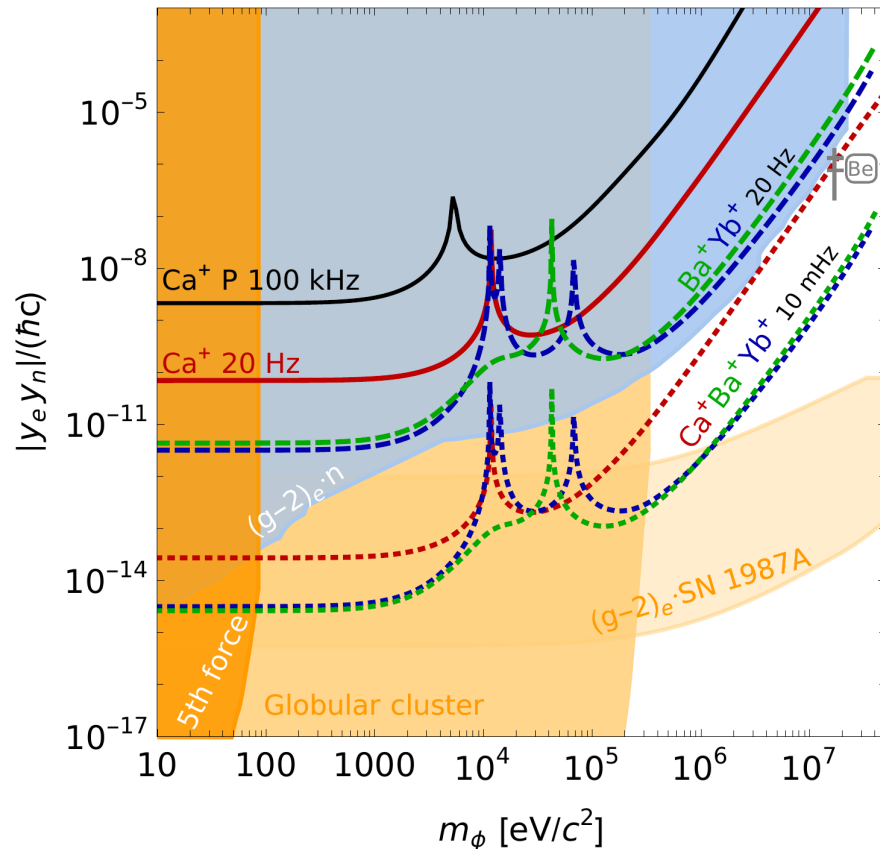


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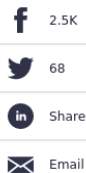
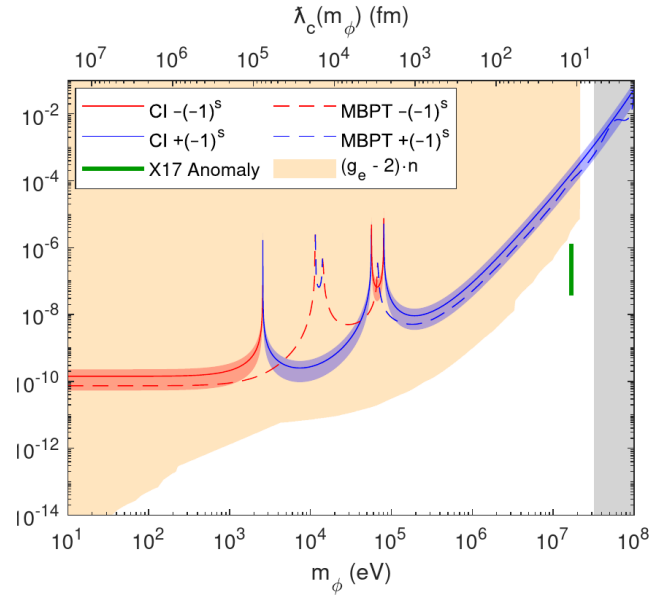
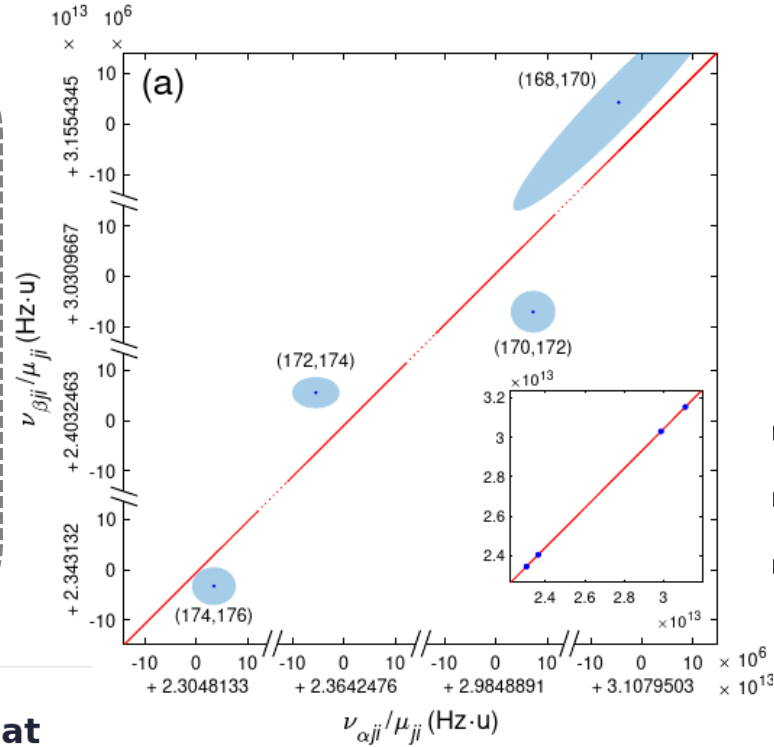


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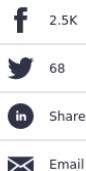
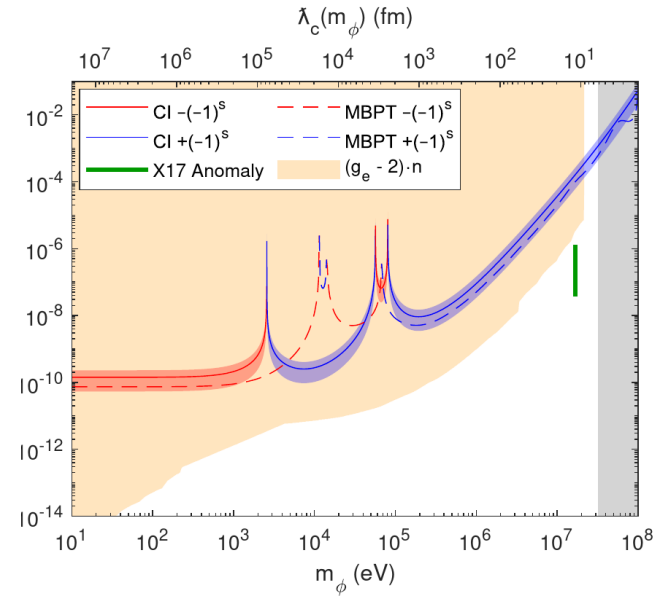
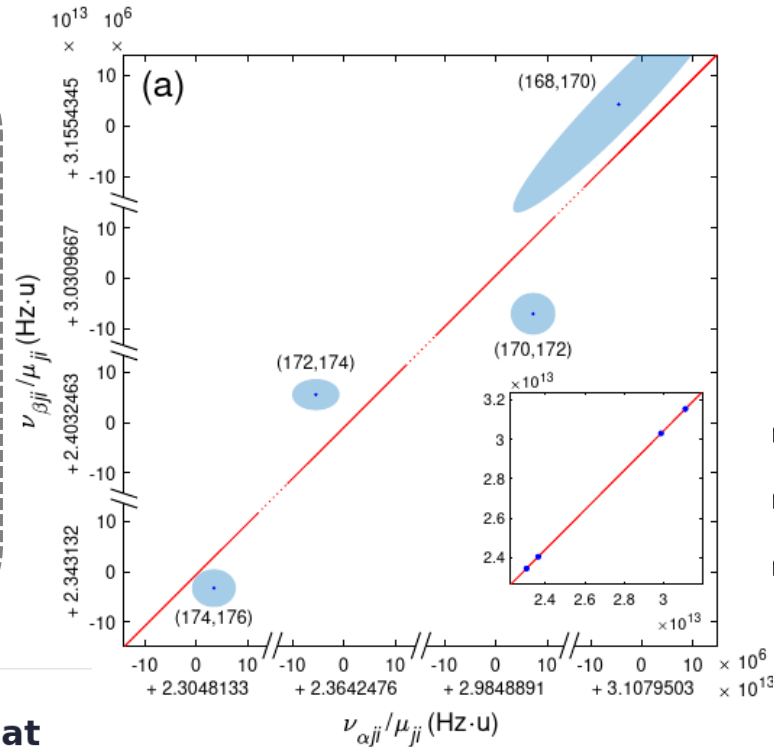
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BSM or nuclear physics?

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Figueroa, Berengut, Dzuba, Flambaum, Budker, Antypas, PRL 2022

New Yb/Yb<sup>+</sup> King plot: reduced nonlinearity could be explained by **nuclear deformation**

Hur, Craik, Counts, Berengut, Vuletic et al, '22

S → F octupole transition of Yb<sup>+</sup> combined with previous Yb<sup>+</sup> and Yb IS:

- 4.3 sigma for **2<sup>nd</sup> source**
- future: 4 orders improvement of exp. uncertainty to sub-Hz level as in simultaneously trapped Sr<sup>+</sup>

Flambaum, Samsonov, Tan, Viatkina '21

**Nuclear polarization** effects in atoms and ions

Fürst, Zeh, Dreissen, Kulosa, Kalincev, Lange, Benkler, Huntemann, Peik, Mehlstäubler PRL 2020

- **Improved measurement** of 411nm E2 and 467nm E3 transitions at few Hz
- further with sub-10-Hz precision, update coming soon

# Highly charged ion (HCI) King plot

[Rehbehn, Rosner, Bekker, Berengut, Schmidt, King, Micke, Gu, Müller, Suryzhkov, Crespo Lopez-Urrutia '21]

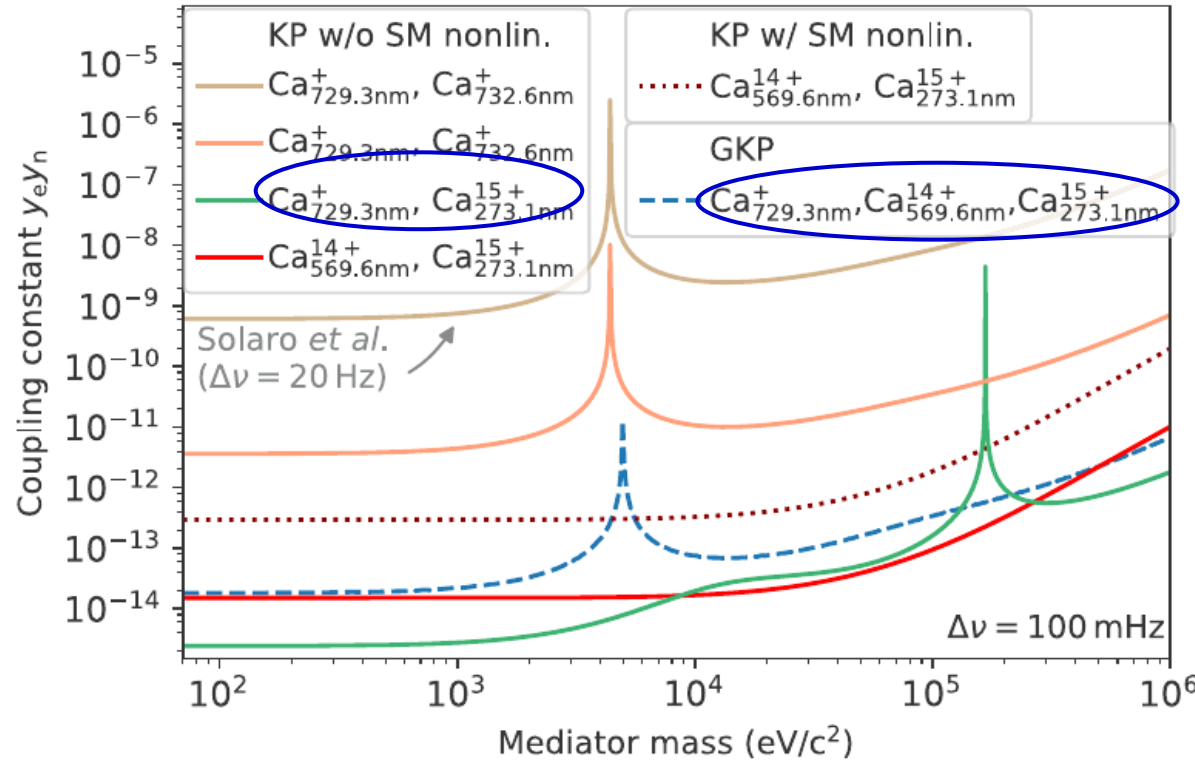
[King, Spieß, Micke, Wilzewski, Leopold, Benkler, Lange, Huntemann, Suryzhkov, Zerokhin, Crespo, Schmidt; Nature 611 (2022)]

- HCIs: less electrons
- Generalized King plot
- Projected bounds assuming no isotope mass uncertainties

Very promising combination of singly and highly charged Ca ions

- find optimal combination
- ongoing: replacement of isotope masses AND higher-order mass shift

[Berengut, EF, Mariotti, Richter, Surzhykov, Viatkina; work in progress]



See also Hydrogen-like ions [Debierre, Keitel, Harman '22]

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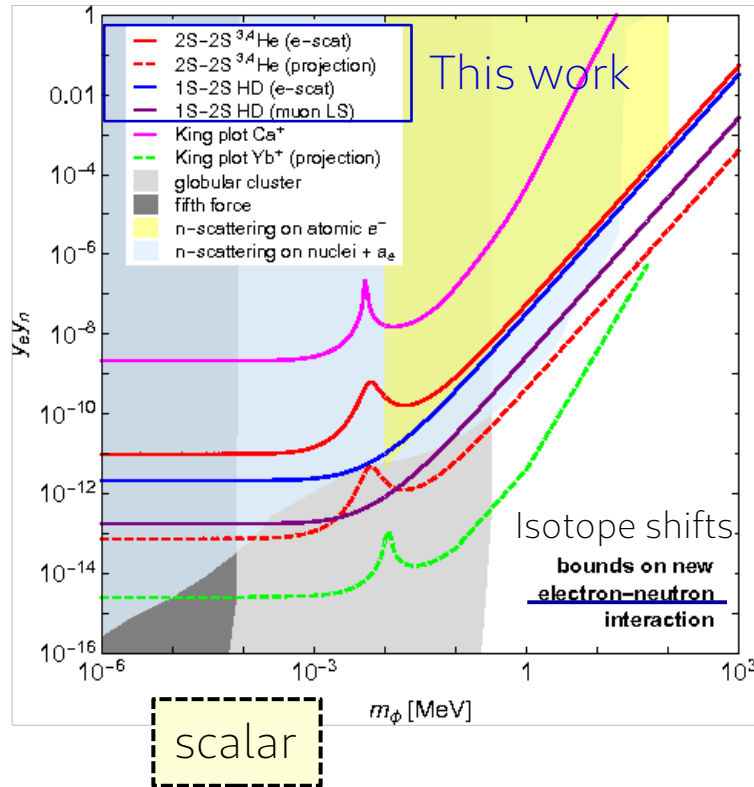
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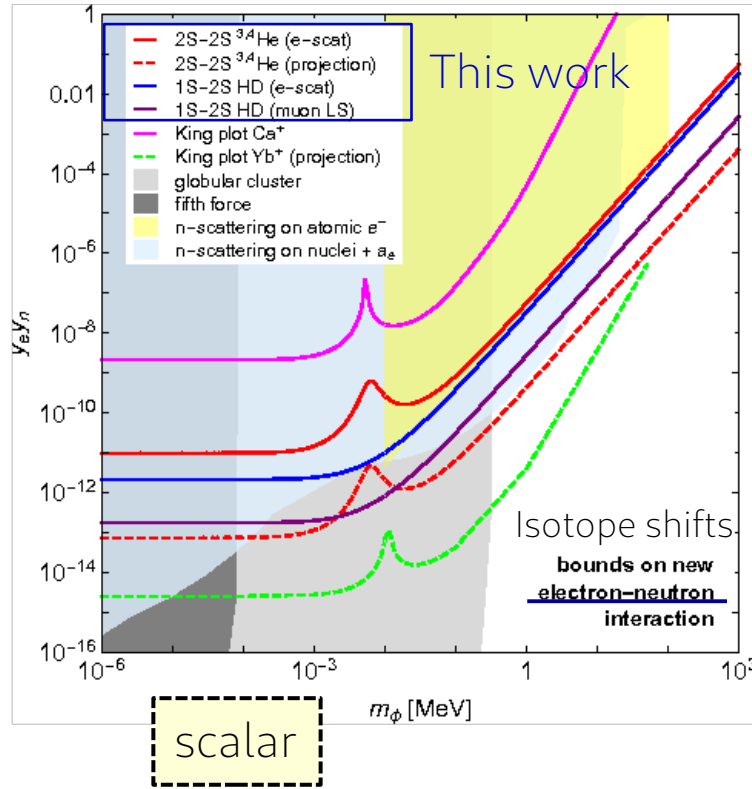


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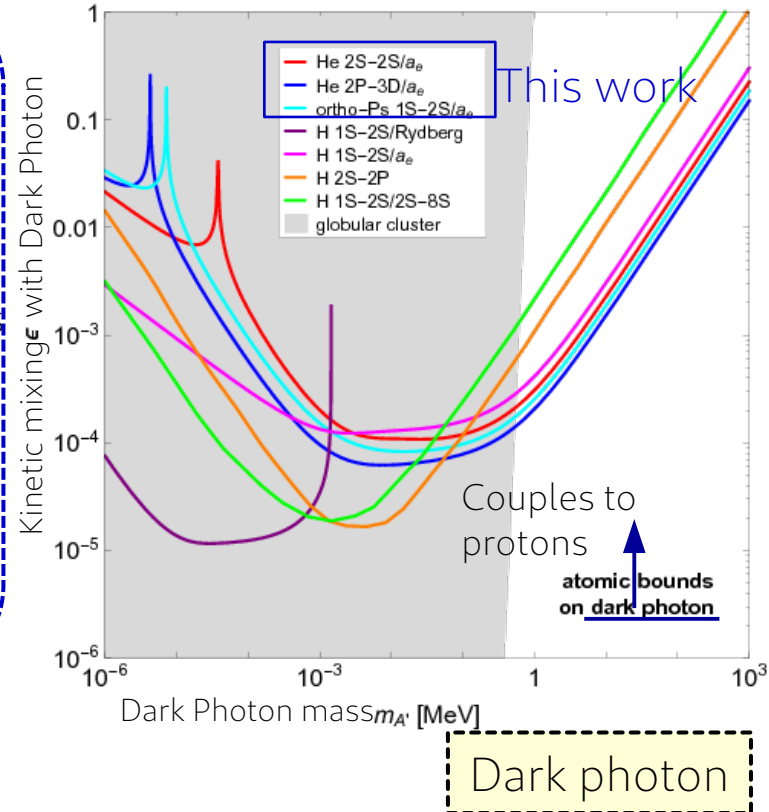
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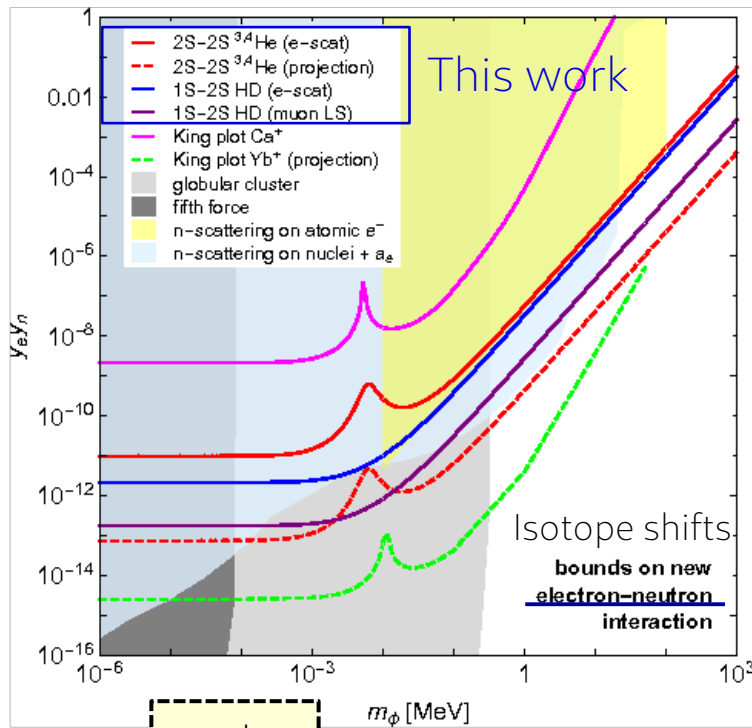
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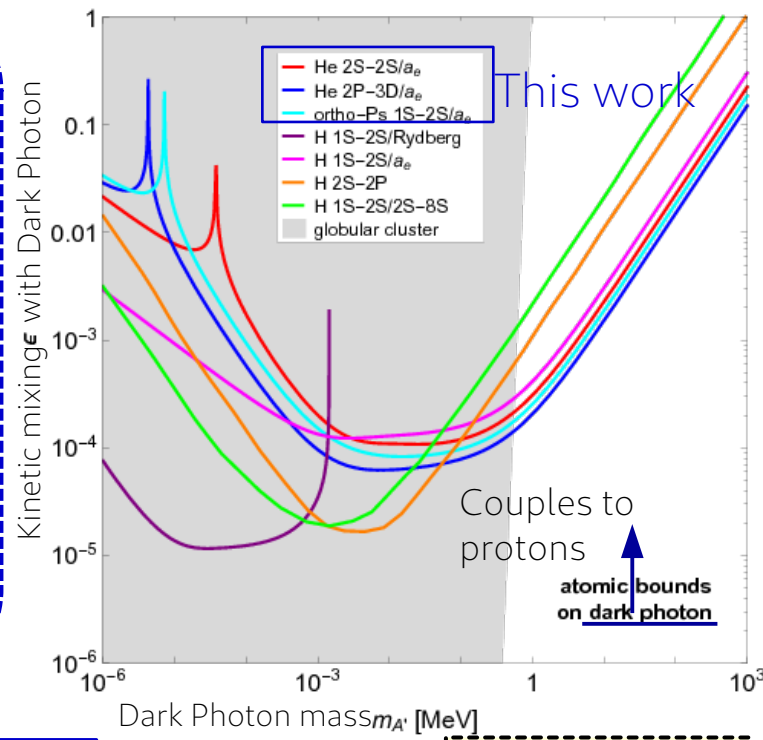
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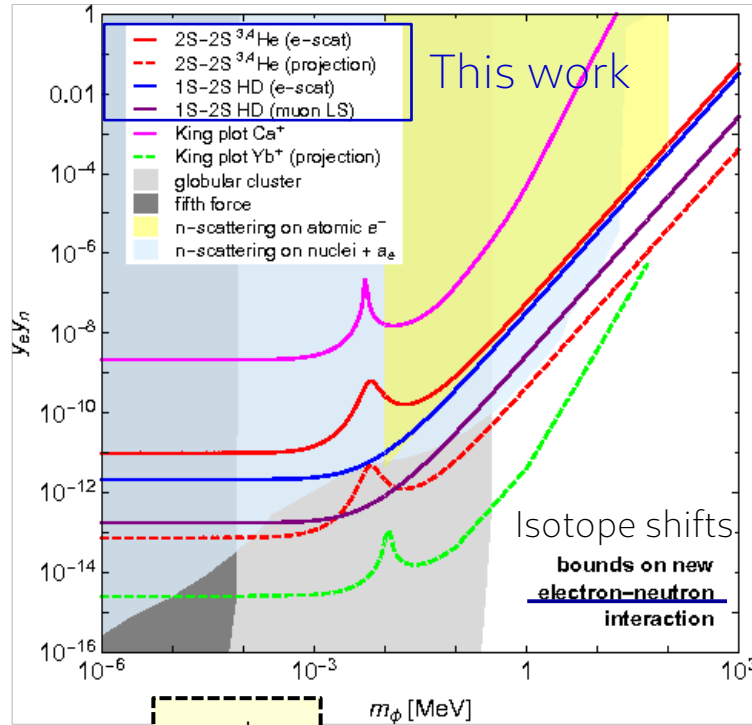
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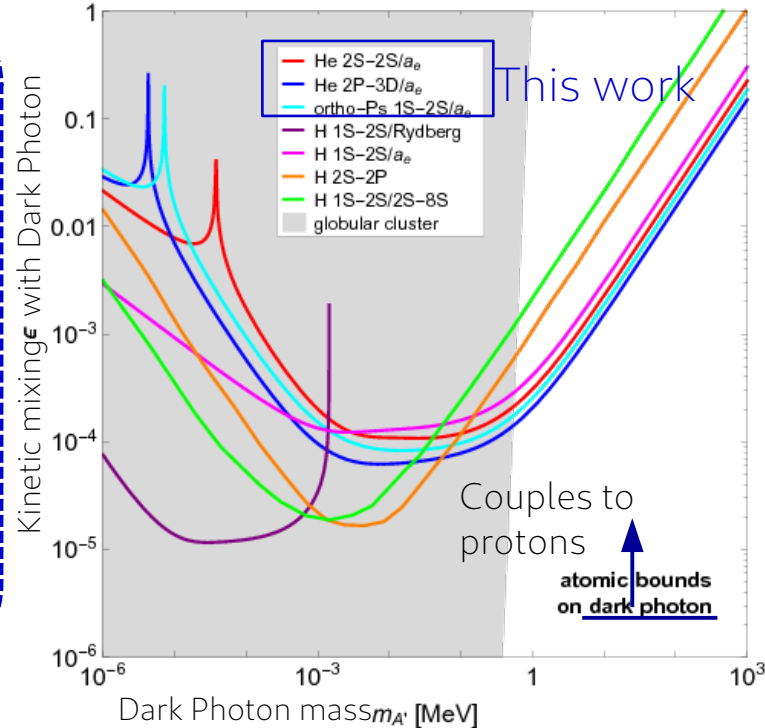
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# New Ca<sup>+</sup> Isotope Shift Measurements

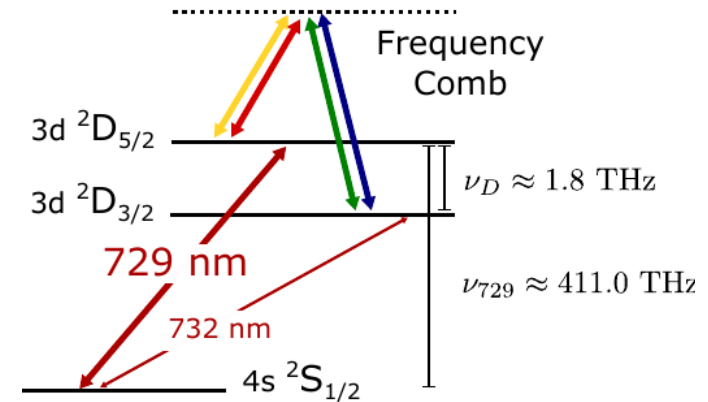
[Solaro, Meyer, Fisher, Berengut, EF, Drewsen, PRL 125, 123003 (2020)]

- Very precise measurement of **D-fine splitting** of Ca<sup>+</sup> at Aarhus (Denmark)

$D_{3/2} - D_{5/2}$  at 20 Hz → precision  $\sim 10^{-6}$

- S- $D_{5/2}$  at 2 kHz → precision  $\sim 10^{-7}$

[Knollmann, Patel, Doret, PRA 2019]  $\sim 10^{-9}$



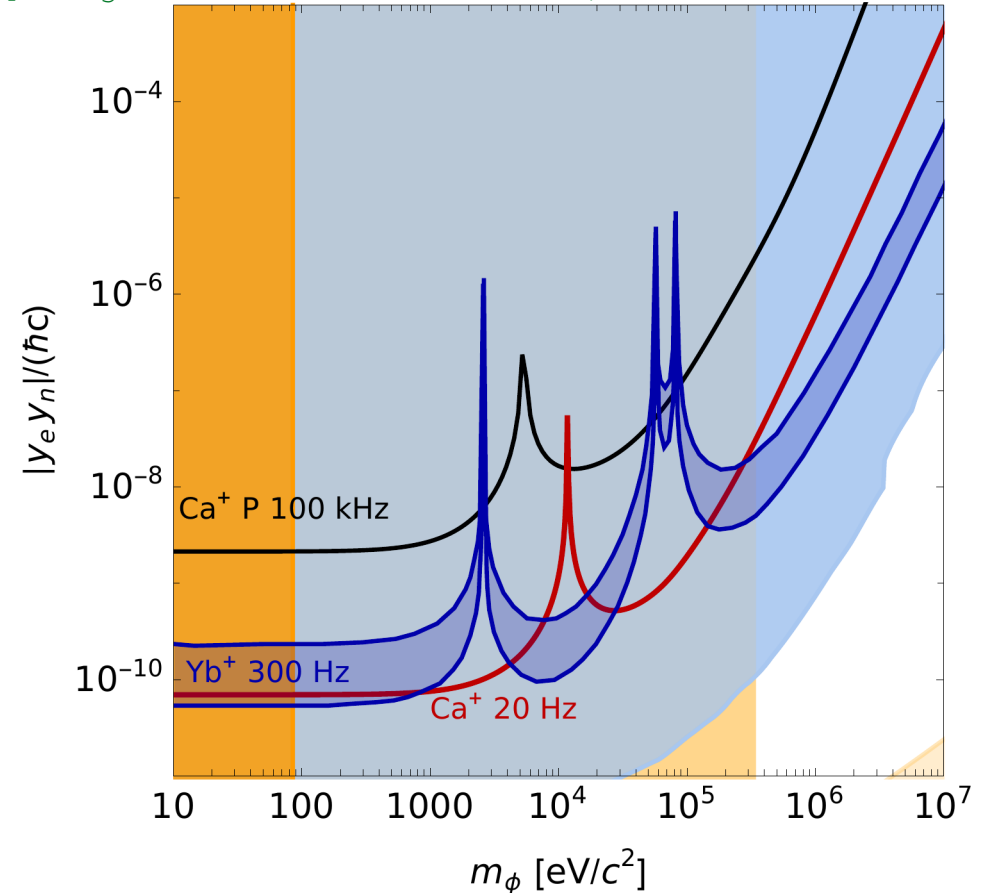
[Solaro, Meyer, Fisher, DePalatis, Drewsen (Aarhus University), PhysRevLett.120.253601]

5 isotopes measured: Ca 40, 42, 44, 46, 48  
→ 4 pairs, i.e. 1 more than required

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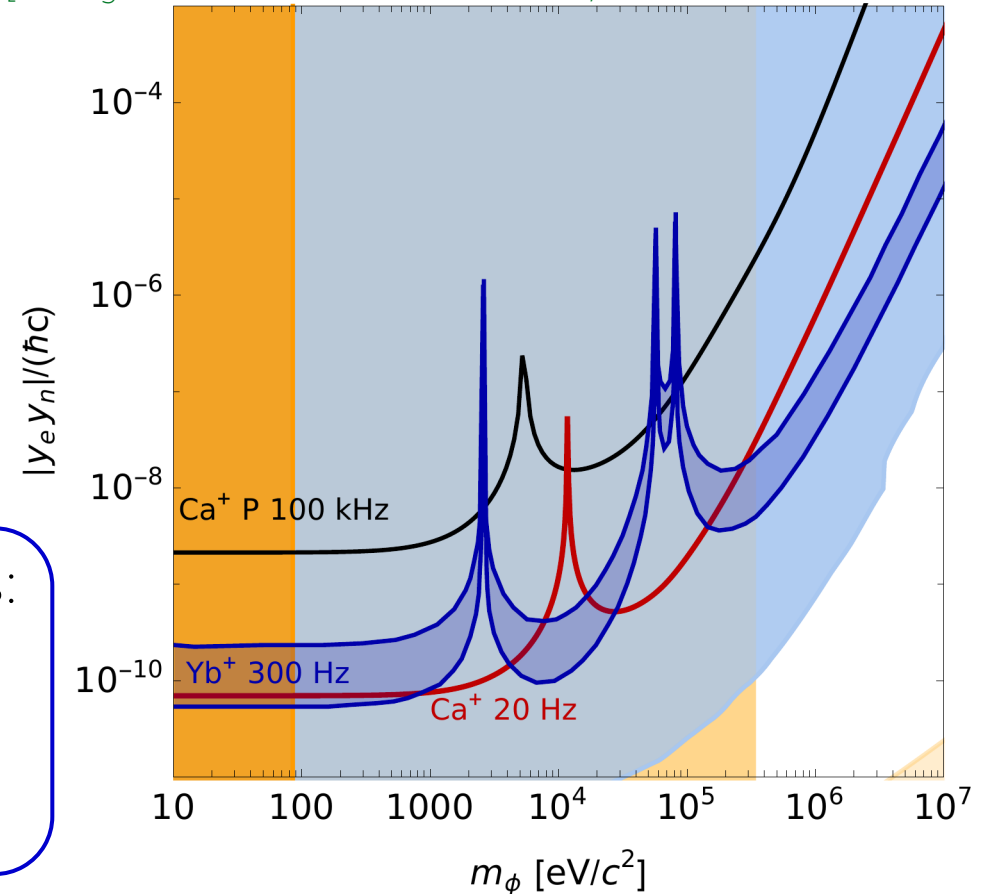
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*if Yb-NL assumed as purely New Physics:*

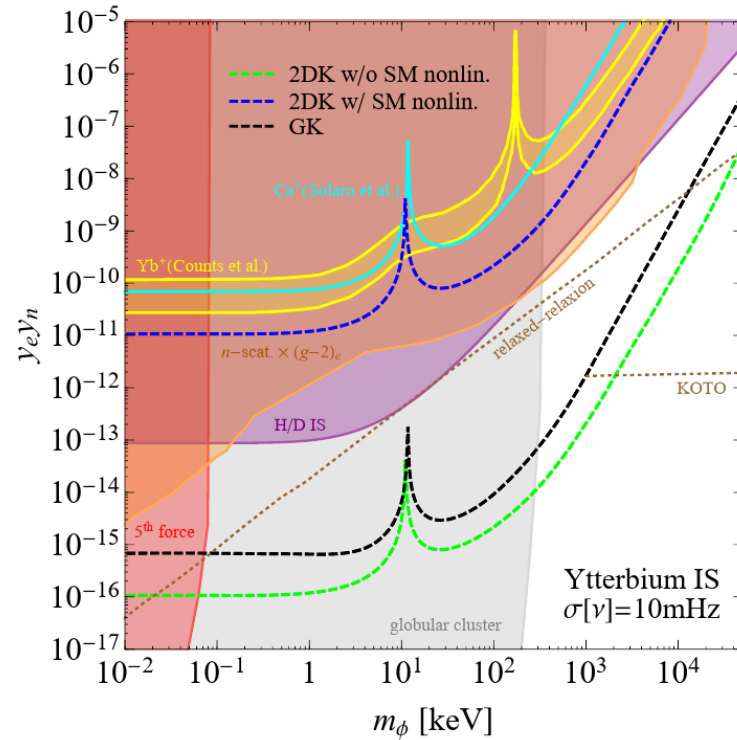
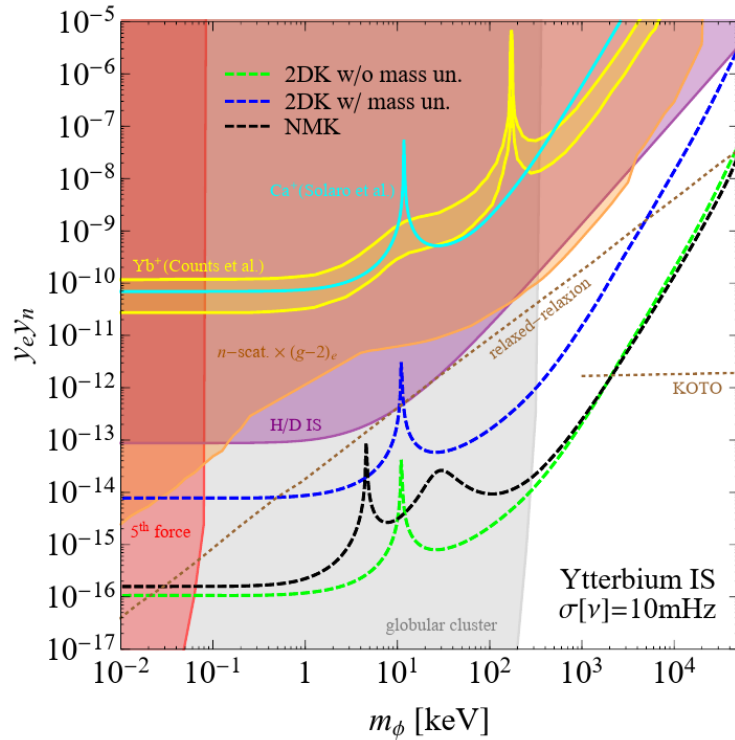
→ necessary coupling range is

- partly excluded by Ca
- excluded by  $(g-2)_e$  \* n-scattering

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# Generalised King Plot



# NP electronic overlap

Electronic NP coefficient: overlap of wavefunctions of initial and final states (a, b) with the NP (Yukawa) potential

Perturbative approximation:

$$X_i = \int d^3r \frac{e^{-m_\phi r}}{4\pi r} [|\Psi_b(r)|^2 - |\Psi_a(r)|^2]$$

Contact-Interaction + Multibody Perturbation Theory (CI+MBPT)

$$X_i = \frac{1}{A - Z} \left. \frac{d\epsilon_{ab}}{d\alpha_{\text{NP}}} \right|_{\alpha_{\text{NP}}=0}$$

Difference of energy levels as a function of  $\alpha_{\text{NP}}$

# Chameleon search with King plot



Dark Energy

Matter density

[Khoury, Weltman '04, '04]  
 [Brax, Burrage '10, '11]  
 [Frugiuuele, EF, Perez, Schlaffer '17]

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V(\phi) + \frac{\phi\rho}{M}$$

Energy scale/coupling

Chameleon mass is density dependent:  
 → Heavy in dense environment  
 → screening in test masses  
 → mediating a long-range interaction

$$\delta H|_n = -\frac{m_e m_N}{4\pi r M^2}$$

Change in Hamiltonian  
 → change in energy level of e

Match to  $V_{\text{NP}}$

$$M > \sqrt{\frac{m_e m_n}{y_e y_n|_{\text{min}}}} \approx 500 \text{ TeV} \approx 2.5 \cdot 10^{-13} M_{\text{Pl}}$$

Sensitivity projection with future Yb<sup>+</sup> King plot with 1Hz precision

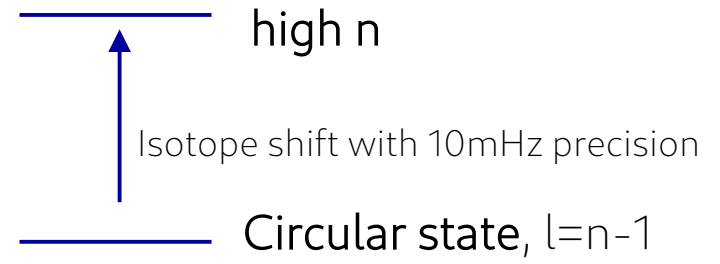
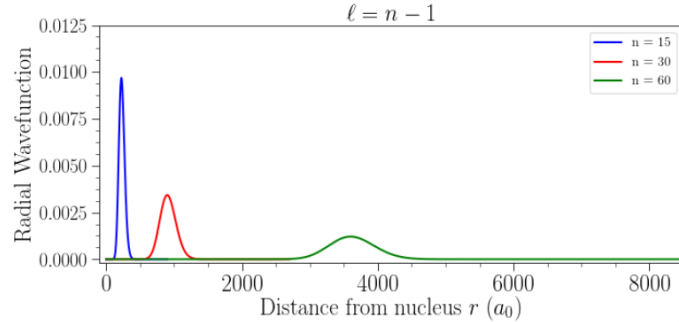


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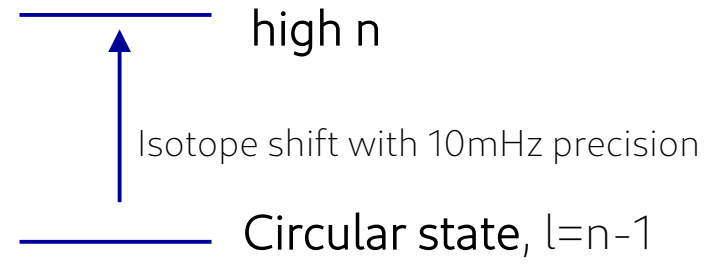
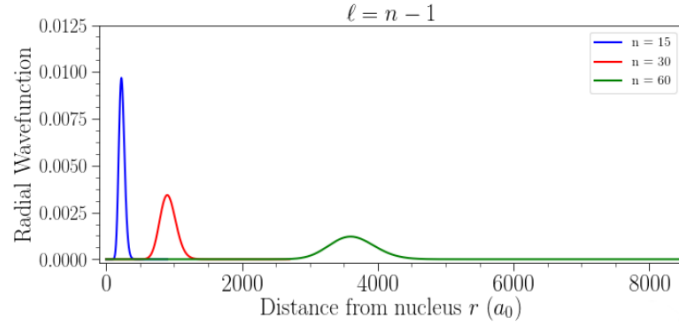


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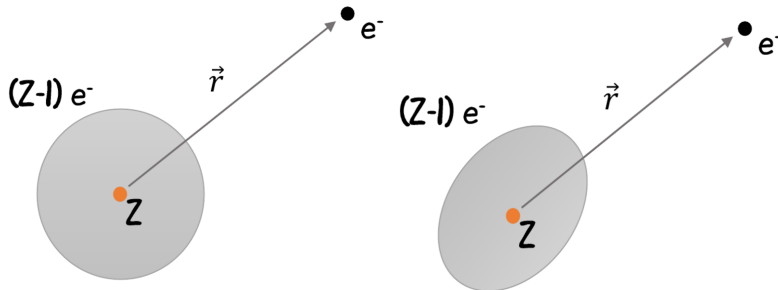
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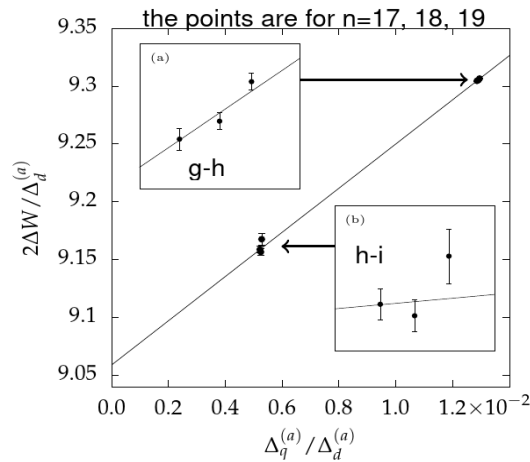
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## Bottleneck: Core polarizability



[image: MSc thesis, S. Duque-Mesa]



Rb data in polarizability plot:  
[Berl, Sackett, Gallagher, Nunkaew '20]

Trick: Measure many transitions

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Expect points in plane

$$\frac{f_{AB}}{\delta_Y} = - \left( \alpha_A^d m_e \mu_{AB}^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \alpha_{AB}^d \right) \frac{\delta_{r^{-4}}}{\delta_Y} - \left( 3\alpha_A^q m_e \mu_{AB}^{-1} + \frac{1}{2} \Delta \alpha_{AB}^q \right) \frac{\delta_{r^{-6}}}{\delta_Y} + 2\pi R_\infty m_e \mu_{AB}^{-1} \frac{\delta_{r^{-1}}}{\delta_Y} + \alpha_{NP}$$

dipole
quadrupole

$\vec{x}$ 
 $\vec{y}$

$$\delta_{r^q} = \langle r^q \rangle_{n_2 l_2} - \langle r^q \rangle_{n_1 l_1}$$

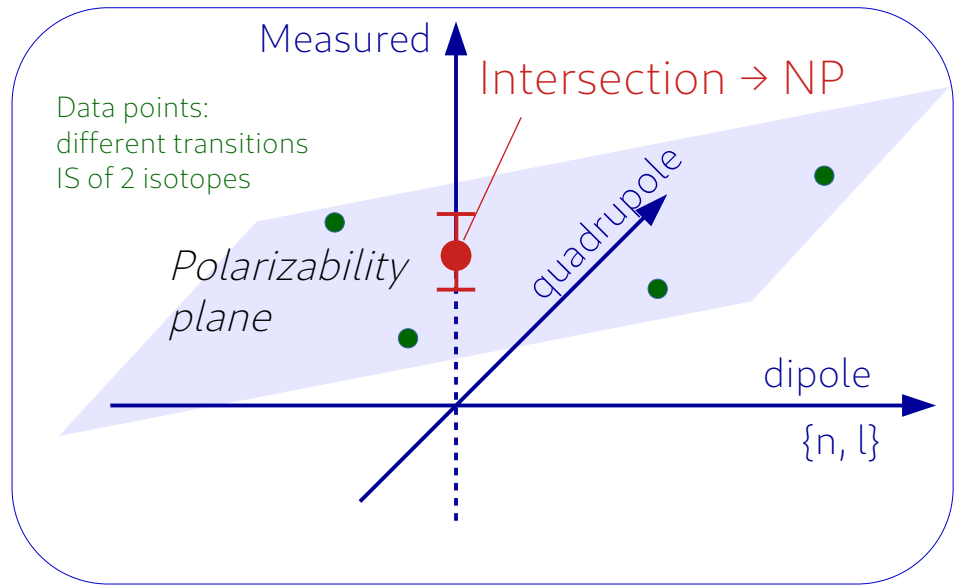
$$\delta_Y = \left\langle \frac{e^{-m_\phi r}}{r} \right\rangle_{n_2 l_2} - \left\langle \frac{e^{-m_\phi r}}{r} \right\rangle_{n_1 l_1}$$

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Vector:  
Many n, l

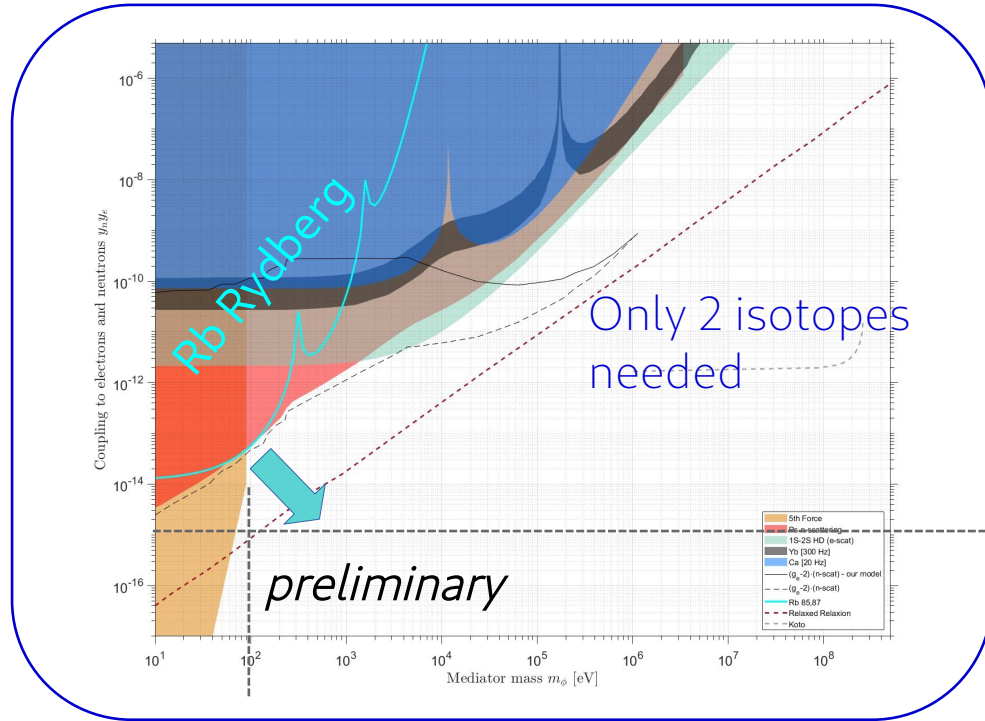
$$\vec{z} = C + A\vec{x} + B\vec{y}$$

$$C = \frac{(\vec{x} \times \vec{y}) \cdot \vec{z}}{(\vec{x} \times \vec{y}) \cdot \vec{1}} \rightarrow \alpha_{NP}$$

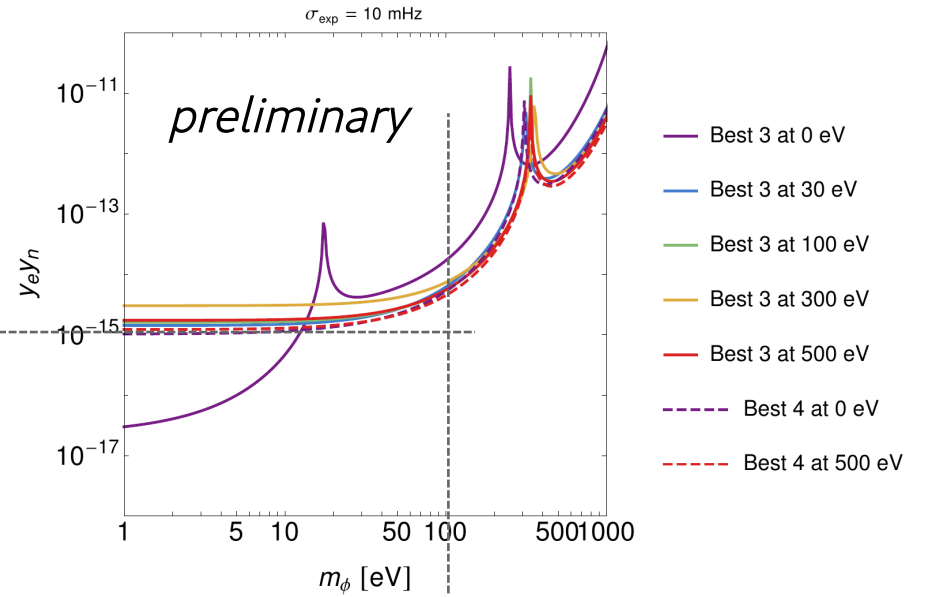


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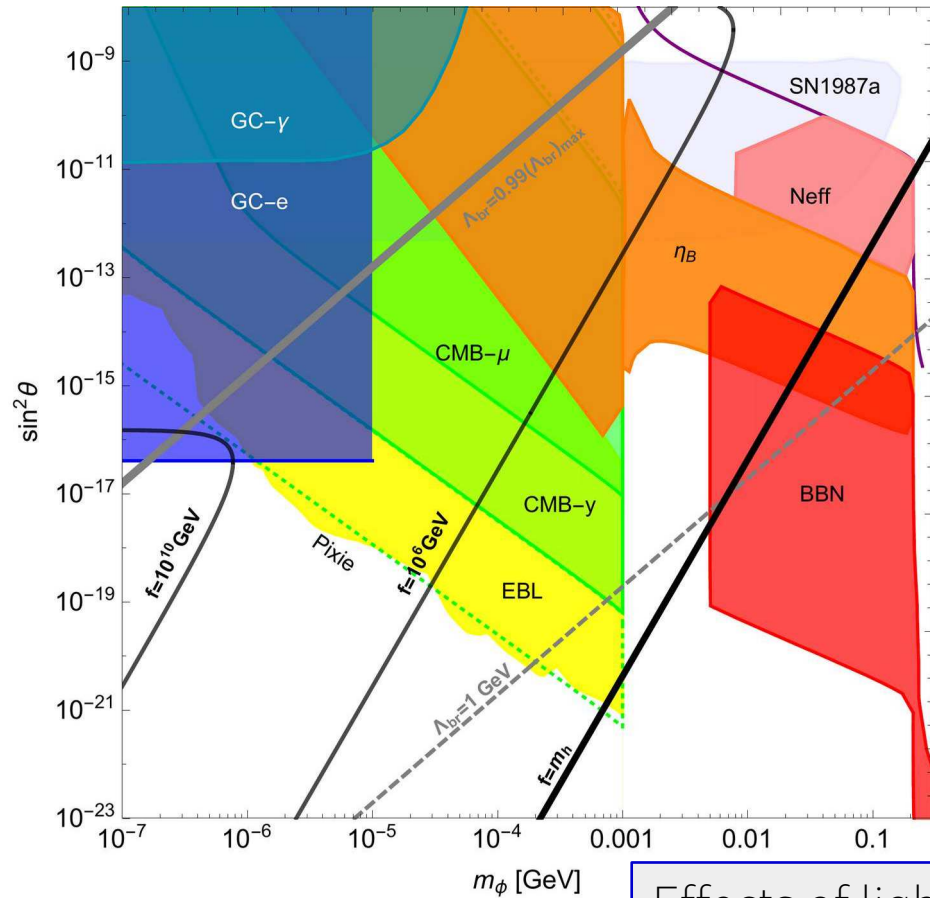
Choose best transitions for a mass range 4 or 3 transitions? only small improvement



See also Rydberg hydrogen [Jones, Potvliege, Spannowsky '19]

Possibly test new parameter space

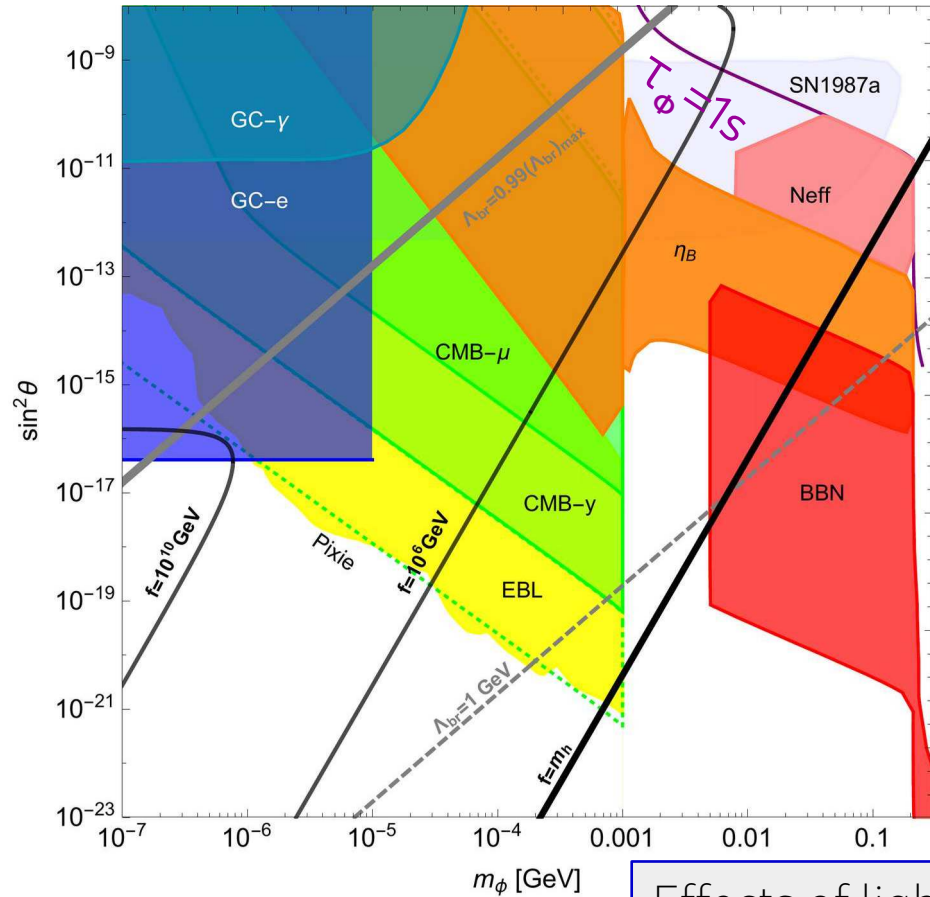
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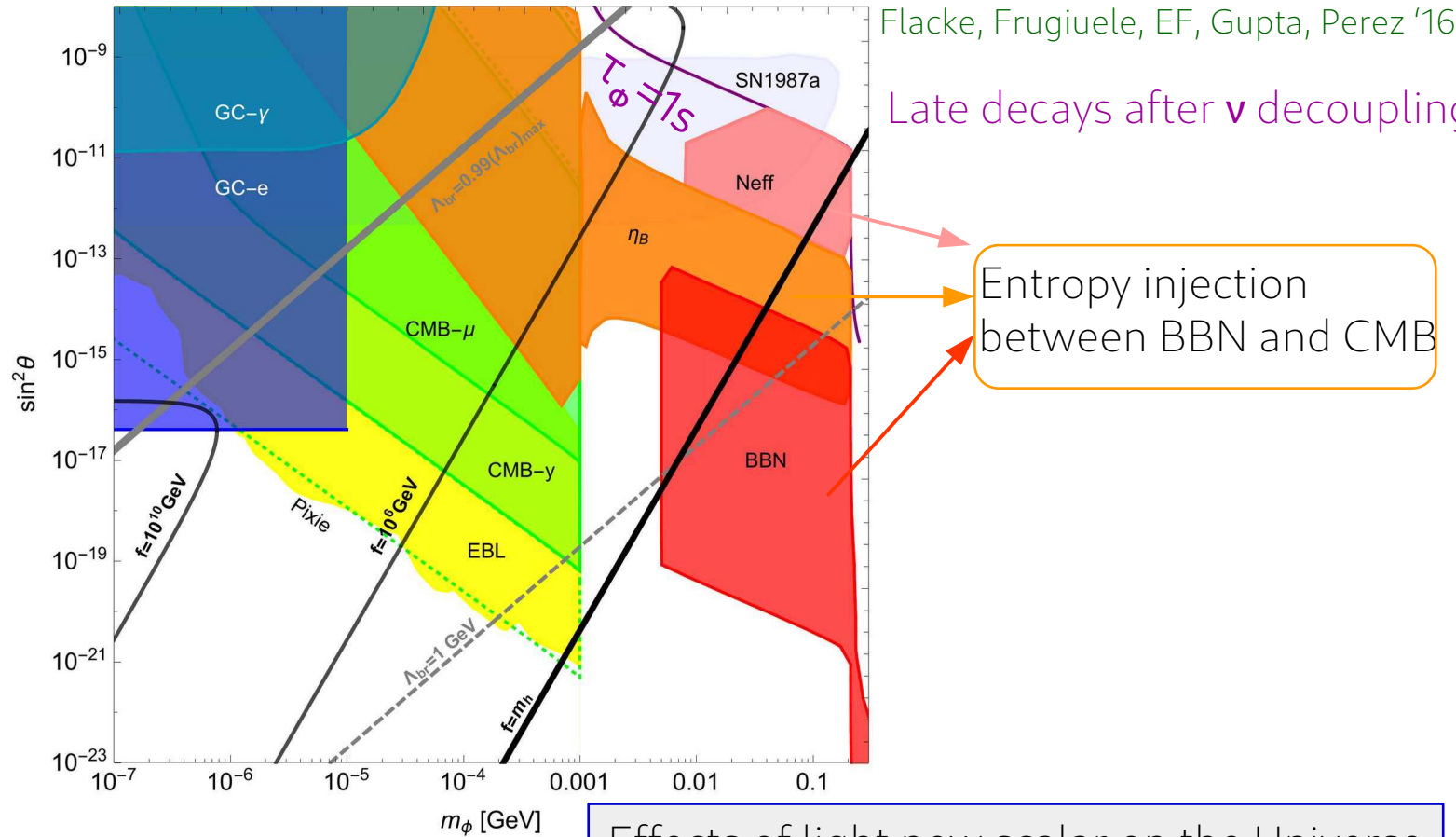


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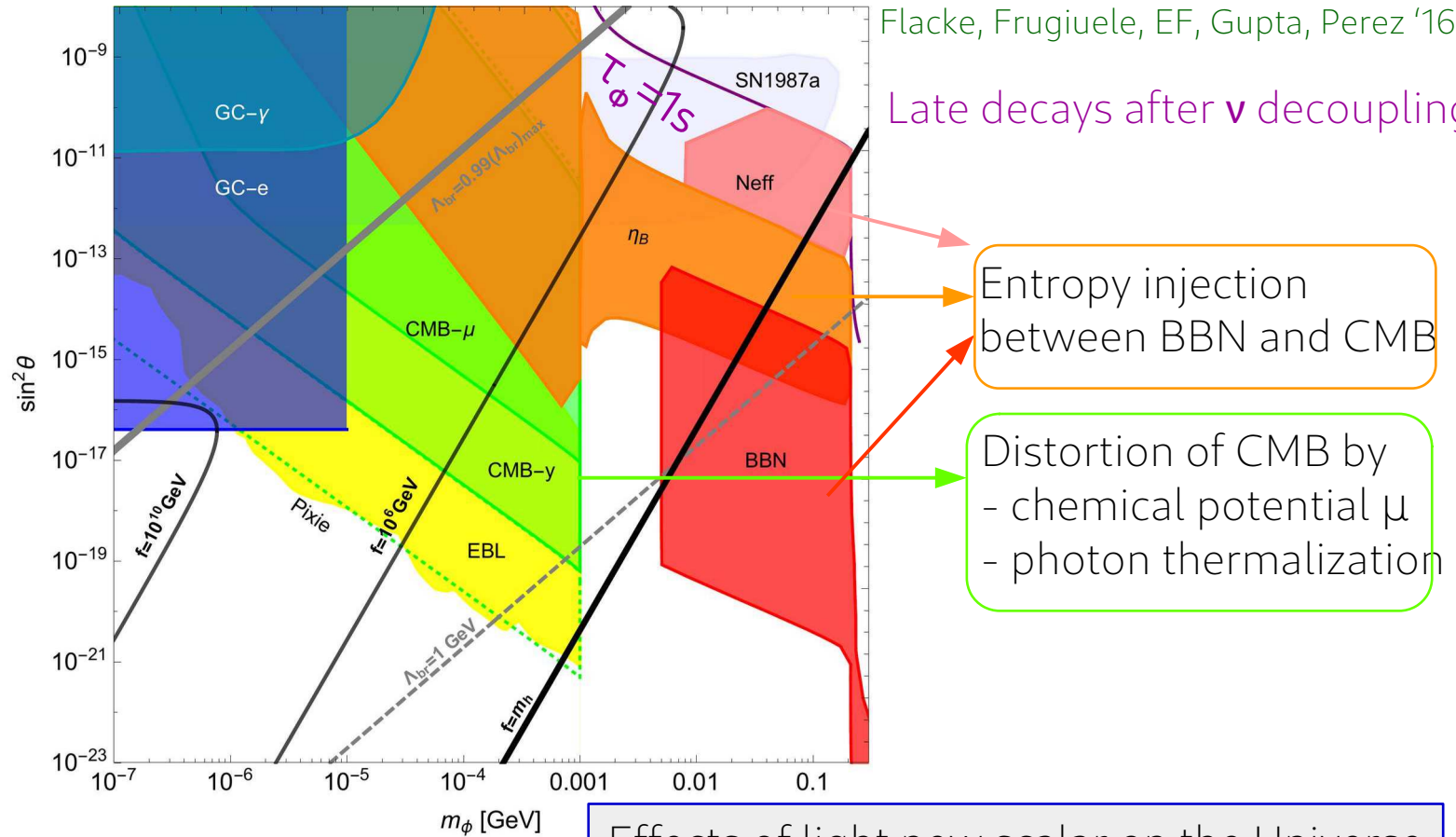
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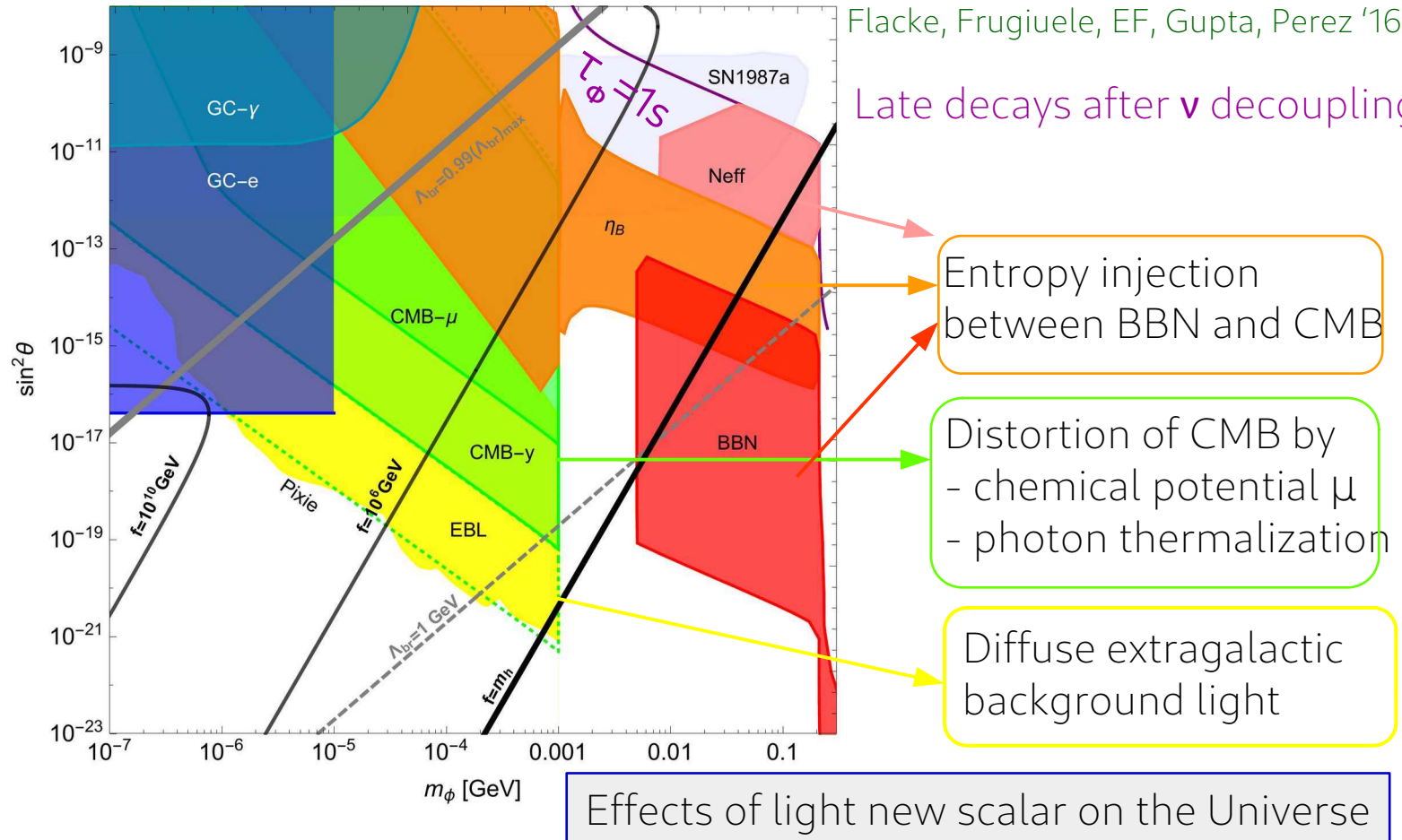


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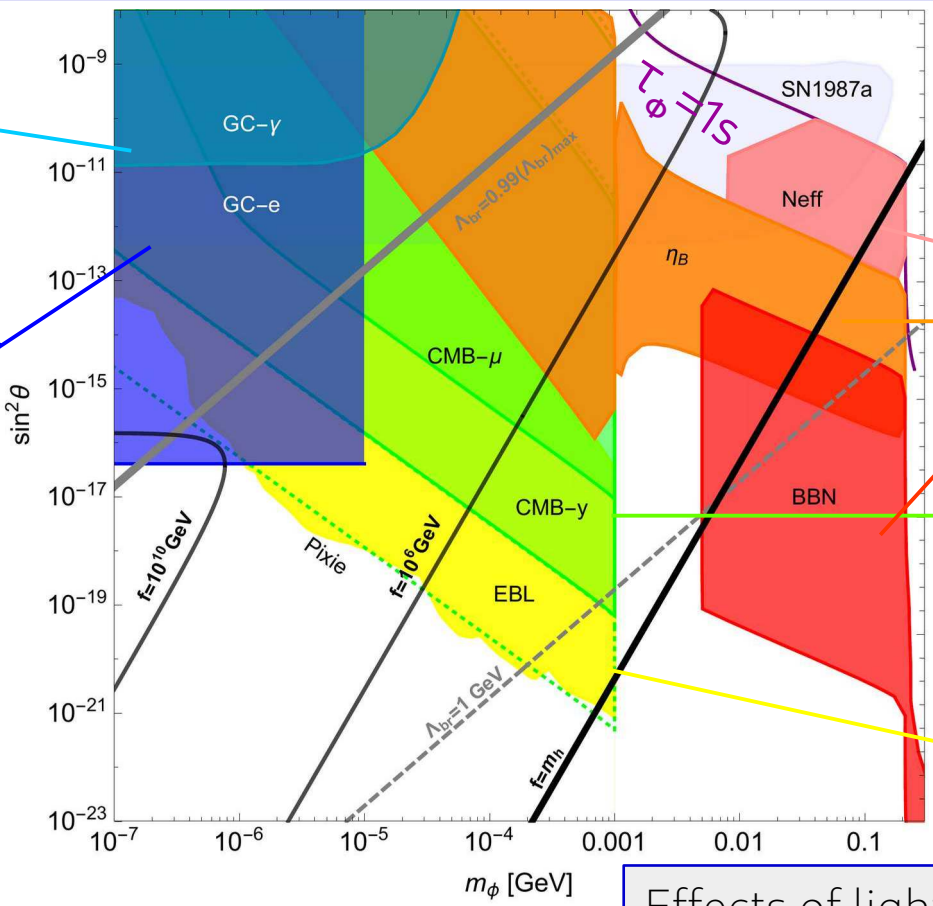
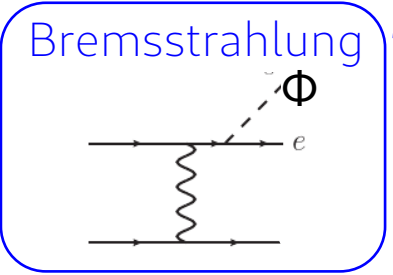
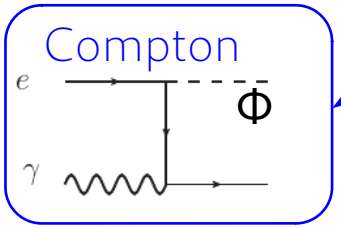
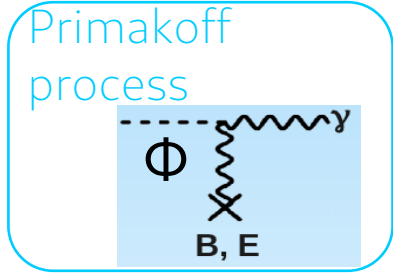


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Globular cluster cooling



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Entropy injection between BBN and CMB

Distortion of CMB by  
- chemical potential  $\mu$   
- photon thermalization

Diffuse extragalactic background light