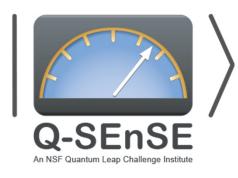
## QUANTUM SENSING FOR NEW PHYSICS, MITP OCTOBER 30, 2024

## QUANTUM SENSORS FOR NEW-PHYSICS DISCOVERIES IN THE LABORATORY AND IN SPACE



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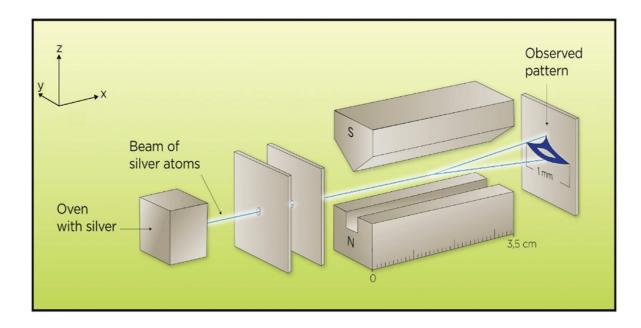


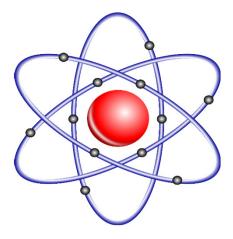


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## **100 YEARS AGO** WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT ATOMS ARE MADE OF





#### Puzzles of atomic spectra

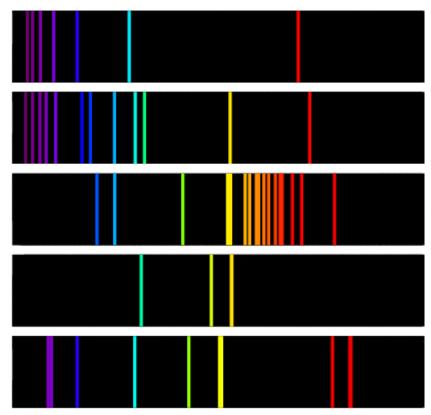
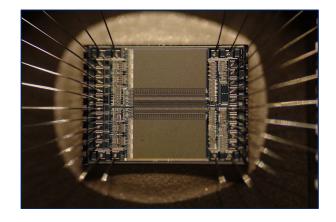


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## **SOLVING PHYSICS PUZZLES: QUANTUM MECHANICS**



Computer technologies



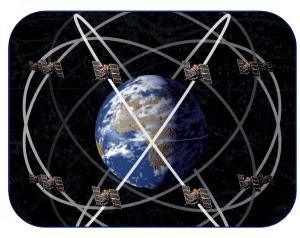
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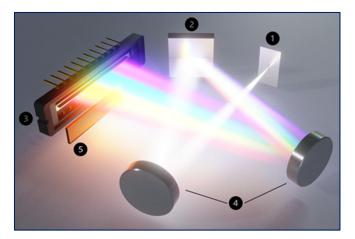
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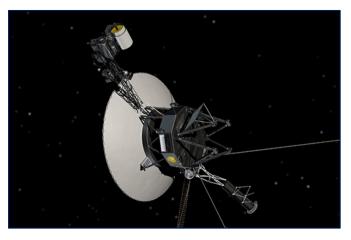
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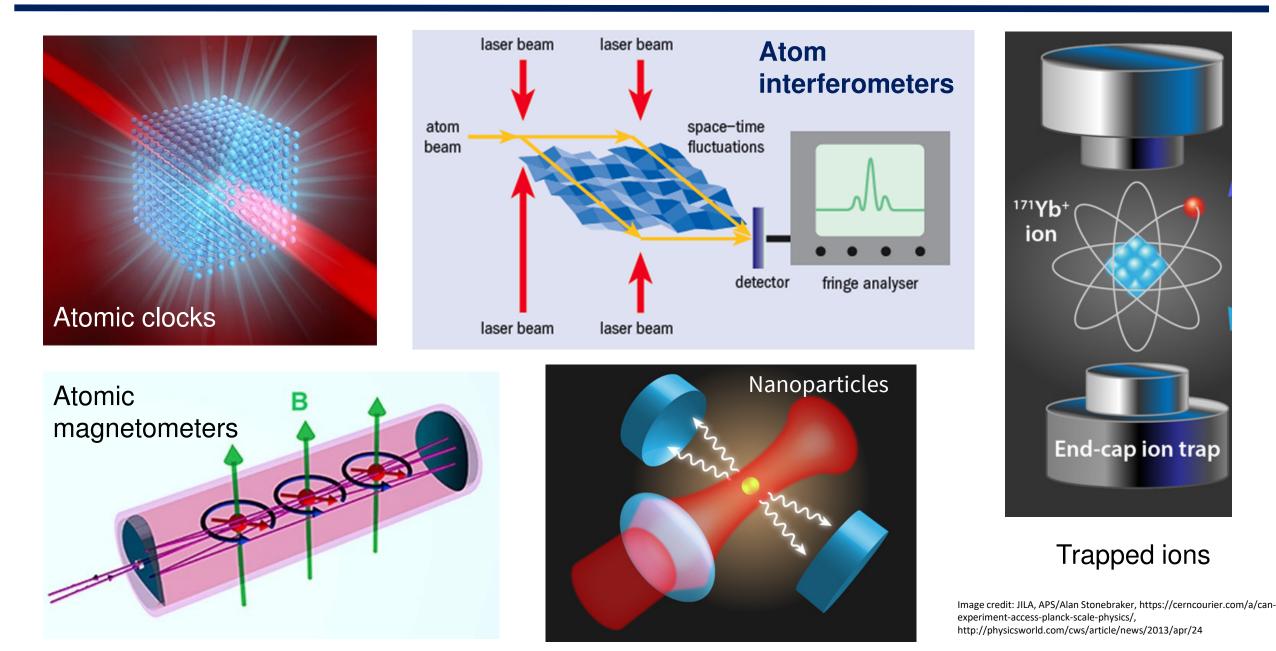
Spectrometers, other detectors



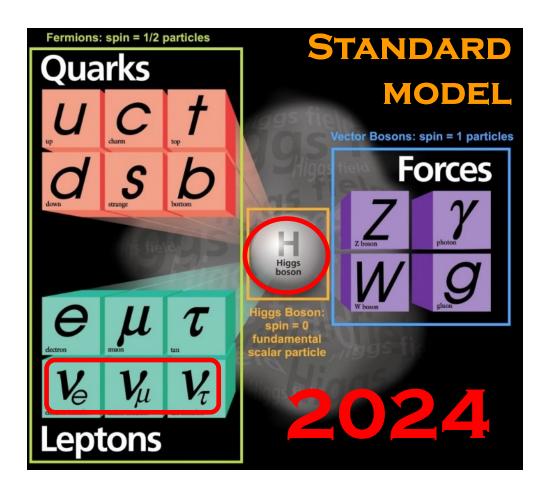
Nuclear technologies

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## 2024 100 YEARS LATER: QUANTUM SENSORS



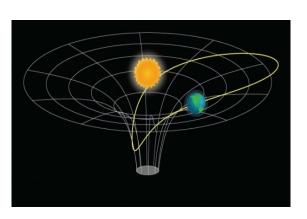
## **2024: WHAT WE KNOW NOW**



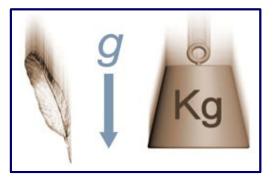
## QUANTUM MECHANICS GENERAL RELATIVITY

## **Fundamental physics postulates**

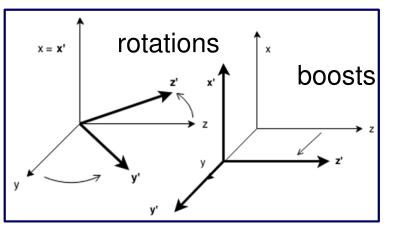
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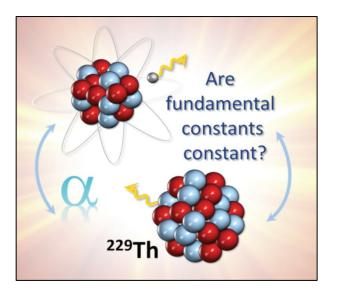


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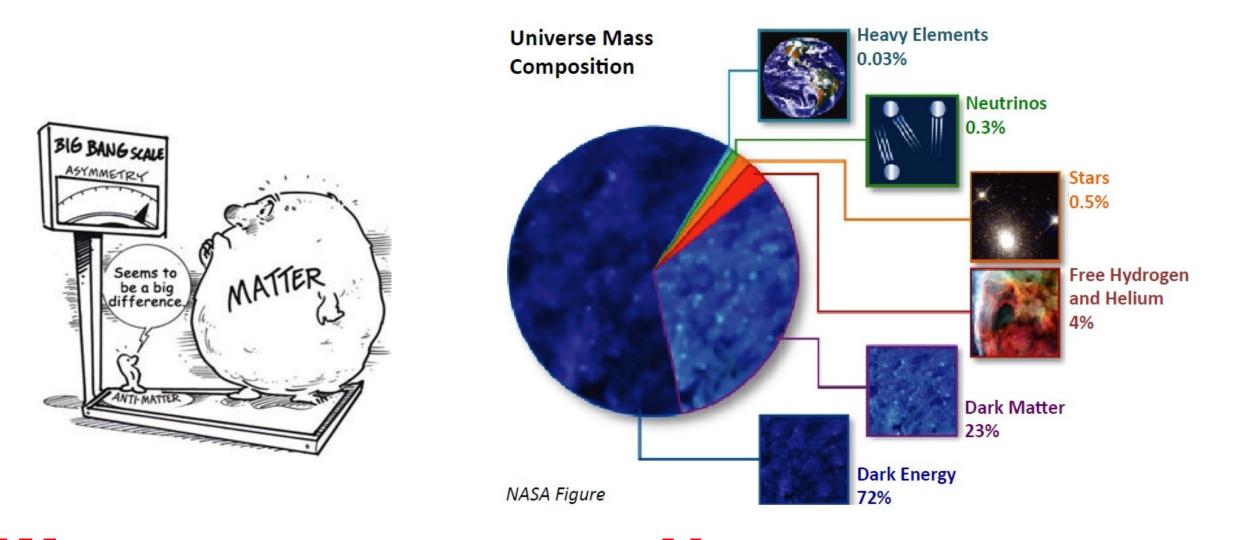


Lorentz invariance





## **2024: New set of fundamental physics puzzles**



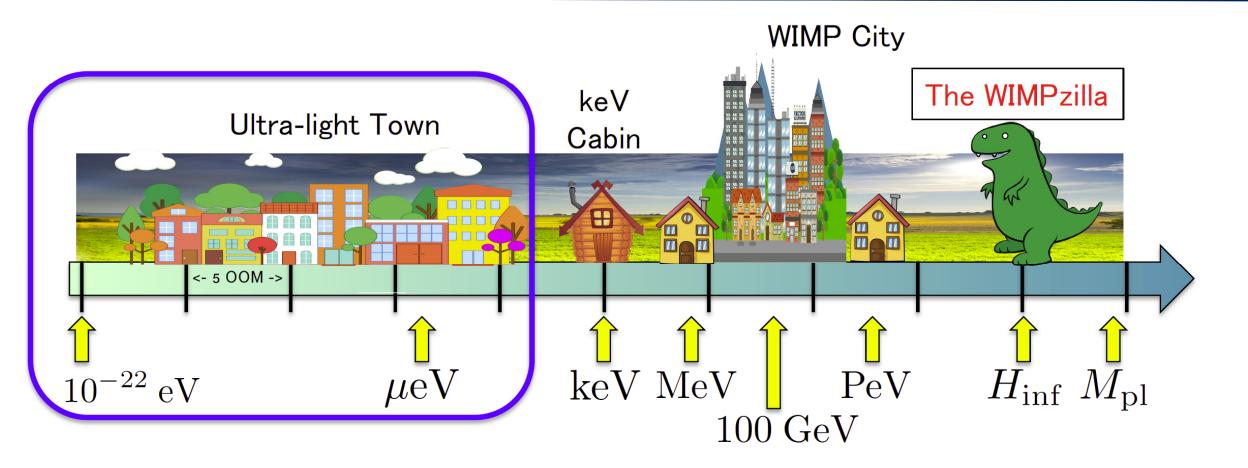
## WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT UNIVERSE IS MADE OF

100 years ago: quantum mechanics was a solution to fundamental physics problems of that time (atomic spectra, etc.) revolutionizing our technology

## EXCEPTIONAL IMPROVEMENT IN PRECISION OF QUANTUM SENSORS OPENS NEW WAYS TO SOLVE NEW PUZZLES OF THE UNIVERSE

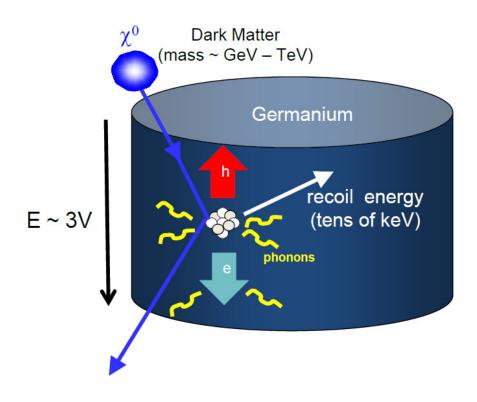
**OUR GOAL: SEARCH FOR NEW PHYSICS** 

## The landscape of dark matter masses

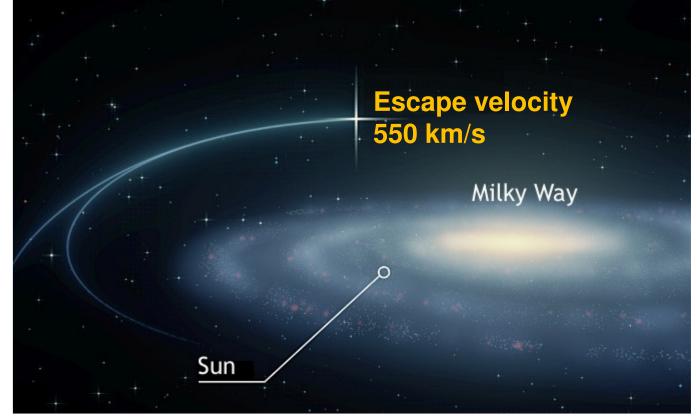


## DARK MATTER DETECTION

Particle dark matter detection: DM particle scatters and deposits energy We detect this energy



Fermi velocity for DM with mass <10 eV is higher than our Galaxy escape velocity.



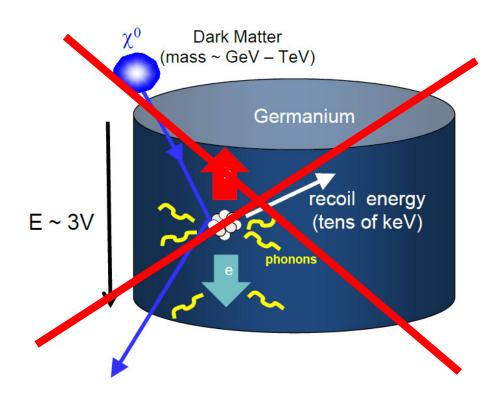
#### Ultralight dark matter has to be bosonic.

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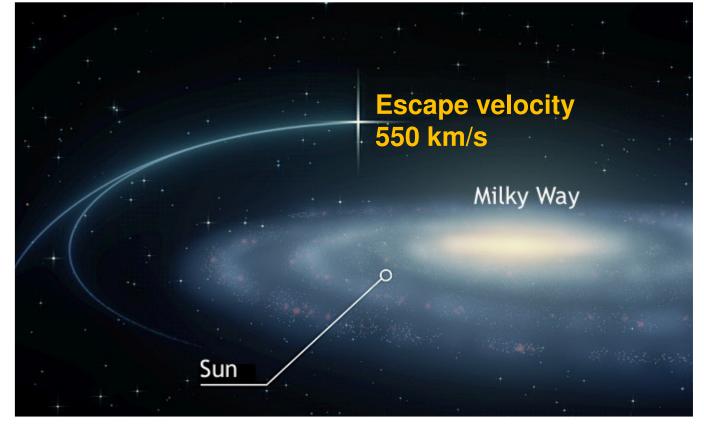
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## **ULTRALIGHT DARK MATTER** ( $m_{\phi} \lesssim 10 \text{ eV}$ )

The key idea: ultralight dark matter (UDM) particles behave in a "wave-like" manner.

UDM: coherent on the scale of detectors or networks of detectors.

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

$$\lambda_{_{
m coh}} \sim 10^3 (2\pi / m_{_{
m \phi}} c)$$

$$N_{\rm dB} = n_{\phi} \lambda_{\rm coh}^3 \gg 1$$

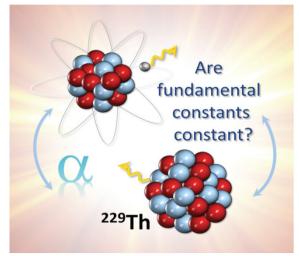
Need different detection strategies from particle dark matter.

Dark matter field amplitude

 $\phi_0 \sim \sqrt{2 \rho_{\rm DM}}/m_{\phi}$ Dark matter Dark matter density

## **OBSERVABLE EFFECTS OF ULTRALIGHT DARK MATTER**

 Image: Window of the second second





Precession of nuclear or electron spins

Driving currents in electromagnetic systems, produce photons

Modulate the values of the fundamental "constants"

Induced equivalence principle-violating accelerations of matter

**DETECTORS:** Magnetometers, Microwave cavities, Trapped ions & other qubits, Atom interferometers, Laser interferometers (includes GW detectors), Optical cavities, Atomic, molecular, and nuclear clocks, Other precision spectroscopy

### RMP 90, 025008 (2018)

Picture sources and credits: Wikipedia, Physics 11, 34 C. Boutan/Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; adapted by APS/Alan Stonebraker, modulate the values of the fundamental "constants" of nature

## SCALAR ULTRALIGHT DARK MATTER

Coupling of scalar UDM to the standard model:

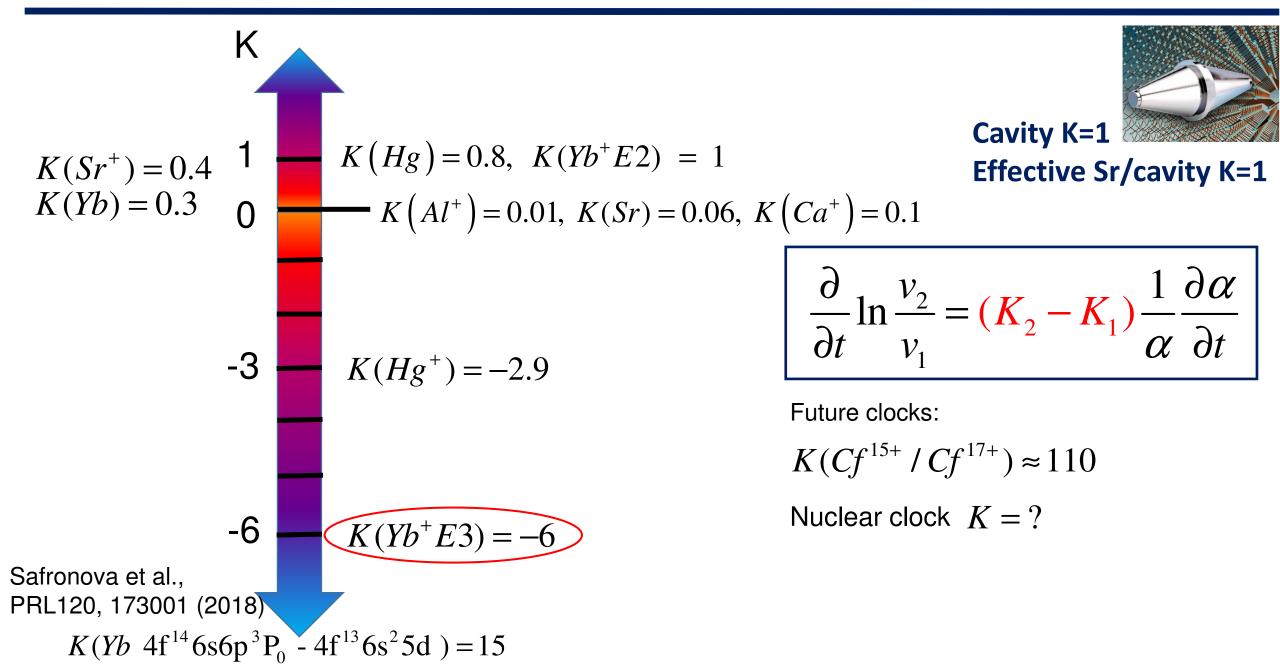
$$\kappa = (\sqrt{2}M_{\rm Pl})^{-1}$$

Scalar UDM will cause **oscillations** of the electromagnetic fine-structure constant  $\alpha$ , strong interaction constant and fermion masses

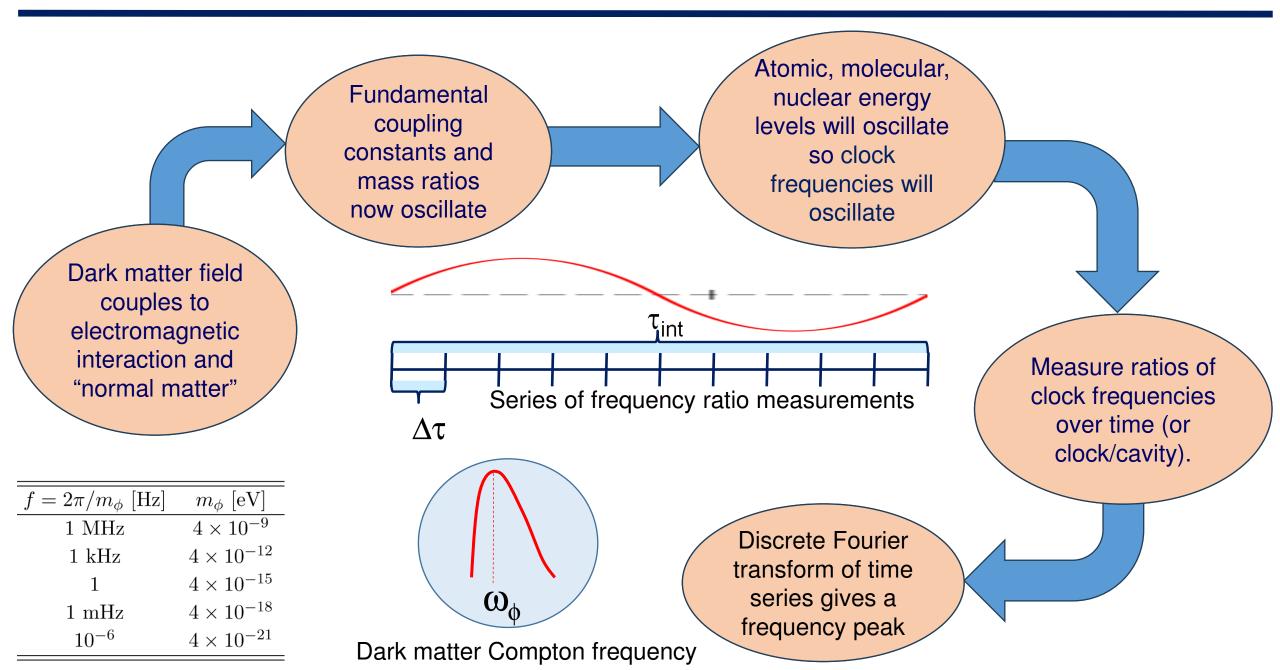
Dimensionless constants:  $\alpha, \frac{m_e}{m_p}, \frac{m_q}{\Lambda_{\rm QCD}}$ 

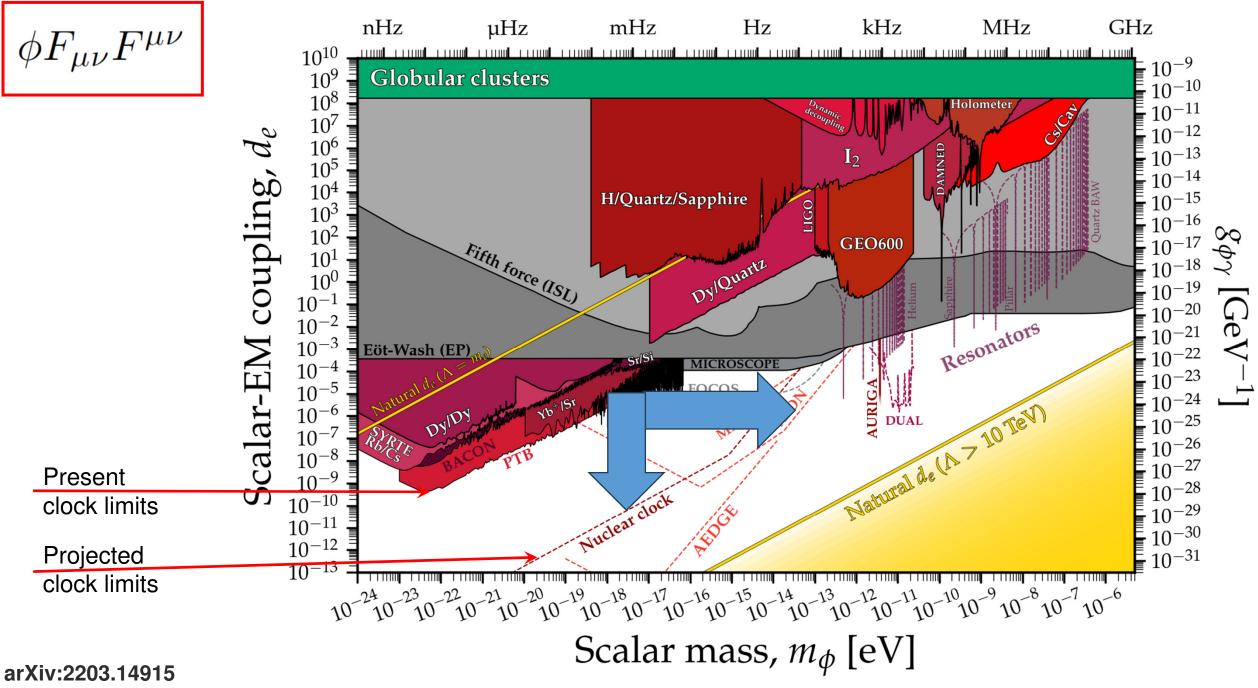
Key point: different (types) of clocks have different sensitivity to different constants Observable: clock frequency ratios

## ENHANCEMENT (SENSITIVITY) FACTOR K FOR CLOCKS



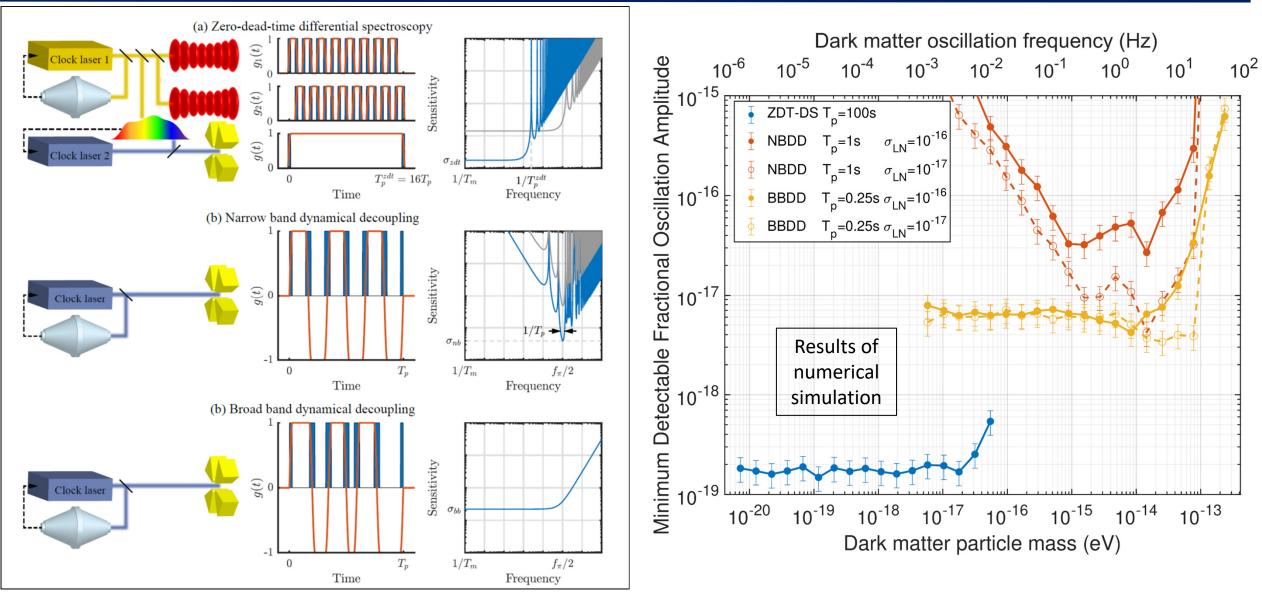
### HOW TO DETECT ULTRALIGHT DARK MATTER WITH CLOCKS?





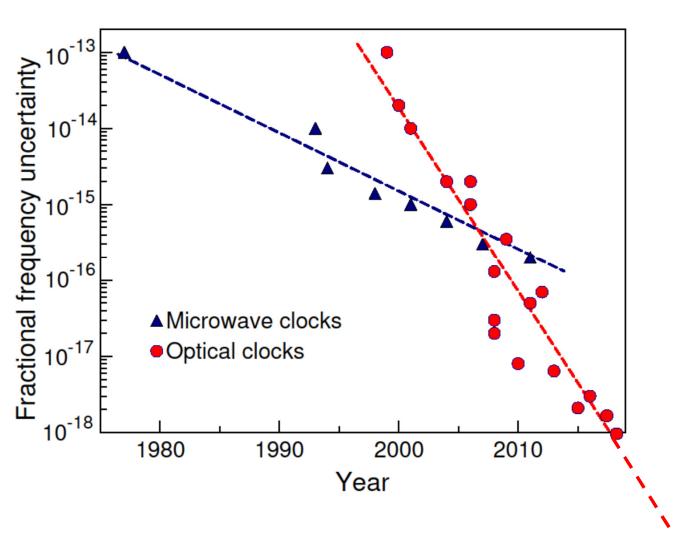
Ultralight DM limits: https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/

### QUANTUM METROLOGY ALGORITHMS FOR DARK MATTER SEARCHES WITH CLOCKS

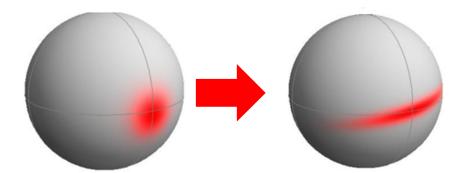


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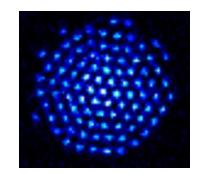
## **OPTICAL CLOCKS WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE**

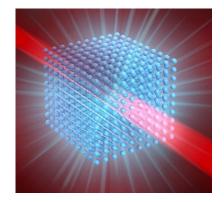


Build different clocks: highly-charged ion clocks, nuclear clocks, molecular clocks



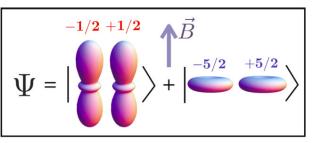
#### Measurements beyond the quantum limit





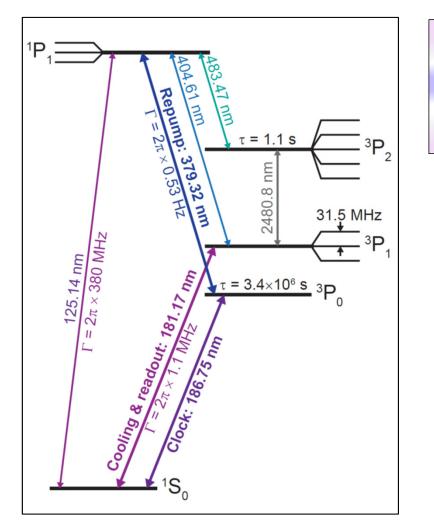
Large ion crystals

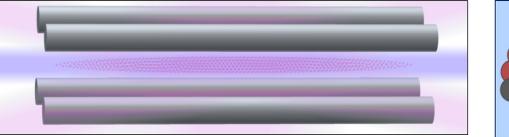
New designs for lattice clocks

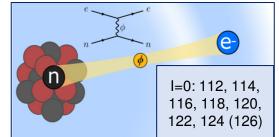


#### **Entangled clocks**

### Prospects of a thousand-ion Sn<sup>2+</sup> Coulomb-crystal clock with sub-10<sup>-19</sup> inaccuracy





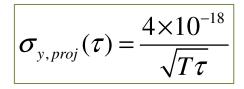


 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{I}=\mathsf{J}=\mathsf{F}=0 & \rightarrow \text{ no linear Zeeman or quadrupole shifts} \\ \Delta \alpha=-0.96(4) \ a_0{}^3 & \rightarrow \text{ no micromotion shift at } \Omega/(2\pi)=225(5) \ \text{MHz}, \\ & 5\times10^{-18} \ \text{room temperature BBR shift} \end{array}$ 

7.5 stable even isotopes  $\rightarrow$  ideal platform for new boson searches +10 stable enough (over 1 sec)

Effect	Shift $(10^{-20})$	Uncertainty $(10^{-20})$
Secular motion	-24	7.2
Blackbody radiation shift	515	3.4
Micromotion	28	2.8
Quadratic Zeeman shift	-366550	2.3
Probe laser Stark shift	19753	2.0
Total	-346278	9.0

A 1000-ion clock



David R. Leibrandt, Sergey G. Porsev, Charles Cheung, and Marianna S. Safronova, Nature Communications 15, 5663 (2024).

## FROM ATOMIC TO NUCLEAR CLOCKS!

Clock based on transitions in atoms

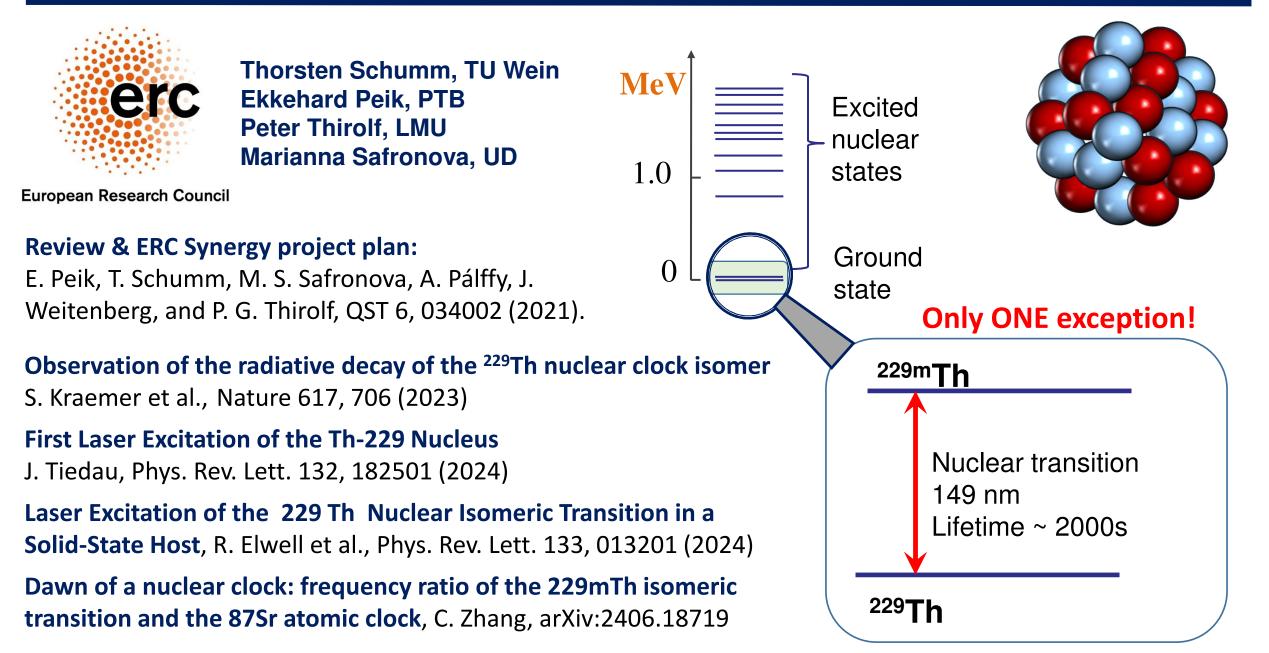
Are fundamental constants constant? 229

M. S. Safronova, Annalen der Physik 531, 1800364 (2019)

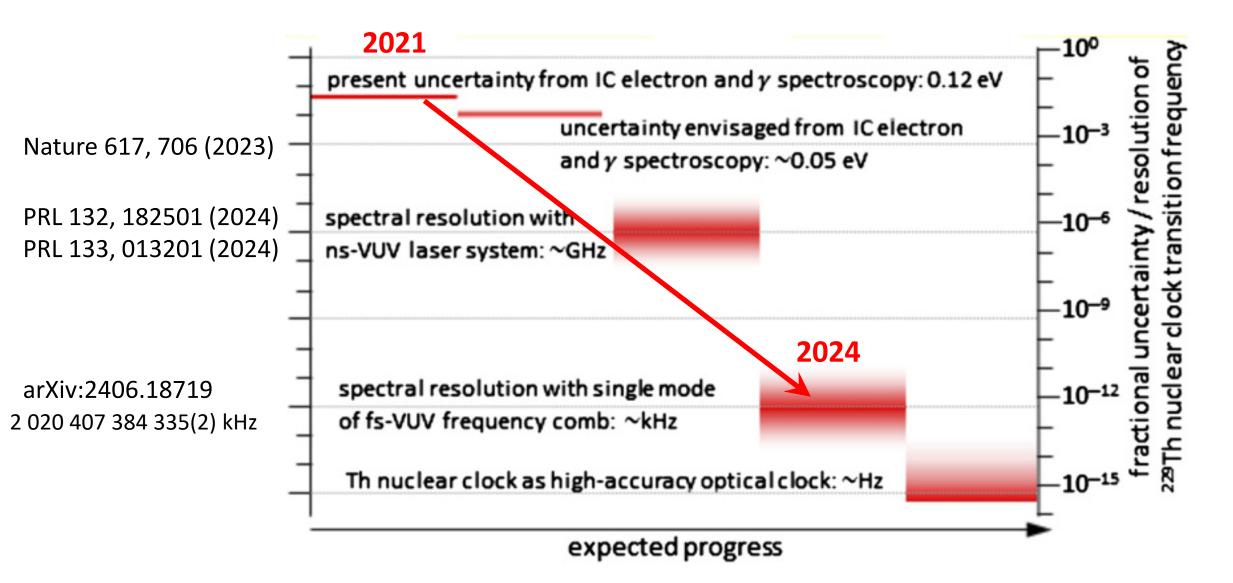
Only one known nucleus with a suitable transition

## <sup>229</sup>Th NUCLEAR CLOCK

Th<sup>3+</sup> ion clock Solid state clock

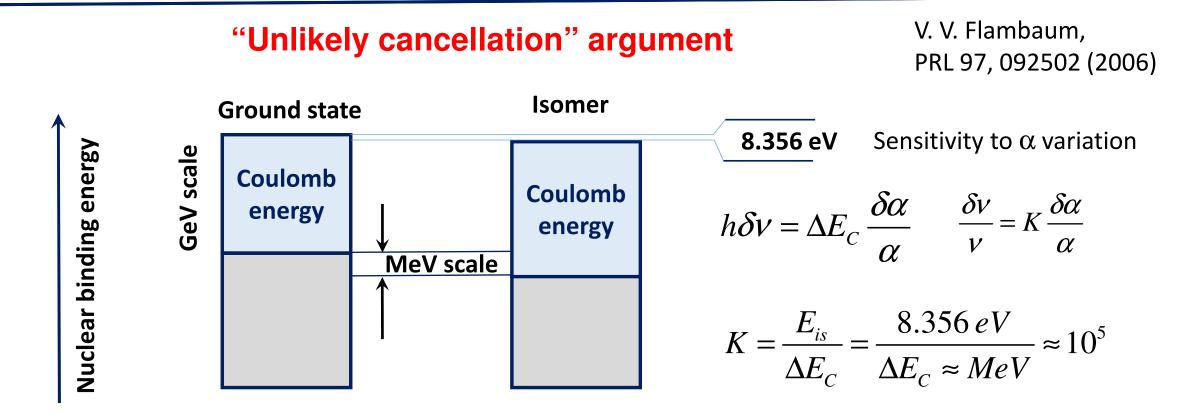


## How to build a nuclear clock?



Quantum Science and Technology 6, 034002 (2021)

#### <sup>229</sup>Th: VERY HIGH SENSITIVITY TO VARIATION OF FUNDAMENTAL CONSTANTS



#### Too much cancellation to compute Coulomb energy difference accurately enough:

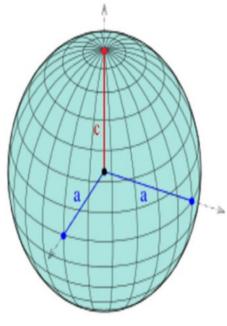
SkM\* (HFB) model gave the Coulomb energy difference  $V_c = -0.307$  MeV = (924.854 – 925.161) MeV SIII (HFB) gave  $V_c = 0.001$  MeV.

Elena Litvinova, Hans Feldmeier, Jacek Dobaczewski, and Victor Flambaum, Phys. Rev. C 79, 064303 (2009)

## How to extract Coulomb energy difference from NUCLEAR PROPERTIES

J. C. Berengut, V. A. Dzuba, V. V. Flambaum, and S. G. Porsev, Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 210801 (2009)

**Geometric model:** assume that both the ground state nucleus and the lowest-energy isomer are uniform, hard-edged, prolate ellipsoids. **Goal: express Coulomb energy vis observables nuclear properties.** 



$$\left\langle r^{2} \right\rangle = \int r^{2} \rho(r) d^{3}r = \frac{1}{5} \left( 2a^{2} + c^{2} \right)$$

$$Q_{0} = 2 \int r^{2} P_{2}(\cos \theta) \rho(r) d^{3}r = \frac{2}{5} \left( c^{2} - a^{2} \right)$$
Coulomb energy:  $E_{C} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{q_{e}^{2} Z^{2}}{R_{0}} \frac{\left( 1 - e^{2} \right)^{1/3}}{2e} \ln \left( \frac{1 + e}{1 - e} \right)$ 

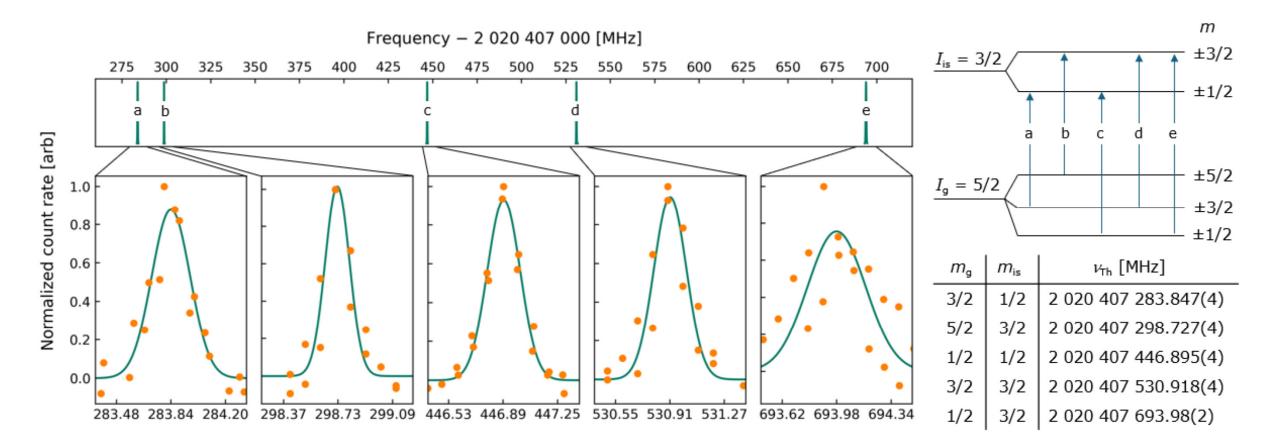
Use these expression to express a, c, and e via  $Q_0$ and  $<r^2>$  and compute Coulomb energy for ground state and isomer.

*B* a control energy:  $E_c = \frac{-c}{5R_0} - \frac{-c}{2e} \ln \left(\frac{1-e}{1-e}\right)$ *R*<sub>0</sub> is the equivalent sharp spherical radius  $R_0^3 = a^2c$ 

 $e^2 = 1 - \frac{a^2}{c^2}$ 

Prolate

## DIRECT SPECTROSCOPIC MEASUREMENT OF NUCLEAR ELECTRIC QUADRUPOLE STRUCTURE



Result: measured ratio of the quadrupole moments is  $Q_{is} / Q_{g} = 0.57003(2)$ 

Chuankun Zhang, Tian Ooi, Jacob S. Higgins, Jack F. Doyle, Lars von der Wense, Kjeld Beeks, Adrian Leitner, Georgy Kazakov, Peng Li, Peter G. Thirolf, Thorsten Schumm, Jun Ye, Nature 633, 63-70 (2024).

## Estimating sensitivity of Th nuclear clock to $\alpha$ -variation

$$\Delta E_{C} = \left\langle r^{2} \right\rangle \frac{\partial E_{C}}{\partial \left\langle r^{2} \right\rangle} \frac{\Delta \left\langle r^{2} \right\rangle}{\left\langle r^{2} \right\rangle} + Q_{0} \frac{\partial E_{C}}{\partial Q_{0}} \frac{\Delta Q_{0}}{Q_{0}} \qquad \Delta E_{C} = -485 \text{ MeV} \frac{\Delta \left\langle r^{2} \right\rangle}{\left\langle r^{2} \right\rangle} + 11.3 \text{ MeV} \left( \frac{Q_{0}^{m}}{Q_{0}} - 1 \right)$$

$$\Delta E_{c} = -0.154(19) \text{ MeV} + 0.203(4) \text{ MeV} = 0.049(19) \text{ MeV}$$

$$K = \frac{\Delta E_C}{8.356 \text{ eV}} = -18400(2300) + 24300(400) = 5900(2300)$$
$$\langle r^2 \rangle \text{ term} \qquad Q_0 \text{ term} \quad \text{Beeks at al., arXiv:} 2407.17300 (2024)$$

## **OCTUPOLE DEFORMATION**

$$r(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = R_{s} \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{N} \beta_{n} Y_{no}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \right]$$

 $\beta_n$  are deformation parameters and  $Y_{n0}(\theta)$  are spherical harmonics

 $R_s$  is defined by normalizing the volume to that of the spherical nucleus with equivalent sharp spherical radius  $R_0$ ,

$$\int r\rho(r) d^3r = 1$$

For a pear shaped nucleus with quadrupole and octupole deformation, N = 3.

The Coulomb energy is given by

$$E_{C} = \frac{3}{5} \frac{q_{e}^{2} Z^{2}}{R_{0}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{4\pi} \beta_{2}^{2} - \frac{5}{14\pi} \beta_{3}^{2} \right)$$

The nuclear properties are related to the  $\beta$  coefficients via rms and  $Q_0$  formulas

 $\beta_2$  and  $\beta_3$  are the quadrupole and octupole deformations,  $O(\beta_n^3)$  terms are omitted.

$$K = 6300(2300)$$

## WHAT IF OCTUPOLE DEFORMATION CHANGES?

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#### Model changing octupole deformation between ground state and isomer:

Change in $\beta_3$	$1\% \rightarrow \Delta K = 2800$	K = 6300 + 2800 = 9100 $K = 6200 - 2800 - 2500$
between isomer and ground state	$3\% \rightarrow \Delta K = 8600$	K = 6300 - 2800 = 3500
	$5\% \rightarrow \Delta K = 14500$	Larger $\beta_3$ of the isomer gives a positive change in K. In this case, K will increase.

Estimate electric octupole moment  $Q_{30} = 2\int r^3(\theta)P_3(\cos\theta)\rho(r)d^3r = 35 - 44 \text{ fm}^3$ 

 $\beta_2$ =0.22 obtained from experimental data,  $\beta_3$  =0.11 - 0.145 from PRC 103, 014313 (2021)

#### Conclusions

- Need to measure <r<sup>2</sup>> difference better
- Need to know at least the sign of the change in octupole deformation from ground state to isomer
- Higher moments can also be important! Charge distributions is important
- Need better model that can relate experimental quantities to Coulomb energy difference

## **NEXT DECADE OF SPACE RESEARCH**





What new physics can one search for in space better then on Earth?

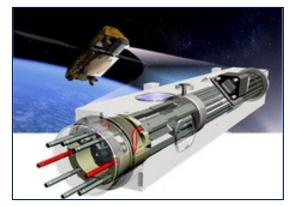
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Europe: Community workshop on cold atoms in space (September 2021) Cold Atoms in Space: Community Workshop Summary and Proposed Road-Map, Alonso et al., EPJ Quantum Technology 9, 1 (2022)

## **QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES IN SPACE**



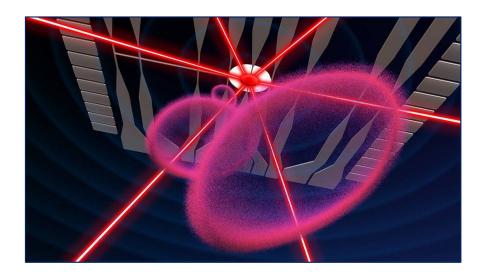


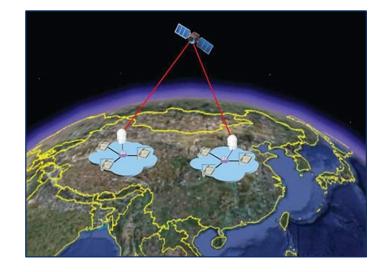


GPS, "hot" atoms, Microwave, Cs or Rb

2017 CACES (Tiangong-2), China, microwave Rb cold atom clock

2019 NASA Deep Space Atomic Clock (DSAC), microwave, Hg<sup>+</sup> ions





2016 MAUS-1 sounding rocket, cold Rb atoms, BEC, atom interferometry, DLR

2018, Cold Atom Lab, ISS, NASA

2016 QUESS, Entanglement distribution, China

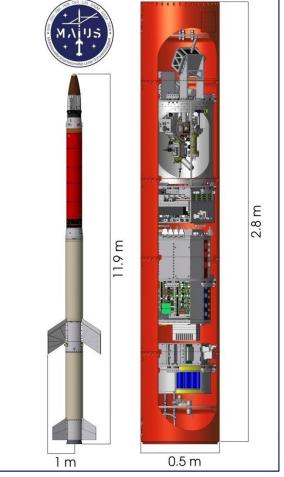
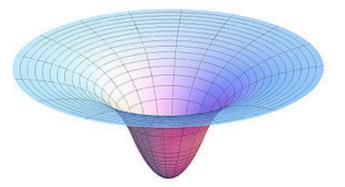


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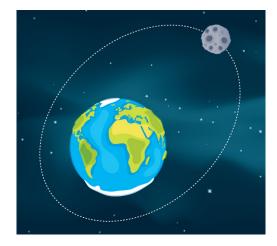
## WHY TO SEARCH FOR NEW PHYSICS IN SPACE?

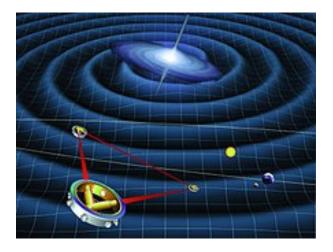
Quantum sensors in space enables discovery of new physics not possible on Earth Many orders of magnitude improvements or principally different experiments are possible

#### Need to be away from Earth surface



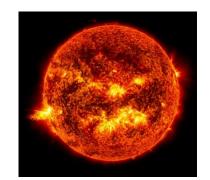
Tests of gravity are hindered by Earth gravity Optical time transfer to link Earth clocks Dark energy and some dark matter (screening) Tests of fundamental postulates (WEP, LLI)





Need access to variable gravitational potentials

**Long baselines:** gravitational waves, dark matter (especially transients), dark energy



Sun: Dark matter halo bound to the Sun?
Extreme overdensities possible
Moon: laser ranging, low seismic activity, permanent cryogenic environment
Asteroids: test masses



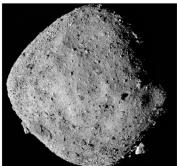
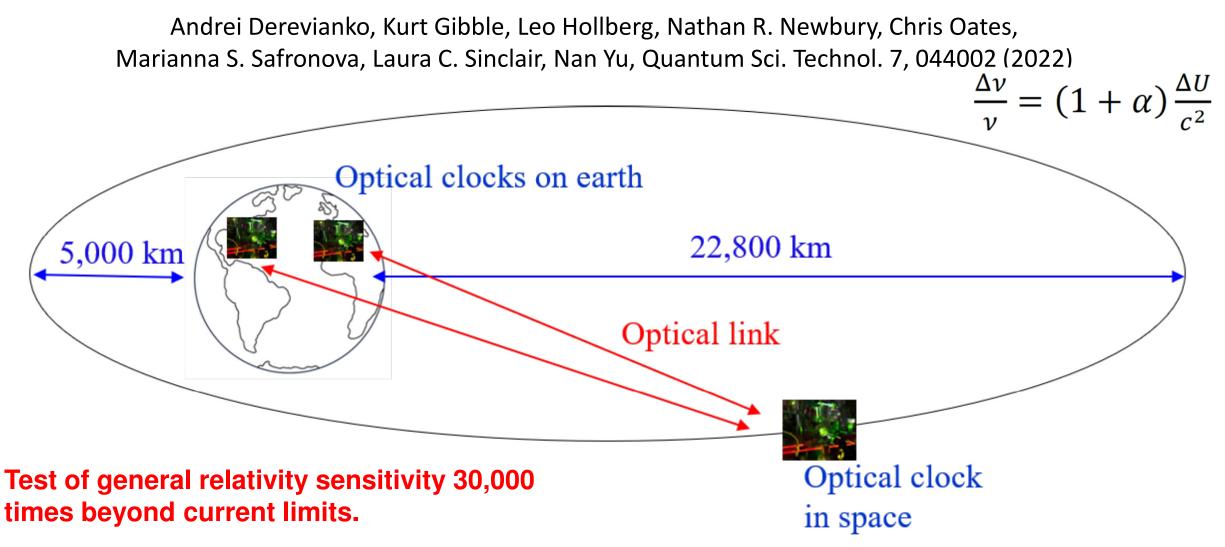


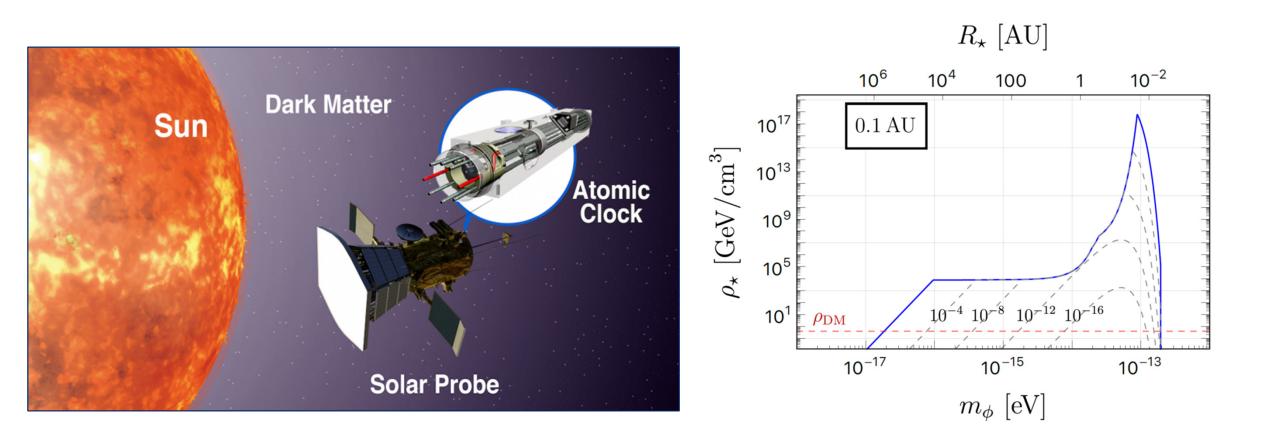
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## FUNDAMENTAL PHYSICS WITH A STATE-OF-THE-ART OPTICAL CLOCK IN SPACE



Schematic of the proposed mission to test Fundamental physics with an Optical Clock Orbiting in Space (FOCOS)

## Direct detection of ultralight dark matter bound to the Sun with space quantum sensors



Yu-Dai Tsai, Joshua Eby, Marianna S. Safronova, Nature Astronomy, December 5 (2022)

Picture credit: Kavli IPMU

## SEARCH FOR FAST-OSCILLATING FUNDAMENTAL CONSTANTS WITH SPACE MISSIONS

Dmitry Budker, Joshua Eby, Marianna S. Safronova, Oleg Tretiak, arXiv:2408.10324 (2024)

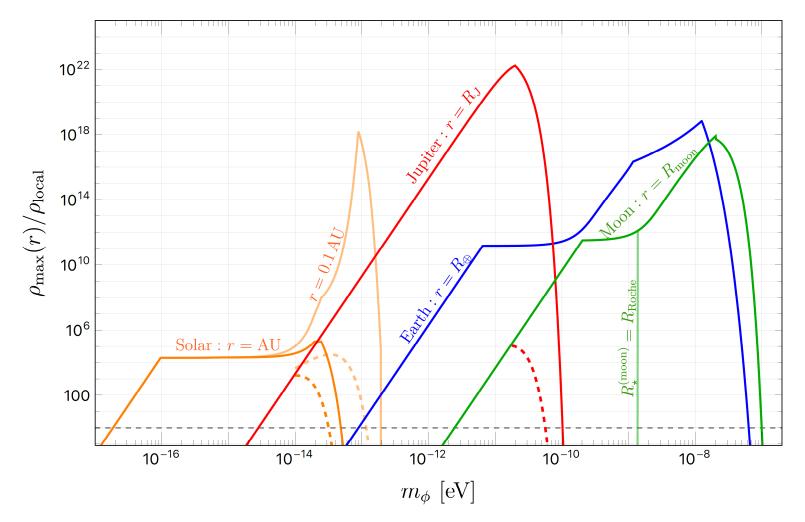
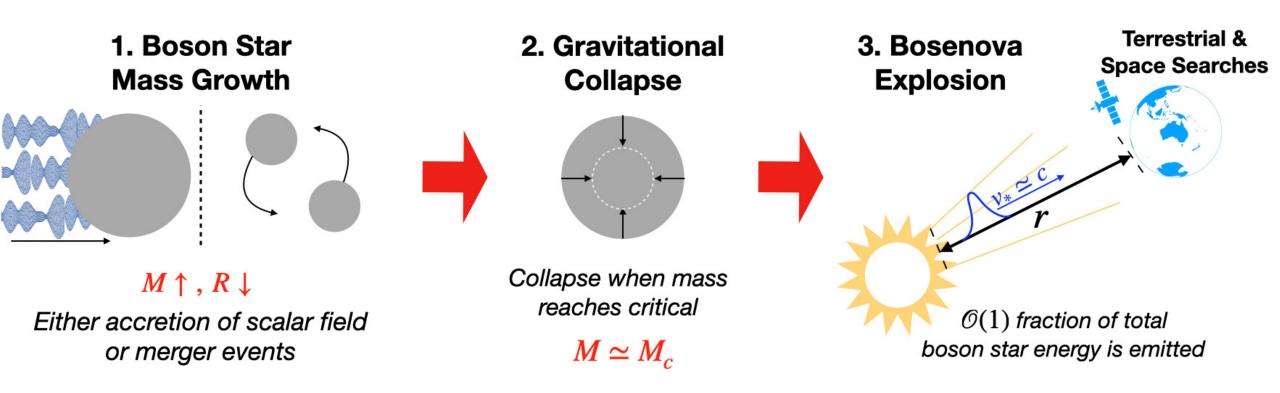
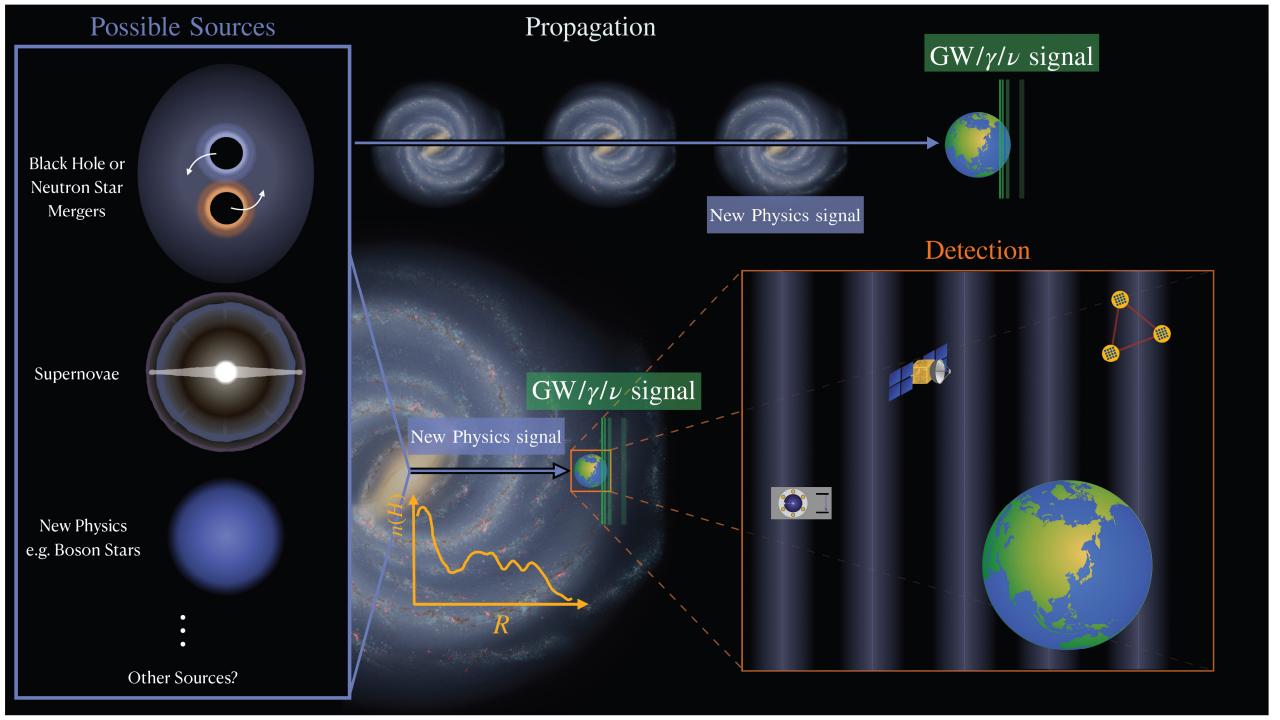


FIG. 1: Maximum gravitational atom density as a function of  $m_{\phi}$  bound to the Sun (orange), Jupiter (red), Earth (blue) or moon (green). In each case the density is evaluated at a distance r from the center of the object as labeled. The dashed lines are the maximum density accumulated over 4.5 Gyr through the capture mechanism of [11].

## TRANSIENT DARK MATTER SIGNALS: BOSON STAR EXPLOSIONS AND BOSENOVA



**Detection of Relativistic Scalar Bursts with Quantum Sensors,** Jason Arakawa, Joshua Eby, Marianna S. Safronova, Volodymyr Takhistov, and Muhammad H. Zaheer, Phys. Rev. D 110, 075007 (2024).



#### Space Network of Quantum Sensors



Space quantum technologies

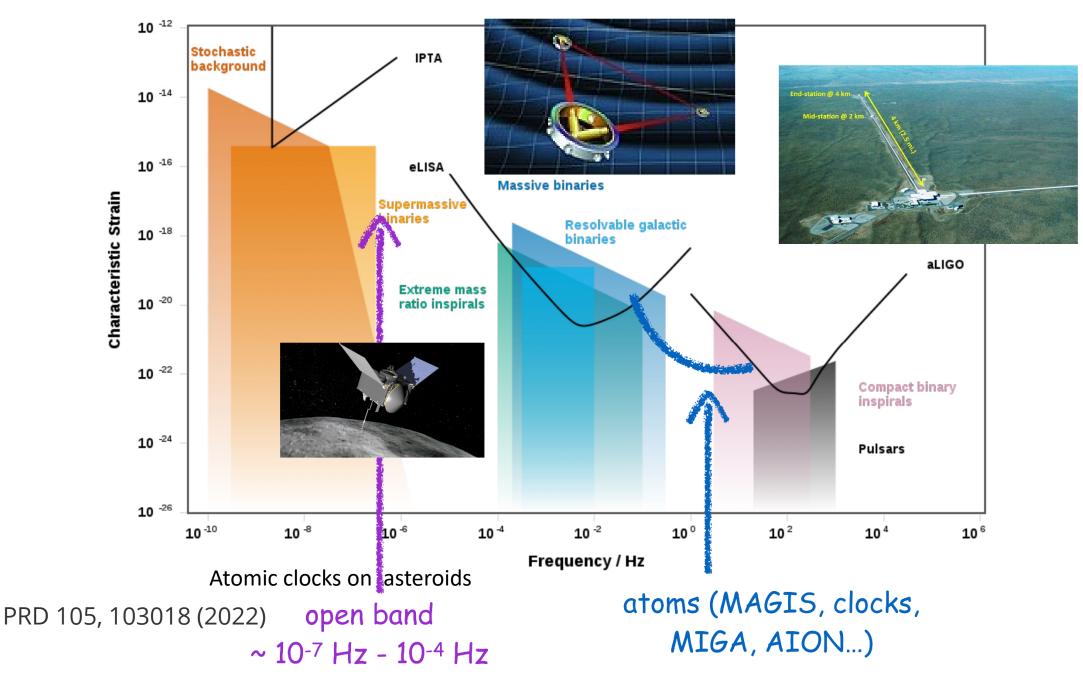
#### **Fundamental Physics**

Tests of quantum mechanics Quantum vs. gravity Tests of general relativity Detection of gravitational waves in different wavelengths The direct detection of dark matter and dark energy

Search for variation of fundamental constants Searches for violation of symmetry laws

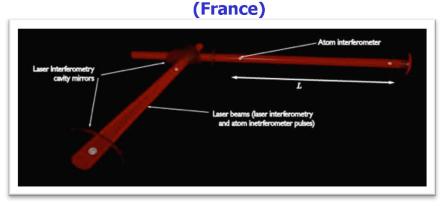
Earth-space optical time transfer Intercontinental clock link via space Trapped ion optical clock Lattice based accelerometer Atomic magnetometry space array Hybrid optical lattice clock/atom interferometry facility Space to space clock comparison Cubesat quantum sensor network Space - Earth- Moon optical time transfer Improved Lunar laser ranging Clock-based distance ranging demonstration One-way navigation demonstration Space - space and space - Earth quantum communications Entanglement demonstration in space GW atomic clock/interferometer pathfinder Three-satellite optical link demonstration for GW prototype

Figure is from Peter Graham's talk at KITP 2021: https://online.kitp.ucsb.edu/online/novel-oc21/



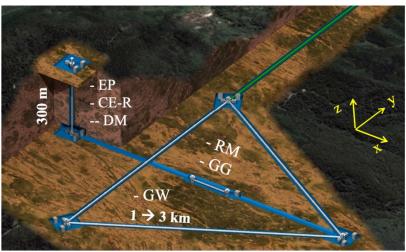
### Atom interferometers: from 10 meters to 100 meters to 1km to space

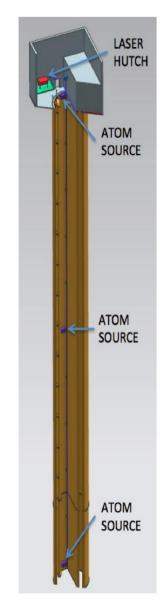
#### MIGA: Terrestrial detector using atom interferometer at O(100m)



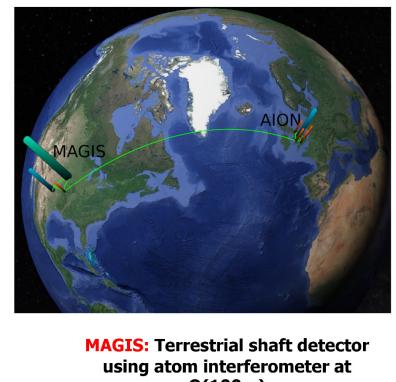
**ZIGA:** Terrestrial detector for large scale atomic interferometers, gyros and clocks at O(100m)

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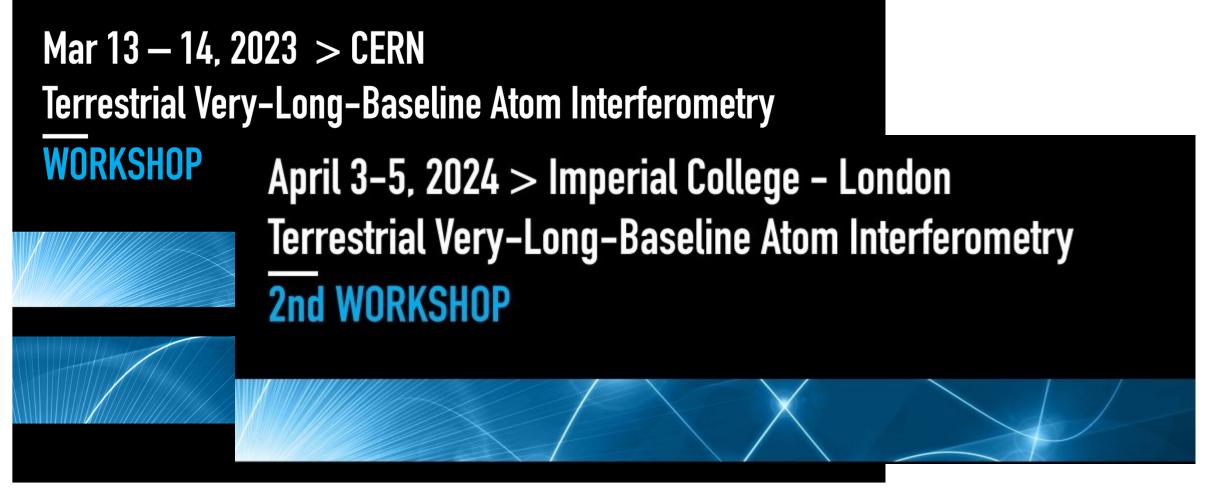
AION: Terrestrial shaft detector using atom interferometer at 10m – O(100m) planned (UK)



O(100m) (US)

Planned network operation

Figures are from : talk by Oliver Buchmueller, Community Workshop on Cold Atoms in Space, https://indico.cern.ch/event/1064855/timetable/



https://indico.cern.ch/event/1208783, https://indico.cern.ch/event/1369392

Terrestrial Very-Long-Baseline Atom Interferometry: Workshop Summary, Sven Abend at al., AVS Quantum Sci. 6, 024701 (2024).

University of Delaware is member of the Proto collaboration for Terrestrial Very Long Baseline Atom Interferometer (TVLBAI) study. The main goals are to develop a Roadmap for the design and technology choices for one or several km-scale detectors to be ready for operation in the mid 2030s, which is supported by the cold atom community and the potential user communities interested in its science goals.

#### PUBLIC RELEASE OF OUR USER-FRIENDLY CODE PACKAGE:

pCI: a parallel configuration interaction software package for highprecision atomic structure calculations, Charles Cheung, Mikhail G. Kozlov, Sergey G. Porsev, Marianna S. Safronova, Ilya I. Tupitsyn, Andrey I. Bondarev, submitted to Computer Physics Communications, arXiv:2410.06680 (2024). Developer's repository link: <u>https://github.com/ud-pci/pCI</u>

Neural network optimization code will be released in 2025.

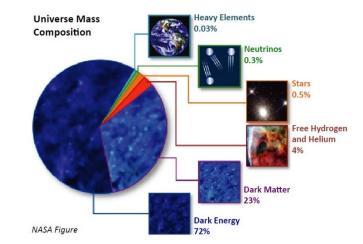
Atomic data portal: <u>https://www.udel.edu/atom</u> Version 3 will be released shortly.



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