Novel Signatures of Dark Matter in Laser-Interferometric Gravitational-Wave Detectors

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Motivation

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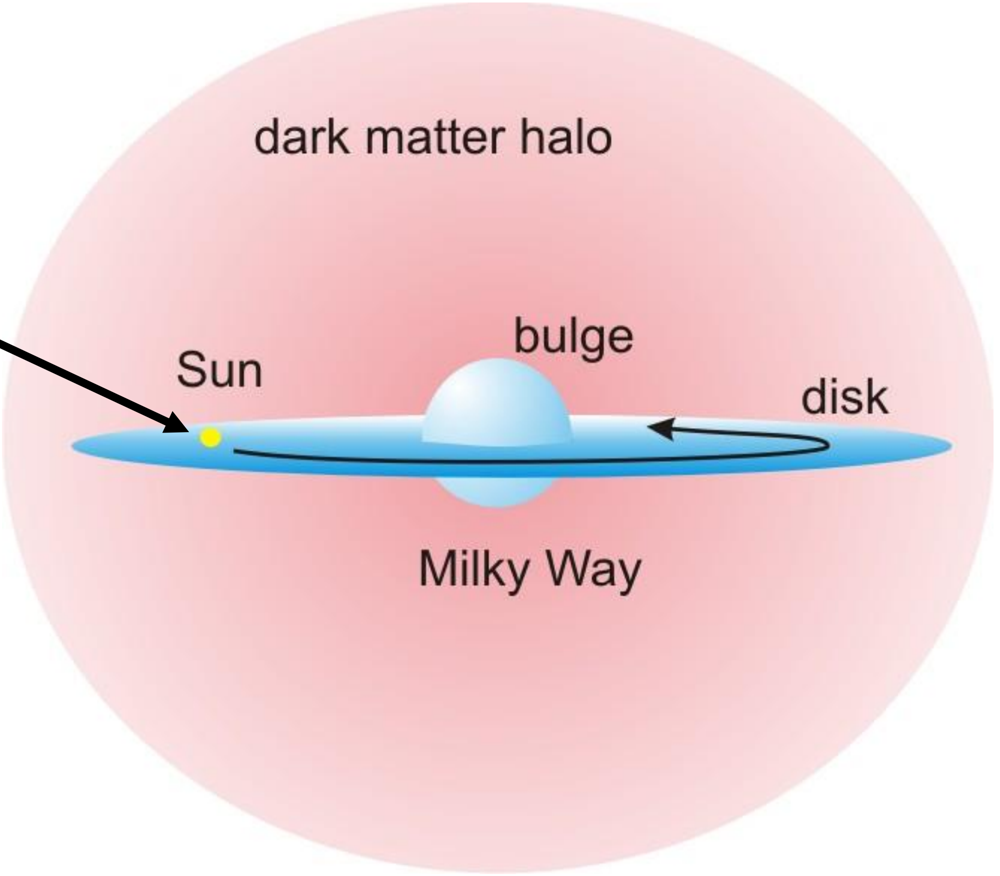

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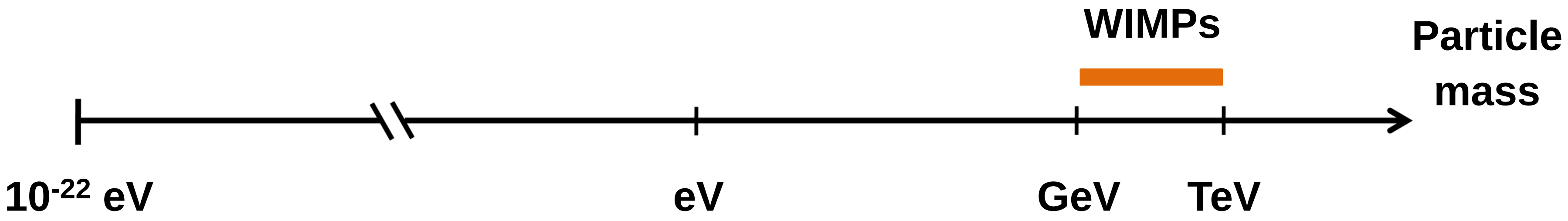

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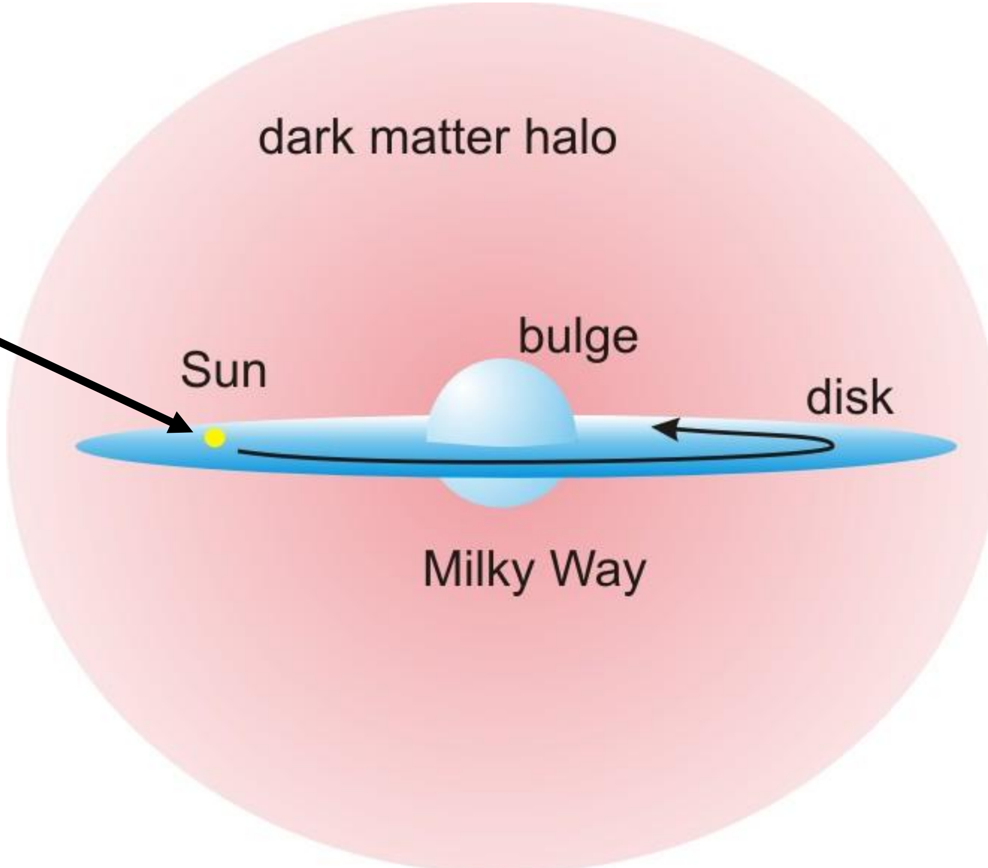

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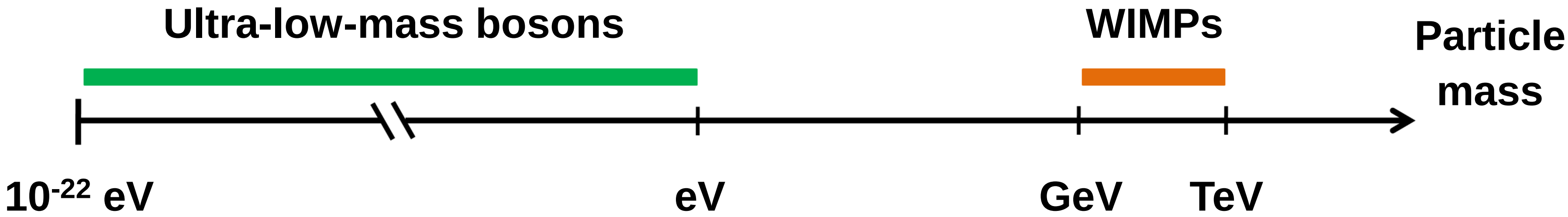

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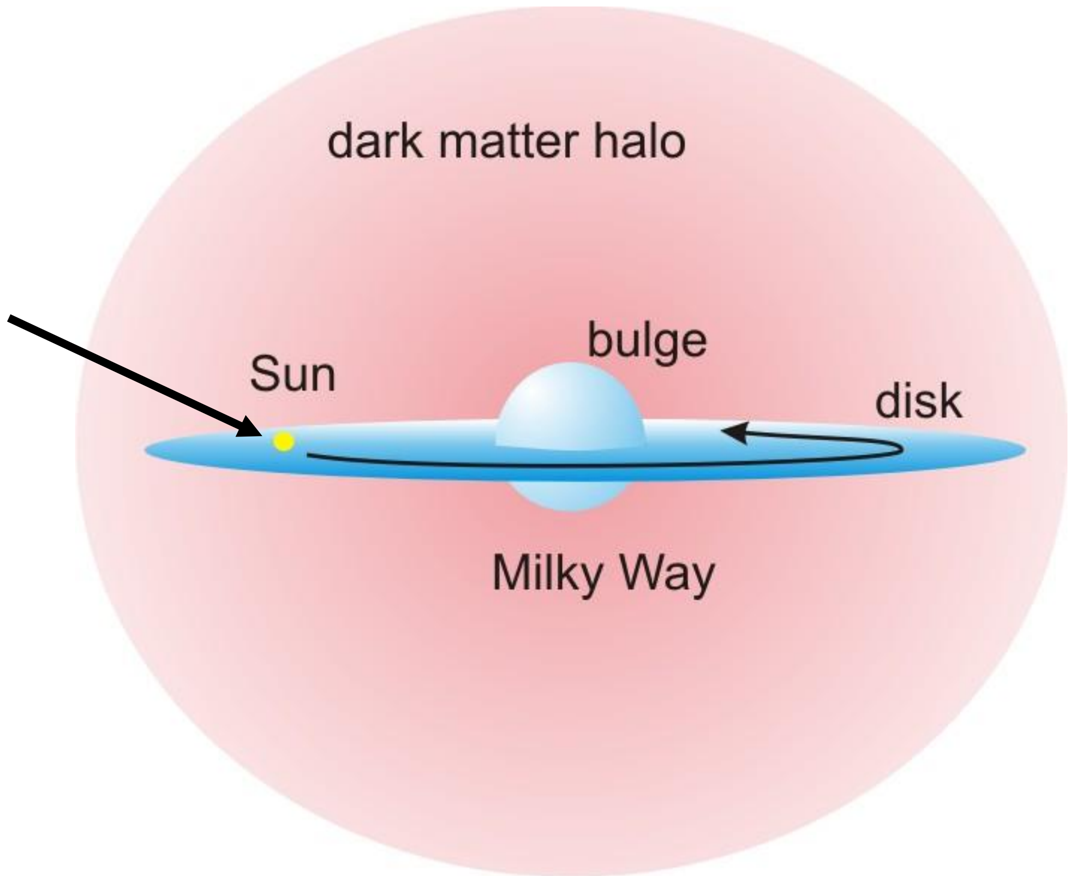

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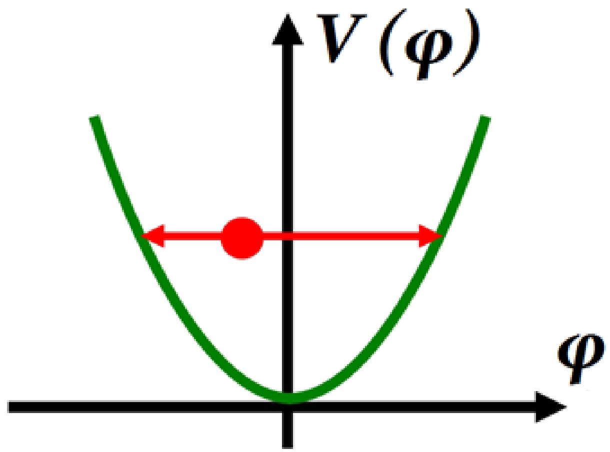

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- *Wave-like* signatures [cf. *particle-like* signatures of WIMP DM]

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Solid material

$L \sim N a_B = N/(m_e \alpha)$

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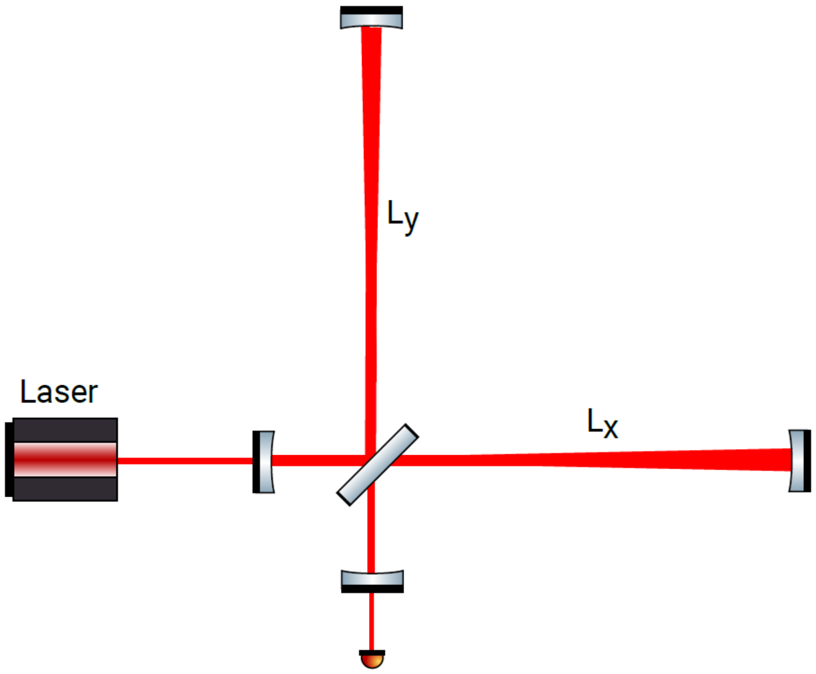

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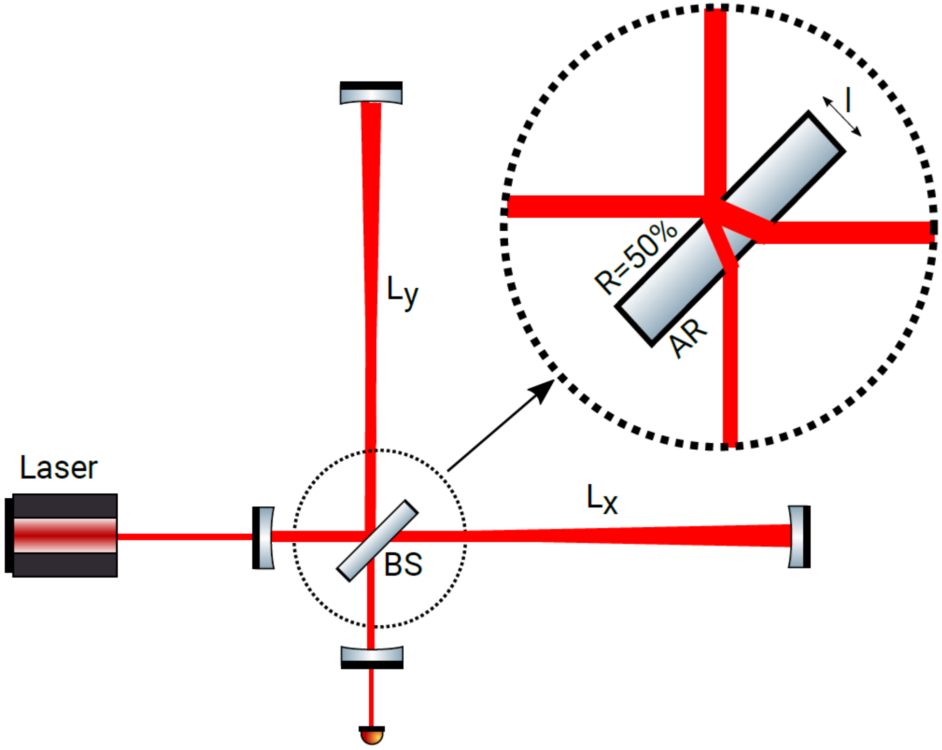

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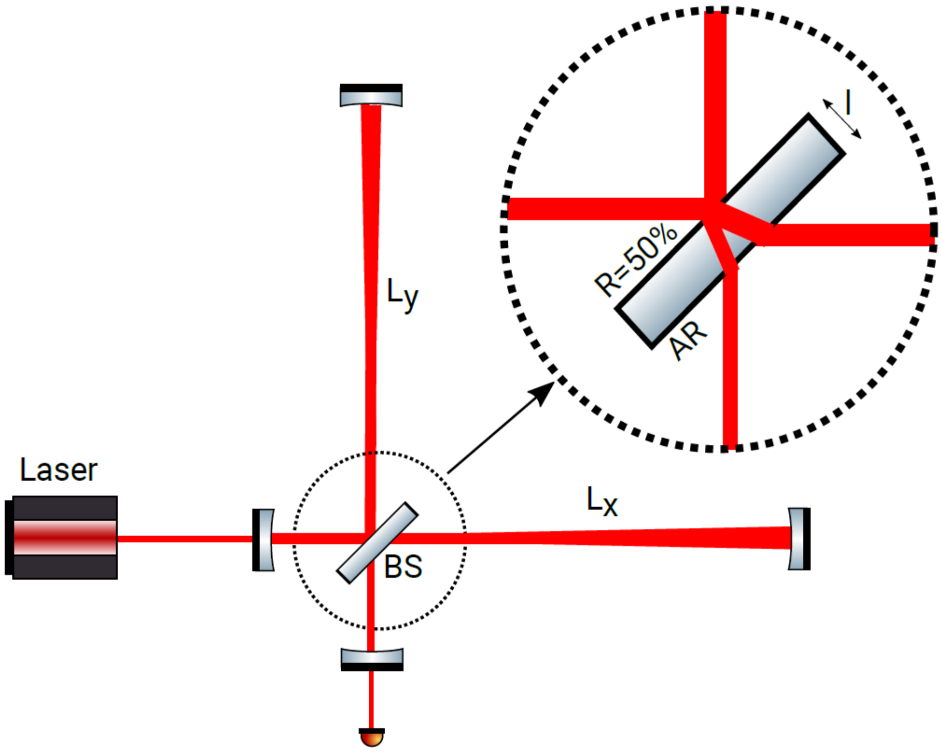

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- Both broadband and resonant narrowband searches possible: $f_{DM} \approx f_{vibr,BS} \sim v_{sound}/l$, $Q \sim 10^6$ enhancement

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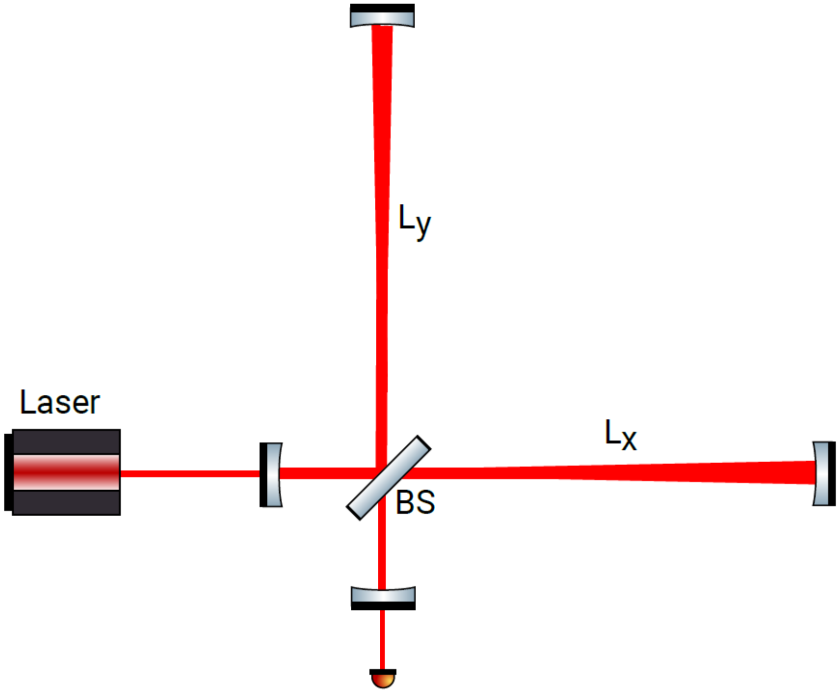

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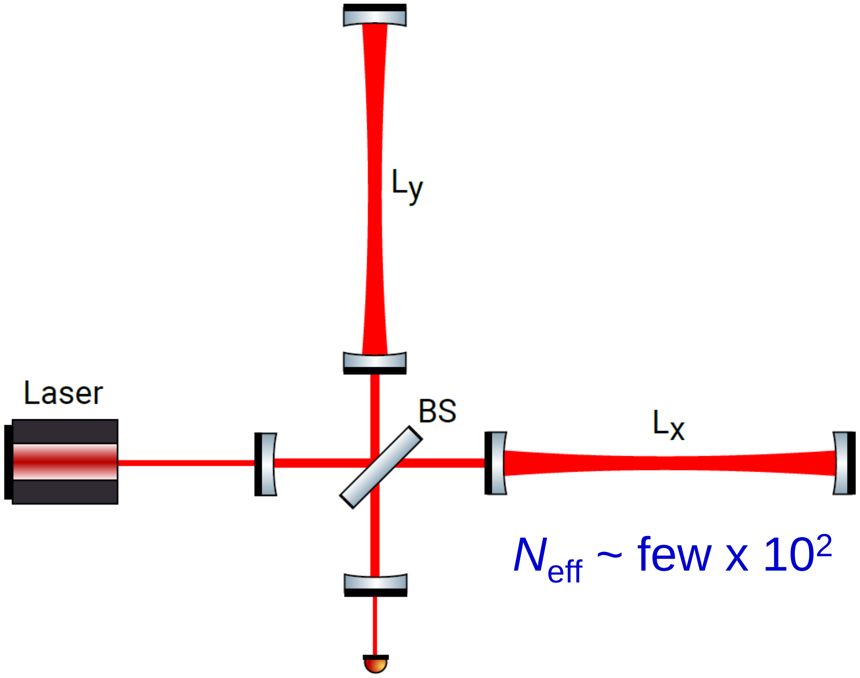

$N_{eff} \sim$ few x 10^2

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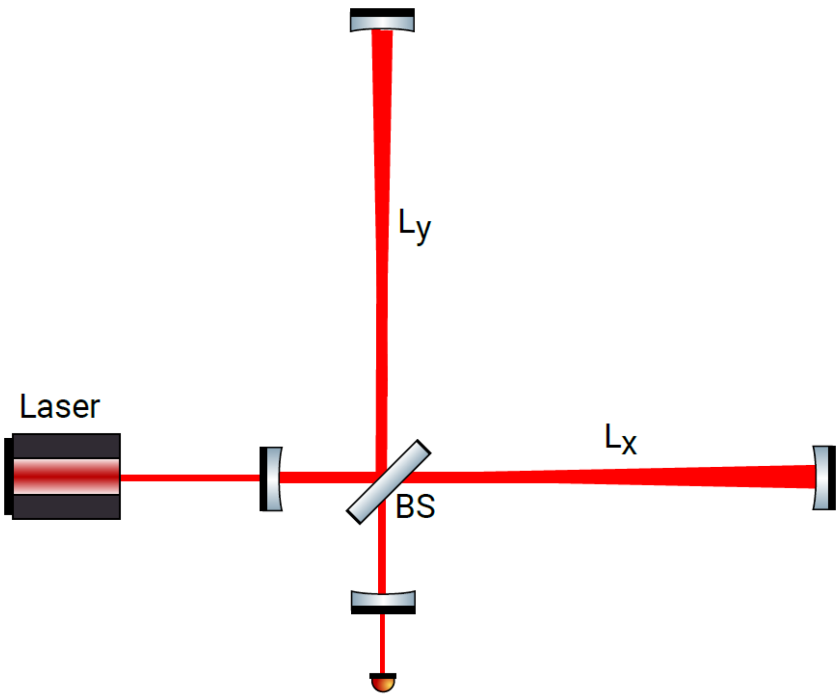

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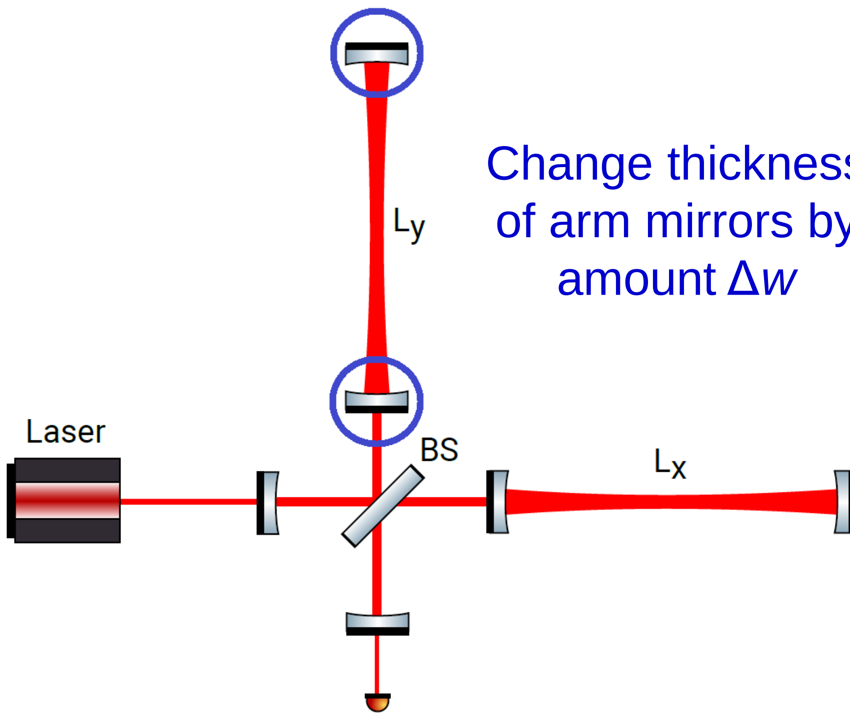

Change thickness of arm mirrors by amount Δw

$$\delta(L_x - L_y) \approx \delta(\Delta w)$$

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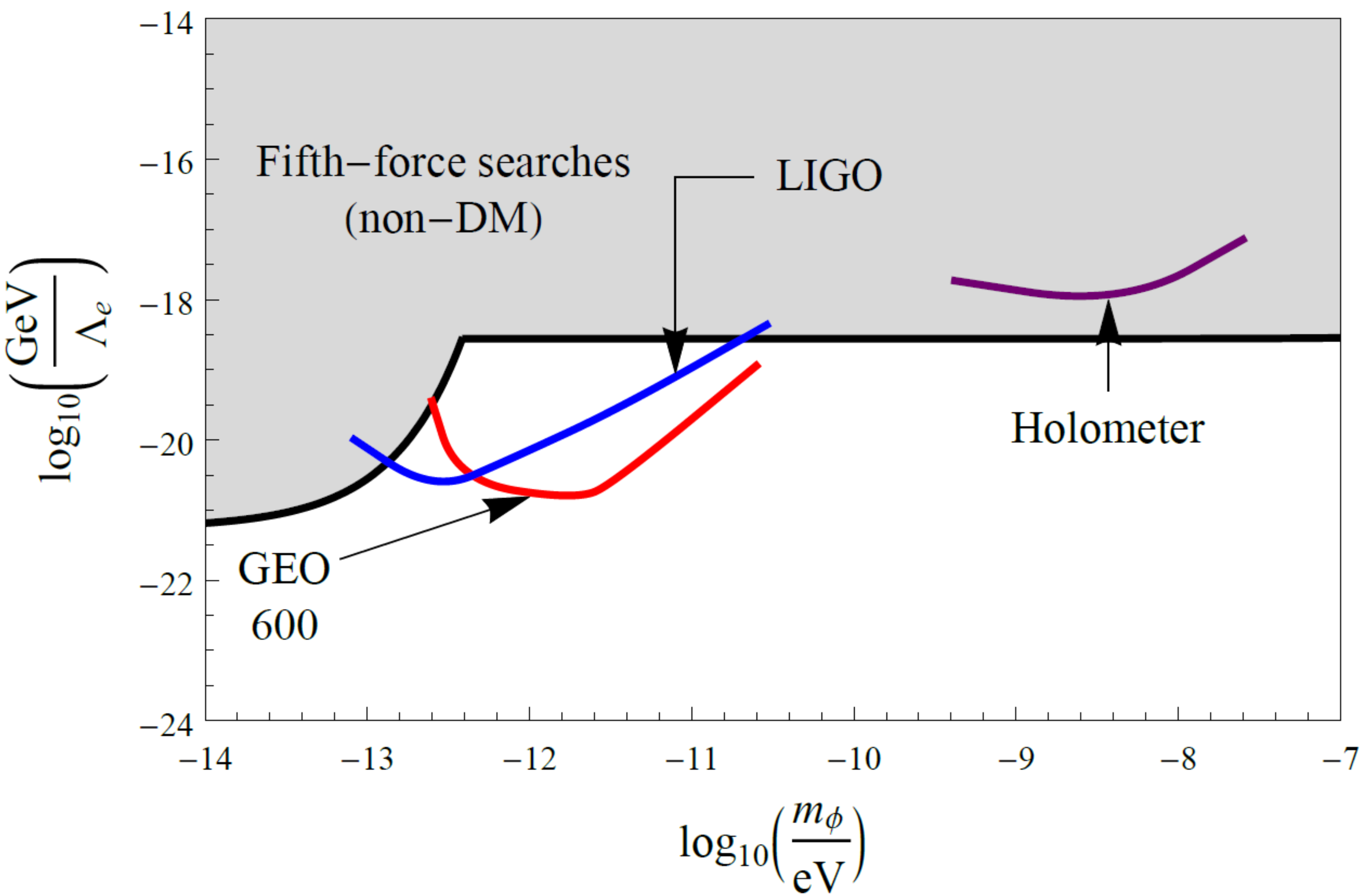

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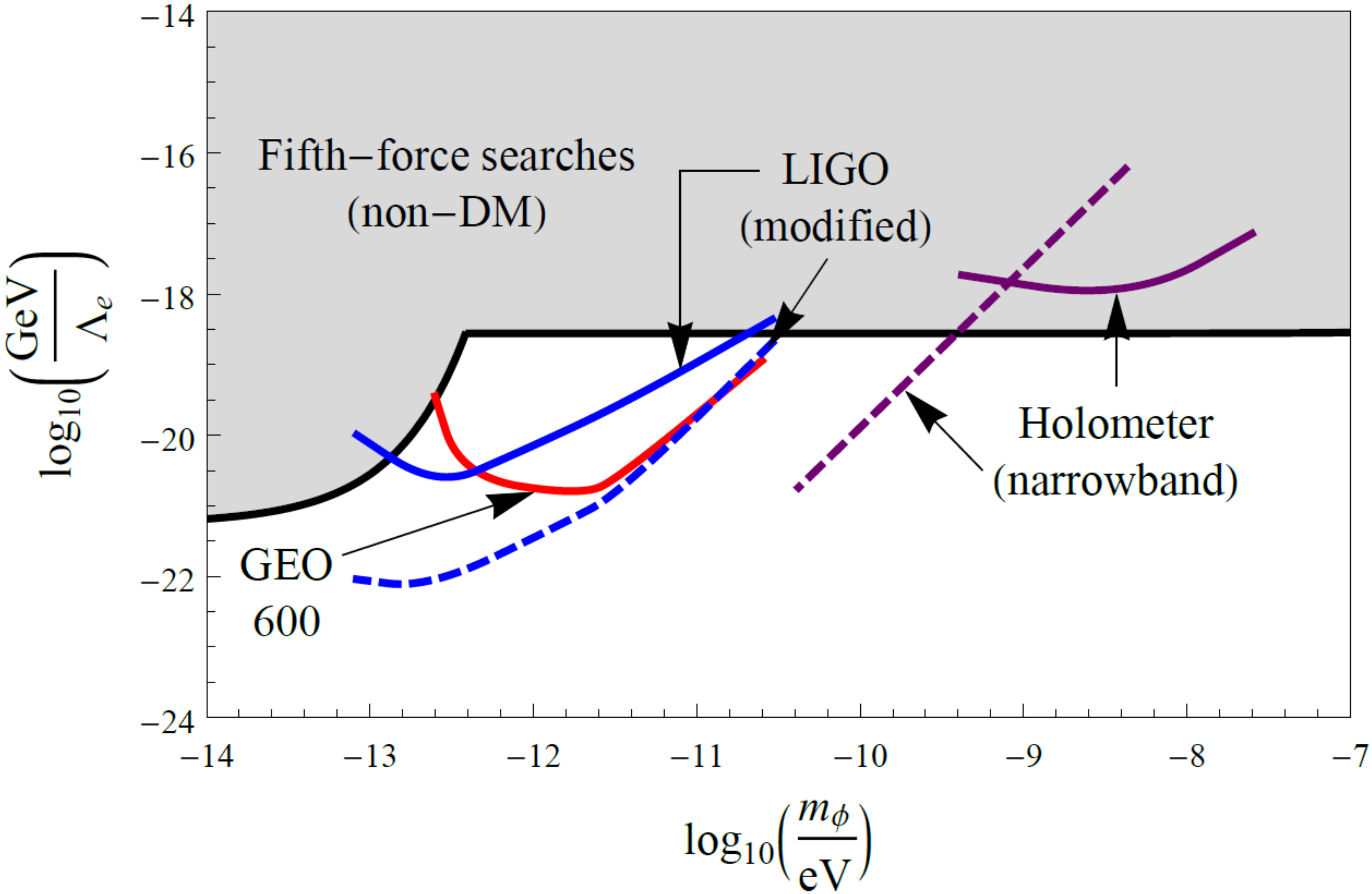

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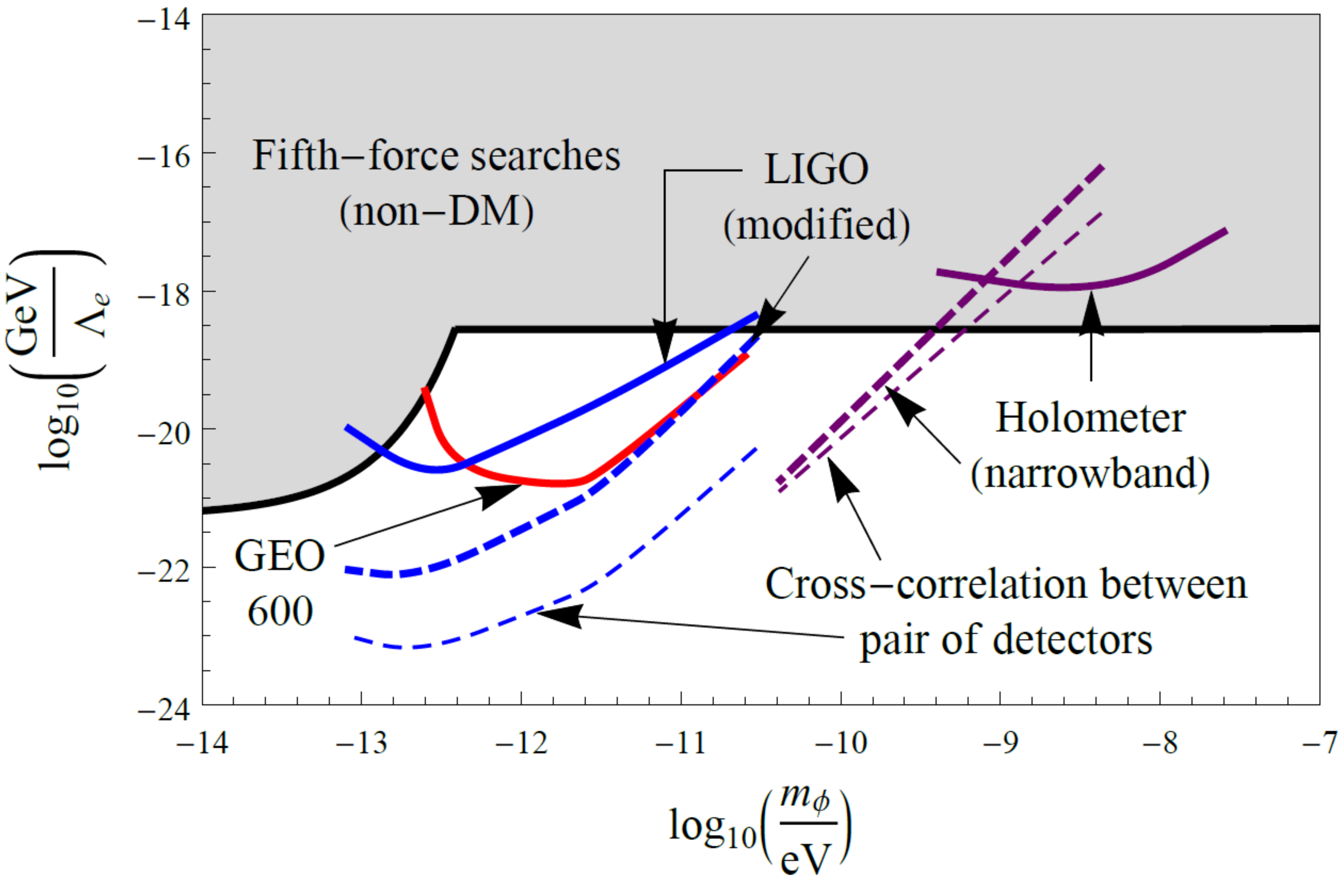

Summary

- Existing laser-interferometric gravitational-wave detectors are sensitive probes of scalar dark-matter fields oscillating at audio-band frequencies
- Changing arm mirror thicknesses by ~10% can greatly boost the sensitivity of Fabry-Perot-Michelson interferometers (LIGO, VIRGO, KAGRA) to dark matter
- (Small-scale) Interferometry experiments can be adapted to perform resonant narrowband searches
- Existing interferometers also sensitive to the passage of macroscopic dark-matter objects through detectors

Back-Up Slides

Temporal Coherence

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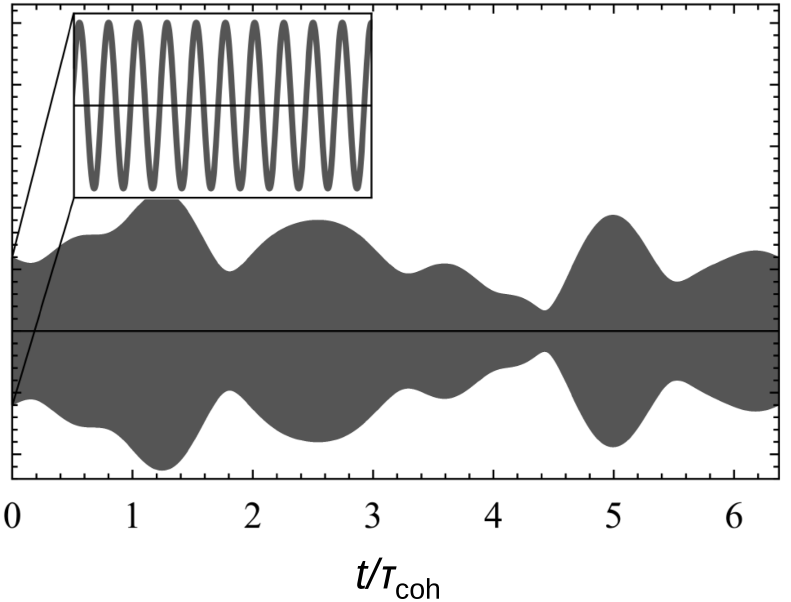
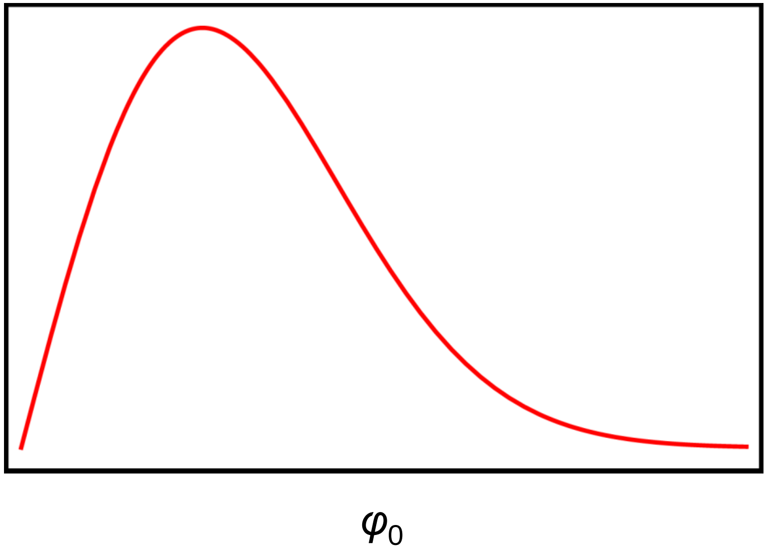


Probability distribution function of φ_0



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'Slow' drifts [Astrophysics (high ρ_{DM}): BBN, CMB]
+ Gradients [Fifth forces]

Oscillating variations
[Laboratory (high precision)]

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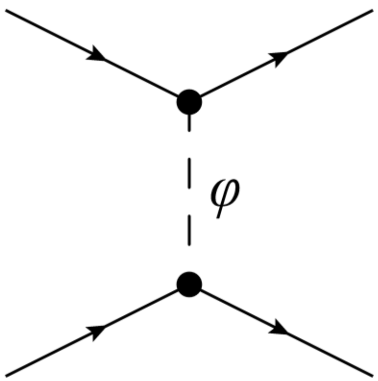

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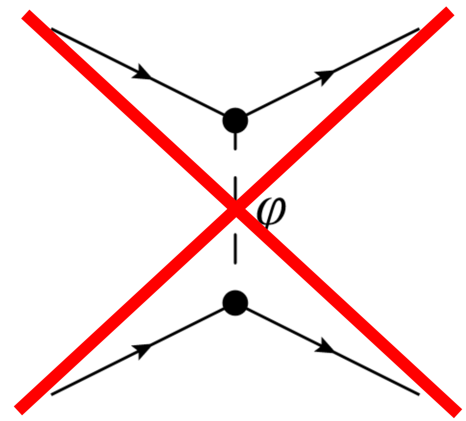

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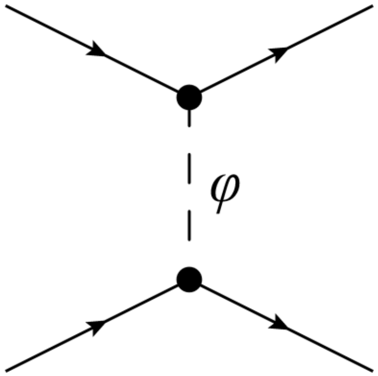

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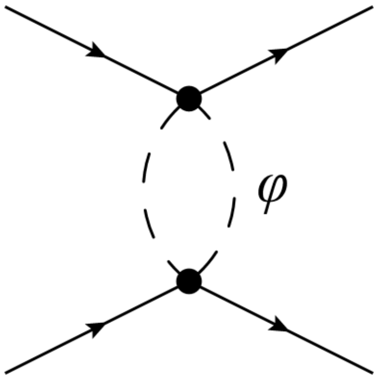

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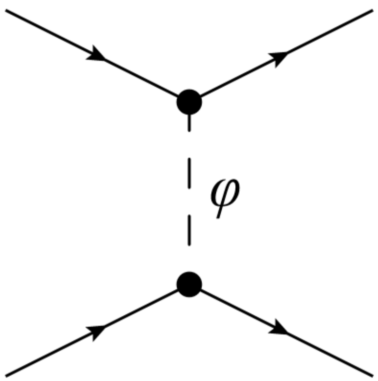

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“Fifth-force” experiments: torsion pendula, atom interferometry

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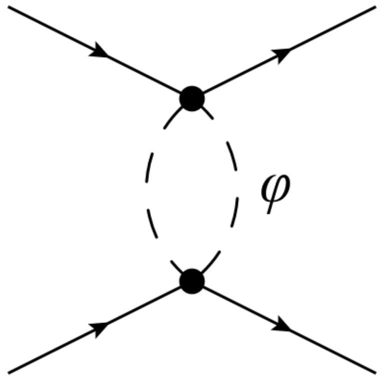

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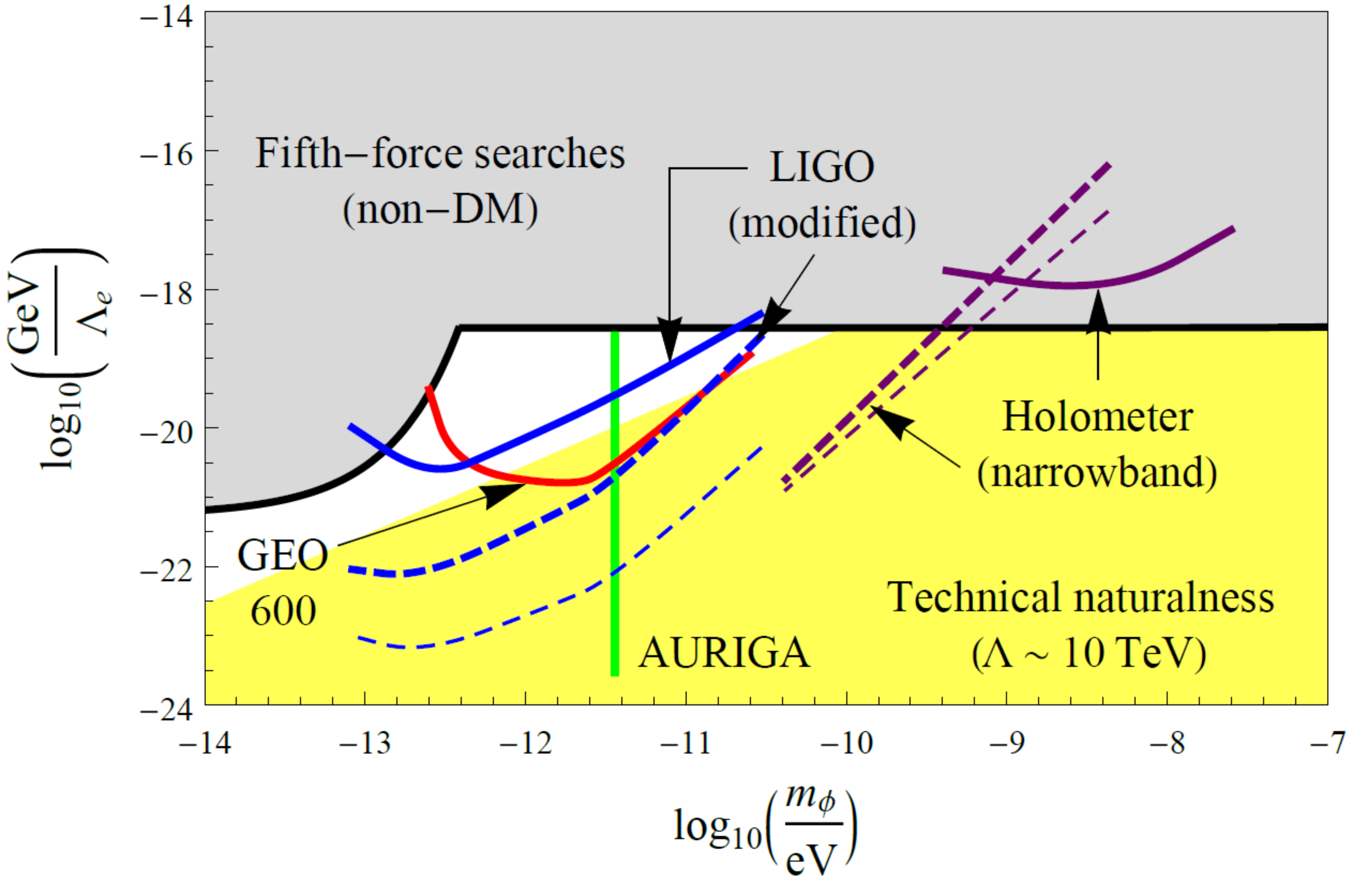
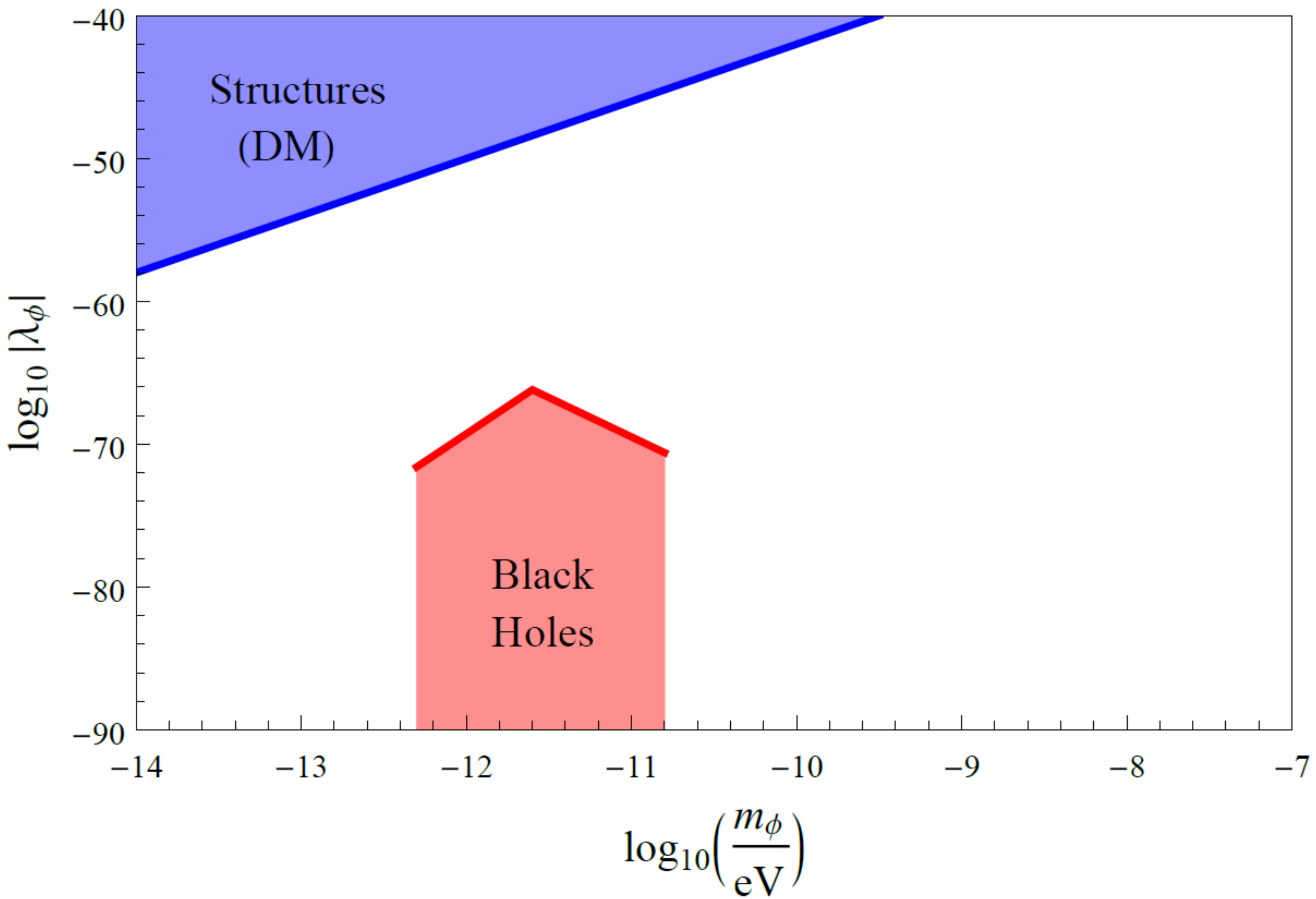


Quartic Self-Interaction of Scalar



Constraints on Linear Interaction of Scalar Dark Matter with the Higgs Boson

Rb/Cs constraints:

[Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRA* **94**, 022111 (2016)]

2 – 3 orders of magnitude improvement!